CIVIC BRIEFS

Dallas resident performs for President

Dallas resident Jason Curtis, a sixth grade student at The American Boychoir School, recently performed with the school's concert choir for President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush during a prayer service at St. Paul's Chapel in New York City.

Curtis

The service was organized by the White House to help commemorate the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Curtis has been a member of The American Boychoir in Princeton, N.J., since February 2006 and sings first treble in the concert choir.

The 11-year-old is the son of John and Judy Ann Curtis of Dallas. His brother, James, is an eighth grade student at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston. His father is the director of choral activities and Fine Arts Program at College Misericordia, and his mother is a fine arts professor and voice instructor at the Dallas Township school.

Irem Country Club sets arts, crafts show

More than 50 vendors are expected to participate in the Arts, Crafts & Collectibles Show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Irem Country Club pavilion. In addition to the crafts, there will be a light lunch available, baked goods, and door prizes. There is ample parking available and the pavilion is handicapped-accessible. The event is being sponsored by the Irem Ladies. Betsy Wood is the chairwoman.

Music Box Players holding auditions

The Music Box Players will be holding auditions for "Close Encounters of the Murdered Kind" at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 and Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes Street in Swoyersville.

The audience participation murder-mystery was written and directed by Billy Joe Herb. Auditions are open to men and women ages 16 and older. The performance dates are Oct. 20-22. For more information, call 283-2195.

Fall craft show set for Oct. 1

The Dallas Boys Soccer Booster Club will hold its fall craft show on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at the high school. There is no admission charge. The show will feature a variety of handmade items, baked goods, gift items, jewelry and crafts.

Three-day powwow to benefit fire company

Native Americans of the Endless Mountains will host the Falling Leaves Friendship Powwow to benefit the Noxen Volunteer Fire Co. on Sunday, Sept. 17 at the fire company's grounds on Stull Road, Noxen. Gates will open at 10 a.m.

Native American drumming, dancing, storytelling, crafts and food will be featured. Dancers and drum groups are welcome. The admission is $3 for ages 12 and older. There is no charge for members of the military, police and firefighters in uniform. The event is drug and alcohol free. Pets on a leash are welcome but must be cleaned up after. For more information call 417-6028.

Choral Society plans auditions

The College Misericordia Choral Society will hold its final audition for openings in all parts from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Banks Student Life Center's Kennedy Lounge.

The Choral Society is one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's premiere arts organizations. Its membership includes Misericordia students and faculty, and community members of all ages. The Choral Society welcomes new singers with music-reading ability and a dedication to singing great choral music.

Rehearsals are held from 7-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday. For more information, contact choral society director John Curtis at 674-6739 or jcurtis@misericordia.edu.

Library to hold mini auction

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will hold a mini-auction at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Dallas borough garage. The event is being held in conjunction with the Dallas Harvest Festival. More than 200 new antiques, a variety of new goods, and nearly old items will be sold by auctioneer Steve Traver. The popular variety baskets will also be auctioned off.

Dallas ambulance begins subscription drive

The Dallas Fire and Ambulance Company recently began its annual ambulance subscription drive. Any resident of Dallas Borough – as well as Dallas Township residents who are served by the company – who did not receive a subscription letter should call 675-0636 or e-mail DallasStation1@epix.net as soon as possible.

Kiss the Pig contest accepting $1 votes

The Dallas Harvest Festival Committee is holding its fourth annual "Kiss the Pig" contest during the Dallas Harvest Festival. The festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 17 on Main Street. The chiefs of five Back Mountain volunteer fire departments are participating in the friendly "Kiss the Pig" competition. The contestants are Harry Vivian, Dallas; Jack Dodson, Kunkle; Dennis Bonning, Lehman Township; Gary Beisel, Shavertown; and Bill Eck, Trucksville. Bright pink labeled ballot jars and posters are located at locations throughout the Back Mountain, specifically stores and businesses along routes 309, 415, 118. Local residents may purchase as many $1 ballots as they wish through Sept. 17. Ballot jars will also be available during the festival. The identity of the winning "kisser" will be announced at the festival district magistrate James Tupper, who will witness the kissing of "Rocco Rooter," a potbelly pig owned by 4-H educator Marge Bart of Dallas. Half of the money collected will be donated to the winning chief's fire department, while the other half will be used to defray the cost of next year's festival. Last year's winner was state Sen. Charles Lemmond.

