

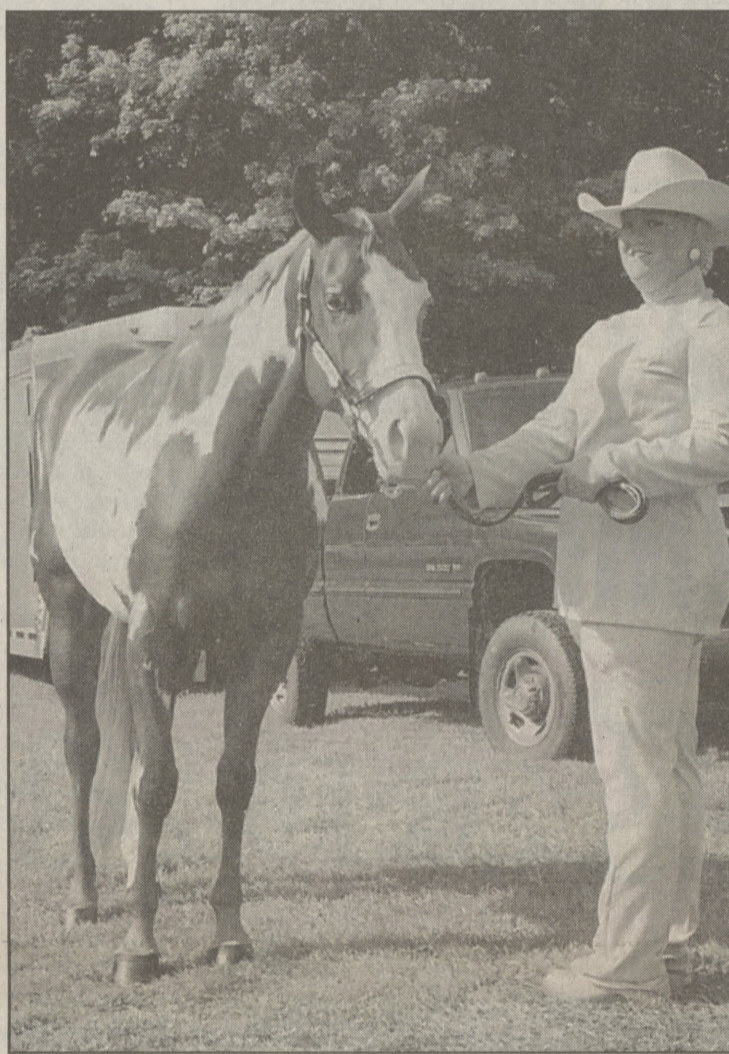
LEE WINS TWO AWARDS AT HORSE SHOW

Noxen resident Megan Lee recently received two awards at the second annual Five County Show Series. She was champion in the Beginner Gymkhana 13 and under division and reserve champion in the Beginner Walk/Trot 13 and under Western division. The 10-year-old won the awards by riding a 6-year-old registered paint pony named Maverick's Sweet Chic, which is owned by Gail Verbyla of Verbyla Bros. Farm in Sweet Valley. Lee is a fifth grade student at Lake-Noxen Elementary School and is the daughter of Jack and Susan Lee.



LAURI NAMED RESERVE CHAMPION IN THREE DIVISIONS

Lake-Lehman High School senior Jennifer Lauri was recently named reserve champion in three divisions at the Five County Show Series. Lauri and her horse, Sugar, earned the honors in the Halter Division, Senior Youth Western Rider Division, and Senior Youth English Rider Division. The 17-year-old is a member of the Yellow Rose 4-H Club. She plans to pursue a career in the equine industry.



CROSSLEY WINS SPELLING BEE AT DMS



Sixth-grader Hilary Crossley recently captured first place in the Jane M. Stitzer Memorial Spelling Bee competition at the Dallas Middle School. Jenna Woychick was the runner-up as 27 students in grades 6-8 competed in the event. The moderators were Nancy Ferko and Jonelle Cavill. Participating in the spelling bee, from left, first row are Ferko, Jenna Lombardo, Damian Rutkowski, Tanner Baloh, Samiah Almeky, Sharde Ibrahim, Jonathan Weaver, Justin Ellis, Kyle Cook, Crossley and Cavill. Second row: Gabrielle Byczek, Julie Roper, Alyssa Dolman, Morgan DeArmitt, Samantha Zimmerman, Drew Schaub, Ian Peters, Arielle Belskis and Taylor Millington. Third row: Matt Frey, Kai Szulborski, Woychick, Alli Smith, David Balmer, Chris Kurent, James Monk, Jimmy Brown and Rebecca Darling.

DMS HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS



The Dallas Middle School recently held an assembly to honor the students who earned honors with distinction. Nine eighth-graders, 17 seventh-graders and 15 sixth-graders earned a 3.8-4.0 grade-point average to earn the honor. Students earning honors with distinction, from left, first row are McKenzie Kelly, Katherine Snyder, Monica Esopi, Hillary Hoover, Kim Coscia, Hilary Grube, Marc Noyalis, Kevin Muldoon and Jacob Hebda. Second row: Kelly Monaghan, Taylor Culver, Arianne Schott, Amanda Thompson, Dana Krawetz, Meghan Macarty, Bethany Harris, Taylor Millington, Lauren Skudalski, Brandon Harding, Chris Clemson, Scott Webb, Christine McCarthy and Alyssa Monaghan. Third row: Amelia Piertraccini, Shane Dunn, Danielle Shaver, Alexandra Smith, Meghan Gallis, Sara Skammer, Samantha Casto, Janara Koehler, Andrea Carr, Robert Adams, Drew Schaub, Rocco Cabrera and Erin Koscelansky. Fourth row: Brandon Rome, Josh Shilanski, Jonathan Wallace, David Miller, Paul Narcum, Jonathan Weaver, Alyssa Charney, Emily Prater, Andrew Santora, Sarah Gillette and Sarah Pomfret.

