

Free recycling calendars

Exeter Borough, which provides recycling service to Jackson Township and Harveys Lake, has produced 2004 recycling calendars, which are available free of charge at local stores.

The calendars provide educational facts about recycling, recycling materials collected and proper preparation, as well as recycling schedules for the communities served by the Exeter Borough Multi-Municipal Recycling Program.

Calendars may be picked up free at these locations:

Harveys Lake: Borough building (7 a.m.-4 p.m.); Grotto Pizza, Taft's Market; Javer's Craft & Grocery Store; Rich & Charlotte's; Sportsmen's Bar; Villa Roma; Bill's Cafe; Damien's.

Jackson Township: Municipal building (7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.); Hillside Farms Dairy Store.

Learn Latin dance at Misericordia

The College Misericordia Alumni Association will host an evening of Latin dance lessons on Saturday, February 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Banks Student Center on campus. Vince Brust, one of northeastern Pennsylvania's premier dance instructors, will conduct the lessons, followed by dancing. The evening is open to the public.

The cost is \$20 per couple, which includes lessons, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments. To make reservations or for more information, call the College Misericordia Alumni Events Box Office, 674-6768.

DAMA board members honored

Several members of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority were honored with Municipal Service Awards at the annual Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association Conference held recently at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA.

Receiving the "Extended Service Award" for 30 or more years service to a municipal authority were R. Spencer Martin, Jr., who served during his tenure as chairman, and Robert Dickinson, who served as vice chairman and assistant secretary.

Receiving the "Sahli Service Award" for 20 or more years service to a municipal authority were Kenneth N. Rogers, who served as secretary and vice chairman; Joseph Youngblood, who served as assistant secretary and secretary; Thomas Doughton, Jr., who served as assistant treasurer and treasurer, and Robert Parker, who served as treasurer.

The Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association is a Harrisburg-based organization representing the interests of nearly 2,500 municipal authorities across the Commonwealth.



Student safety donation

Harveys Lake Lions Club presented Amber Alert Guideline pamphlets to the Lake-Noxen Elementary School. Pamphlets provide information to parents and students on the Dos and Don'ts of student safety. Special emphasis is placed on what to do when approached by a stranger.

From left, front row, students: Cara Martin, James Edkin and Keith Shumay. Back row: Bernie Castillo, Lions Chairman and Pete Austin, Lions President.

Local Boy Scouts visit Naval Academy

Boy Scout Troop 155, of Trucksville United Methodist Church, traveled to Annapolis, Md., Jan. 16-18 to participate in the 17th annual Merit Badge Jamboree sponsored by the U.S. Naval Academy's National Eagle Scout Association (USNA-NESA) Chapter. The main events for the weekend included a Merit Badge teaching session, a show on the U.S. Naval Academy and the Navy-

Marine Corps Team, and a traditional Boy Scout campfire.

Troop 155 attended the Jamboree under the sponsorship of Midshipman Fourth Class (freshman) John W.R. Gilligan of Dallas, an Eagle Scout from their troop who currently attends the U.S. Naval Academy and will be commissioned an officer in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps in 2007.

The USNA-NESA Jamboree

does not offer any of the 21 required Eagle Scout merit badges, but badges that are often difficult to earn in a scout's hometown, such as astronomy, atomic energy, aviation, chemistry, computers, electricity, electronics, energy, engineering, fire safety, medicine, oceanography, space exploration, and weather.

Lake Twp. recycling Feb. 14

The voluntary recycling dropoff center for Lake Township accepts items from 10 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month. The center is at the township building on Rt. 29. The following items may be dropped off: aluminum and bi-metal cans, clear, brown and green glass, plastic #1 and #2 only. No motor oil containers or scrap aluminum can be accepted. Newspaper will not be accepted this month. Do not drop off items before the center opens.



Dallas High students annual holiday art gift

Each year art students from the Dallas Senior High School bring a special gift to the residents, staff and families at the Meadows Nursing Center by decorating the living areas and lobby with seasonal holiday scenes. This community service project is under the direction of art teacher Claire Morris and helps make the holidays more festive for residents.

Artists, from left, kneeling: Angela Duris, Mandy Alles, Jamie Stanish, Santa (James Alaimo), Meadows Administrator Jill Vanderhook, Katie Kupstas and Ashley Simchick. Standing: Katie Lykon, Samantha Spaciano, Cara Symons, Gina Kapral, Diana Glicini and Shawna Luczak.

Wyoming County Habitat looking for building lot

Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking vacant land in Wyoming County upon which to build its next home, and is asking landowners to consider donating, or selling at a discounted price, a piece of property to the non-profit organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

Habitat homes are designated for low-income working families who are willing to put in 400 hours of their own labor — called "sweat equity" — building their home. In return, they have the opportunity to buy the home at cost, and finance the purchase with a special 0 percent interest mortgage offered by Habitat. Habitat is not a government program: Volunteer labor and donations of money and materials from local business, churches, and individuals make Habitat's program possible.

The ideal piece of land would be level, large enough for a modest ranch home, and relatively tree-free (or at least have a cleared area); however,

Habitat is willing to consider donations or discounted sales of any property, provided that it is located in Wyoming County. The organization is also willing to consider larger plots of land that could be subdivided for multiple Habitat homes.

Donating or offering a discount price on a plot of land benefits both the future homeowners and the community at large.

"Donating a piece of land to Habitat not only makes it possible for a family to have a simple, decent, affordable place to live," said Habitat board member Pat Furneaux, "it also helps the larger community, because the new homeowners, who are almost always former renters, now add to the community's tax base. Everybody wins."

To inquire about donating or selling a piece of land to Habitat, call Pat at 836-7355 or Karen at 836-3067.

For general information about Habitat, visit www.homestead.com/emhfh or www.habitat.org.

PACE/PACENET applications available

Senior citizens who rely on prescription drugs to stay healthy may qualify for financial assistance through the state's newly expanded PACE and PACENET prescription drug assistance programs.

This year, even more seniors will qualify for the PACENET program thanks to expanded income eligibility limits.

The PACE income limits have been increased by \$500, allowing more seniors to access the program's benefits. It now

includes single senior citizens with incomes up to \$14,500 and married seniors with incomes up to \$17,700. PACENET income eligibility limits are between \$14,500 and \$23,500 for single seniors and between \$17,700 and \$31,500 for couples. PACENET participants are required to pay a monthly \$40 deductible, and then are only responsible for an \$8 copay on generic drugs and \$15 for brand name prescriptions. PACE participants pay \$6 copayment for each generic prescription and a \$9 copayment for brand name medica-

tions. Copays will be reviewed annually and amounts will be set by the Department of Aging.

The law creates a Pharmaceutical Assistance Clearinghouse, which gives seniors access to information on public and private assistance programs available to help them pay for medications. In addition, the law calls on the Department of Aging to study pharmacy best practices and cost control programs.

Created by the General Assembly and funded by the state lottery, the programs are open to low-income Pennsylvanians age 65 or older.

For more information about PACE/PACENET or for an application, contact one of these state legislators:

- Rep. George Hasay, 5315 Main Rd., Sweet Valley, or 862 State Rt. 29 South, Tunkhannock, 836-1247.
- Rep. Phyllis Mundy, 400 Third Ave., Kingston, 283-9622.
- Sen. Charles D. Lemmond, 22 Dallas Shopping Ctr., Dallas, 675-3931.

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