



Breanna LaFoca pins a red ribbon on the shirt of classmate Jessica Szczechowicz. The ribbon is worn during national Red Ribbon Week.



Gate of Heaven seventh and eighth grade students plant tulips during the 'Plant The Promise' program.

PROMISE

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During the last 10 years, the DARE program — taught by local police departments — has provided sixth and eighth grade students classes where they learn about drugs and their affects.

"There was, at first, criticism of that program. Some people thought the program gave children too much knowledge," said Tigie. "But the DARE classes also provide a very practical encounter section where the students learn coping skills necessary to say no to drugs."

Overall, the principal is satisfied with the DARE program.

"We need to prepare these kids now, when they are still young, before they get to high school, before they feel like 'I'm too cool for this,'" said Tigie.

The Plant The Promise program also seems to be another effective program to help remind kids to keep drug-free.

"I know I won't take drugs, it could ruin my future," said student Jessica Szczechowicz.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Thanksgiving meal open to community

The Missions and Outreach committee of the Shavertown United Methodist Church will hold a Back Mountain community Thanksgiving meal at noon Thursday, Nov. 24 at the church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. The meal will be open to anyone in the Back Mountain and reservations are required. To make reservations, call 675-3616 no later than Nov. 21.

For more information about the event, call Carol Folk at 333-4363 or e-mail carolfolk@yahoo.com.

Election Day Café to be open Nov. 8

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold its Election Day Café from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the church's Educational Building on Church Road in Trucksville. The menu includes sandwiches, hot dogs, wimpies, soup, hot and cold beverages, and desserts. The food will be available for eat-in or takeout. Lunches, packed and ready to go, will be available at 7 a.m. for \$5.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Campaign 2000 and the public is invited. For more information, call Diane Long at 696-1821 or Morag Michael at 675-0488.

Russell Hill UMC plans ham dinner

The Russell Hill United Methodist Church will hold a ham dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday Nov. 12 at the church on Route 6. Takeouts will be available. The dinner also includes homemade pies for dessert. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children age 6 and older. For more information, call 836-1920 or 836-8988.

Shavertown UMC to hold concert

The Shavertown United Methodist Church will hold a concert as part of its Fine Arts Series at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at the church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. The concert will feature Christian recording artist Ken Medema. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Medema will also participate in three worship services — at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5; and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at the church. For more information about the concert or the services, call the church at 675-3616.

Loyalville UMC plans meatloaf dinner

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold a roast chicken dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the church on Loyalville Road. The church is located one-half mile off Route 29 south and 4 miles west of Dallas from Route 118. There will also be a bake sale. Takeouts will be available and orders should be called in

advance. Dinners are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 12. For takeout orders or more information, call 477-3521.

Griffith to speak at Shavertown UMC

The Rev. Roger Griffith will be the guest speaker at the Shavertown United Methodist Church during the 5:30 p.m. service Saturday, Nov. 12 at the church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. Griffith, who attended the church while growing up, last preached at the church in July. The public is invited to attend the service.

Welsh cookies, soup available for purchase

The United Methodist Women of the Orange United Methodist Church will hold a Welsh cookie and homemade soup sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Franklin Township Fire Hall on Orange Road. Cookies are \$3 a dozen and soup is \$3.50 a quart. Orders should be called into 333-4286 or 333-4493 before Nov. 8, which is Election Day. The choice of soup is vegetable beef or chicken noodle. A light lunch and assorted baked goods will also be available.

St. Therese's holding turkey raffle, bingo

St. Therese's Church will hold a turkey raffle and bingo at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 in Father Sammons Hall. The church is located on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. Tickets for a chance to win one of 15 10-pound turkeys are available at the church. The cost for a sheet of six tickets is \$5. The purchase of one sheet entitles the seller to a no-charge entry to the party.

The party will include bingo, pizza, hot dogs and beverages. For more information, call the church at 696-1144.

Pork, sauerkraut dinner at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a family-style pork and sauerkraut dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the church on Route 118 in Dallas. Takeouts will be available at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Reservations are encouraged and may be made by calling 675-3859. The church is wheelchair accessible.

Awana Club meets at Grace Community

The Awana Club ministry at the Grace Community Church in Dallas meets from 6-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, which is located across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Highway.

The Bible-based club is open to boys and girls ages 4 through sixth grade. The club consists of Bible teaching, fun, fellowship, games and special events.

For more information, call the church office at 675-3723.

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