Back Mountain churches combine to observe World Day of Prayer

St. Therese's Church in Shavertown recently hosted a World Day of Prayer event at the church on Pioneer Avenue. Nine different churches participated in the service.

Jean Carey and Peg Fischer were co-chairpersons of the service and Monsignor J. Peter Crynes, pastor of St. Therese's, was the principal speaker. Aileen Ginocetti, director of liturgical music at St. Therese's, served as the music minister, while Catherine Bolinski of Trinity Presby-

terian Church was song leader.

The theme of the service was "Signs of the Times" and was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Women of South Africa. A video "Coming to Spy Goodbye" was shown to highlight the HIV-AIDS epidemic in South Africa.

Participating in the service were: Janet Eddy and Linda Van Gorder, Lehman/Idetown United Methodist Church; Vi Gomer, Trucksville United Methodist Church; Bina Holdredge and Betty Schray, St. Paul's Lutheran

Church; Mary Darling, Mary Beth O'Konski and Bette Gillespie, Gate of Heaven; Doris Carey, Dallas United Methodist; Merle Davis, Trinity Presbyterian Church; Cathy Berkey, Shavertown United Methodist Church; Susan Stolarick, Lady of Mount Carmel Church; Beverly Cushner, Prince of Peace; and Jean Carey, Peg Fischer, Betsy Balonis, Alice Hudak, Sr. Oge Aboh, Le Mere Fiorini, St. Therese's Church.

Moreland UMC, 7:30 p.m. For information, call the Rev. Mary Jean Simonin at 333-4354 or the Rev. Joan Dodson at 378-2535.

Grace Community studying Revelation
The Grace Community Church in Dallas is holding a Bible study of the New Testament Book of Revelation from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. each Sunday at the church on Route 415, across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery. The study will take a look at the book and apply it to current world events and everyday life. For more information, call 675-3723.

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.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Soup, haluski sale March 24

St. Frances Cabrini Church will hold a Lenten soup and haluski sale from 2-6 p.m. Friday March 24 at the church, 585 Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming. Homemade Manhattan clam chowder will be available for \$7 per quart and homemade haluski will be available for \$5 per quart. The deadline for orders is Thursday, March 23. To place orders, call 675-1860 or 333-4193.

Ham, cabbage dinner March 15

The men's group of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will hold a ham and cabbage dinner from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday March 15 at the church. The church is located on Main Street in Dallas. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets are available from parishioners or at the door. Takeouts will be available.

Conversation series taking place March 13

Jan Novotka, an educator and song writer, will be the guest speaker for the "Coffee and Conversation" series at 7 p.m. Monday, March 13 at St. Therese's Church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. The event is

sponsored by the church's Social Justice Committee. The topic will be "Justice for All: A Planetary Vision." Through a multimedia presentation of slides, song, reflection and dialogue, Novotka will offer a way helping people live in right relationship with all God's creation. Refreshments will be served. In keeping with the topic of the evening, anyone attending should bring their own coffee mug. There is no admission charge, but reservations are suggested and may be made by calling the church office at 696-1144.

Services planned during Lent season

The Center Moreland, Dymond Hollow, Lake Winola, Falls, and Evans Falls United Methodist Churches will join for mid-week services during Lent. The theme for this year's services will be "The Power of His Last Words." An offering will be taken at each service and proceeds will benefit the Wyoming Conference Scholarship Fund. The following schedule will be observed during Lent: Wednesday, March 15, Falls UMC, 7:30 p.m.; March 22, Evans Falls UMC, 7:30 p.m.; March 29, Dymond Hollow UMC, 7:30 p.m.; April 5, Center

Gate of Heaven School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Gate of Heaven School recently observed Catholic Schools Week, a national weeklong celebration of Catholic education.

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week, now in its 32nd year, is to build support and recognition for the almost 8,000 Catholic schools nationwide.

Many dioceses encourage parents to enroll their children in Catholic schools and local residents are encouraged to volunteer their time and talent.

Gate of Heaven School kicked off CSW with a middle school play, "KIDS Radio."

There was also a spelling bee for students in grades 6-8, with

eighth-grader Jennifer Boland winning the championship.

Boland will compete in the Times Leader Scripps Howard Spelling Bee on March 22.

A variety show was held at the school, showcasing the talents of students in grades three through eight.

A free lunch followed.

Two Gate of Heaven School student favorites, Sports Shirt Day and Crazy Hat Day, were also held. The students were allowed to wear a shirt displaying their favorite sports team, or the craziest hat they could find. Or both.

The students also made their

own ice cream sundaes.

The 16th annual Green and White Game gave the entire school, by grade, an opportunity to play Gator basketball throughout Friday morning, as teams adorned in green or white jerseys faced off for the fun of the game.

Gate of Heaven School is located at 40 Machell Avenue, Dallas. For more information about the school, call 675-1716.

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