Food pantry in need of items

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has a significant need for the following items – flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

BOY SCOUTS CLEAR SECTION OF BACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Boy Scouts of Troop 281 recently cleared a densely-blocked future section of the Back Mountain Trail near Lower Demunds Road in Dallas Township. The Scouts were under the direction of Scoutmaster Bob Glicini. The Scouts cleared an area of debris and metal for eight hours, filling a dumpster to open the section of the trail. The project clears the last stage for creating a continuous trail 2.3 miles long between Carverton Road in Trucksville and Lower Demunds Road. The Anthracite Scenic Trails Association has completed a 2.2-mile trail from Luzerne to Trucksville. Members of the troop, from left, first row are Matthew Glicini, Scott Daube, Richard Squitieri, Sam Van Horn, Michael Tonart. Second row: Dan Gilbert, Michael Dennis, Bob Glicini, Michael Glicini, Patrick Kalish, Peter Calkins, assistant Scoutmaster and Back Mountain Trail leader Mark Albrecht.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Trucksville UMC sets chicken barbecue

Trustees of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold its annual fall chicken barbecue with dining room service from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 6-7 at the church's Dickson Educational Facility on Church Road. Takeouts will be available from 4:30-7 p.m.

Tickets are $7.50 for adults and $3.50 for children. All tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the church office from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 696-3897. Orders may also be faxed to 696-3898.

Birthday tea, raffle to be held Sept. 24

The Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society will hold its annual birthday tea and raffle at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 in the Gate of Heaven school auditorium. The Sweet Charity Singers will provide the entertainment. For more information, call Rene Benedetti at 675-4635.

Special service honors emergency workers

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a special service to honor and recognize members of the community who serve as emergency responders at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 at the church on Route 118 in Dallas Township.

All members of the local emergency services agencies – firefighters, ambulance associations and EMTs, police, rescue, and civil air patrol – are invited to the service. The public is invited. A time of fellowship will follow in the church's social hall.

Parish picnic being held Sept. 10

The Prince of Peace Episcopal Church will hold its annual parish picnic Sunday, Sept. 10 at Frances Slocum State Park in Kingston Township. A Eucharistic Service will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a pot luck picnic. Parishioners are asked to bring a comfortable lawn chair. If the weather permits, there will be games for the children and adults. Fishing poles and hiking boots are an option.

For more information, contact the church office at 675-1723 or visit the Web site at www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org.

The church also invites all members and friends of the church to appear in its 2007 photo directory. Photos will be taken on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and Wednesday, Sept. 13. Call the church office for an appointment.

St. Paul's holding roast beef supper

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold a family-style roast beef supper from 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. Takeouts will be available at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $3.50 for children. To purchase tickets, call 675-3859. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. The church is wheelchair accessible.

Shavertown UMC holding special service

The Shavertown United Methodist Church will hold its monthly prayer and praise service at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 at the church. The service is open to anyone who enjoys contemporary music and a celebration of faith. The music is led by the SUMC praise band "Step By Step." The service is held monthly and continues through May.

Trucksville UMC sets meatloaf dinner

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold a meatloaf dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 in the educational building. The menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrots, applesauce and dessert. The tickets are $7 and a limited number of reserved-only seats are available. To make a reservation, call Betty June Mathers at 696-2214 or the church office at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

River of Life moving in September

River Of Life at Kingdom Power Ministries has moved to a new location at 219 N. Memorial Highway in Shavertown. The building is located between Dreier's Auto Sales and Dymond's Farm Market. River Of Life at Kingdom Power Ministries is also expanding its schedule. Beginning in late October, gatherings will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. six nights a week, Tuesday through Sunday.

Healing, intercessory prayer, training in the interpretation of dreams and visions, soaking prayer, and instruction on being able to see and understand spiritual things, will continue. Sunday celebration will be conducted at 10:30 a.m.

Men's breakfast held each Tuesday

The Shavertown United Methodist Church recently began holding a weekly ecumenical men's breakfast. The group meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday at Pickett's Charge restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas. The Dutch treat breakfast is followed by fellowship and a short devotion period. The breakfast, fellowship and devotion period last no longer than one hour.

Men from all Back Mountain churches are encouraged to attend.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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