

Tunkhannock area Catholic parishes will share pastor

Under a restructuring announced by the Diocese of Scranton, Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, pastor of the Church of Saint Mary of the Lake, Lake Winola, will also be pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Tunkhannock. Father Walsh will reside in Tunkhannock.

Reverend Paul Ines, S.D.B., now Assistant Pastor, Church of Saint Gabriel, Hazleton, will act as assistant pastor to Walsh.

Reverend J. Duane Gavitt will be reassigned from Pastor, Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to Pastor, Church of Saint Aloysius, Wilkes-Barre.

The changes become effective July 6.

Kingston Township taxes due July 9

Face value on 2004 taxes will end on Friday, July 9. All payments must be postmarked on or before July 9 to be eligible for face value.

The Kingston Township tax office will be open Monday, July 5 and Thursday, July 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Payments may be dropped off any time in the mail slot located in the vestibule of the township municipal building at 180 E. Center Street.

Dallas Borough tax bills due

The last day for Dallas Borough property owners to pay municipal and county real estate taxes without penalty is July 10.

Dallas Borough Tax Collector Mark VanEtten will have office hours at the Dallas Borough Building located at 25 Main Street, Dallas on Wednesday, July 7 from 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. If you mail your payments, send to:

Mark W. Van Etten, Jr., Dallas Borough Tax Collector, P.O. Box 447, Dallas PA 18612.

Wyoming Area Class of '84 seeks classmates

Wyoming Area Class of 1984 reunion committee is looking for addresses of classmates. Personal information may be updated on www.waclassof84.org. Additional committee members are sought to plan a reunion. Anyone interested, sign up on the website or contact Michele Manta at 693-0786.



Junior Girl Scouts earn Bronze Award

Three members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 3714 of the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council, have achieved their Bronze Award, the highest award presented to a Junior Girl Scout. All three girl scouts worked on the Used Cell Phone Recycling Program for Service Unit 118 in the Back Mountain area. In addition to performing community service and earning badges and other recognition toward reaching this goal, their Troop 3714 collected more than 380 used cell phones. The phones were either re-encrypted with the 911 emergency number for use by domestic violence organizations; refurbished and sent to poorer nations in need of communications technology; or recycled properly so that nothing dangerous pollutes the environment. In addition, all three Junior Girl Scouts bridged to Cadette Girl Scouts during the Council-Wide Bridging Ceremony which was held June 5 at Kirby Park.

From left: Emily Sisk, Lake Silkworth; Sarah Tomayko, Dallas; and Julia Travis, Shavertown.



Eagle Scout aids veterans

Greg Pimm of Scout Troop 241, Harveys Lake and student at Lake-Lehman High School, gifted the patients and nursing home residents at the Wilkes-Barre Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center with a collection of comfort items including soaps, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, and movies. Pimm chose this project to achieve Eagle Scout status because he wanted to do something for the veterans. His older brother recently completed a tour of duty in Iraq. Acknowledging the sacrifices made by veterans, he said, "I owe and respect them." Pimm, with assistance from his troop, placed handcrafted boxes in businesses, churches, and other organizations in the Back Mountain community to gather comfort items of value equivalent to \$750.

Shown in the photograph, from left, are Gene Molino, Associate Director, Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center; Greg Pimm, Eagle Scout candidate; and, Kim Hoge, VAMC Chief, Voluntary Service.

Recycling site open for yard waste

DALLAS TWP. — The recycling site for yard waste in the rear of the township building is for residents only. Acceptable items include leaves, grass, twigs and yard waste. No stumps, logs or kitchen trash will be accepted. Violators will be

prosecuted.

Recycling hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 8 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The site is closed Sundays.

Susquehanna paddle will aid land trust

Reservations are due by July 14 for the annual fun day/fundraiser paddle down the Susquehanna sponsored by the North Branch Land Trust.

This 12-mile trip from Mehoopany to Tunkhannock is for kayakers and canoeists of all ages and abilities. Participants may use their own gear or rent. There will be a lunch break midway down the river.

NBLT naturalist Rick Koval will be on hand to describe the habitats and species found along the river, and several members of NBLT will be available to answer questions. It's a "go at your own pace" day, with no pressure to stay in the group or keep up. The canoes and kayaks provided by Endless Mountain Outfitters are stable, comfortable and easily mastered.

Reservations are required

and are to be made through Endless Mountain Outfitters at 570-746-9140 or e-mail at kayaks@ptd.net. Deadline is July 14. Fees range from \$10 for those with their own canoe/kayak to \$35 for a two-person kayak/canoe. Single person boats are available for \$25. Prices do not include sales tax.

Artistic Images Media will also be on hand to take portrait shots of participants. Use them for postcards, holiday greetings or just to preserve the memory. This additional fundraiser for NBLT will be available at the launch site, at lunch and at the destination point. A \$20 donation is requested for each portrait. Call 570-237-0124 or e-mail stevef@pwplc.com if interested in portraits.

For more information on this event or the NBLT, call 696-1691 or e-mail koval@nblt.org.

Letter carriers deliver for the food pantry

The letter carriers food drive in May produced more than 8,000 pounds of food for the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

Volunteers from several churches, Truckville United Methodist, Shavertown United Methodist, East Dallas United Methodist, and St. Therese's Catholic Church, were on hand to help receive, sort and shelve the food items donated.

The food will be used throughout the summer to fill orders for the 120 families in

the Back Mountain who need assistance to feed their families, many of which include the elderly and children.

Food donations from churches, civic groups and individuals will continue to be accepted at the pantry on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon. The pantry is located in the lower level of Truckville United Methodist Church. Call 696-2917 to make an appointment with the volunteers on duty.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Gerald Harteis of Dallas was the commencement speaker for the 105th ceremonies at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown. A 1968 graduate of the college, Harteis went on to earn a master's degree from Penn State. After teaching and coaching at Western Wayne High School, Harteis established a business development company that is headquartered in Shavertown. He and his wife, Polly, also own and manage a horse farm where they breed and develop quarter horses.

The Harteis family has a long connection to DelVal. Gerald's brother, Jim, graduated in 1965 and another brother, Fred, graduated in 1971. Gerald's daughter, Jennifer, graduated in 1995.

Linda Wodyka recently was honored for completing 21 years of service with the Com-

monwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. She

transferred to SCI-Dallas in 1990, where she is a member of the hostage negotiation team. She was promoted to records specialist in February.

Lt. Daniel Zielen recently was honored for completing 25

years of service with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. He has

spent his entire career at SCI-Dallas, beginning as a corrections officer in 1978.

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