

## Blessing man and his best friends

**C**anines and felines. Young and old. Short and fat. Tall and slender. Male and female. They were all there at the Blessing of the Pets held at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Dallas. The Rev. Jim Stevenson, pastor in charge at Prince of Peace, had the honor of blessing all of God's creatures during the ceremony held outside the church. The ceremony was held on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.



As the new pastor in charge at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, The Rev. Jim Stevenson has a special blessing for pug "Bowlie" and Lee Ann Carey.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN WAYNE WEAVER

## Stager, Weaver wed

Kimberly Jean Stager and John Wayne Weaver were united in marriage on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at the Irem Country Club, Dallas. The outdoor ceremony was performed by Pastor W. James Pall.

The bride is the daughter of Helen Edwards Stager, Dallas, and Joseph and Sally Stager, Shavertown. She is the granddaughter of the late Jeanne and Henry Edwards and the late Margaret and Joseph Stager. The groom is a son of Hazel Wasserott, Forty Fort and the late Charles Wasserott III.

The bride, escorted by her mother and father, was attended by Cathy Snyder, maid of honor; and bridesmaids Sara Nafus, Lauren Nafus and

Megan Nafus. The groom chose James Loefflad as best man. Groomsmen included Paul Menzel, David Ash and Josef Moses.

The bride is a graduate of Dallas High School and the University of Scranton with a master's degree in health administration. She is employed by Community Medical Center as a director of operations and strategy.

The groom is a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School and Luzerne County Community College. He is employed by Quad3 Group as a land, planning and utilities designer and as an adjunct instructor at Luzerne County Community College.



A very happy "Sparky" gets some special attention during the blessing of the pets at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church from Linda Scholl and her brother, Robert.



The Rev. Jim Stevenson, the pastor in charge at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, blesses a cat named "Scotty" held by Jacqueline Kalinosky.

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE PLANNED AT DUMC



The Dallas United Methodist Church will hold its Fall Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 20. Friday hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, which is Bag Day, from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served and a bake sale will be available. Members of the Rummage Sale Committee are, from left, first row, Sharron Lewis, Gail Eltston, Peggy Tomkinson, Jennie Valick. Second row, Nancy Pryor, Lena Baur, Sue Woodeshick, Herb Woodeshick and Mary Reese.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER PLANNED AT GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH



The Gate of Heaven Church, Machell Avenue Dallas, will have a Home Style Spaghetti Dinner at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. Take-outs will be available from 4:30 p.m. The dinner menu includes spaghetti with marinara sauce, homemade meatballs, salad, Italian bread, beverage and choice of dessert. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 12. There is no charge for children under 6 years of age. For ticket or additional information, call 675-3674 or 675-1579. Members of the committee planning the dinner are, from left, Josie Bomberger, Pat Manorek, Peg Canfield, Tony Manorek, Barbara Strazdus, The Rev. Kevin Mulhern, pastor; Joe Canfield, Renee Benedetti, Rita Strazdus, chairman; and Teresa Pizzo.

## PRINCE OF PEACE GROUP ENJOYS HAYRIDE



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The children and adults of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, enjoyed a hay ride at the Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch in Noxen. The morning started with service at the church, the trip to the pumpkin patch and a hay ride to the pumpkin fields. Each adult and child picked a pumpkin to take home. The hay wagon dropped the group at a small grove for a picnic lunch, including roasting marshmallows and the making of S'mores. Pumpkins were decorated and, while the bravest of the group took a tour of the corn maze, others took a stroll along Bowman's Creek and the surrounding woods.

## SCOUTS CLEAN UP SCHOOL YARD HABITAT



Members of Boy Scout Troop 281, along with members and volunteers from the Dallas Elementary School PTO, participated in a cleanup of the School Yard Habitat recently. Shown here are, from left, first row, Michael Santora, Keith Baxter, Tyler Evans and Dylan Pilger. Second row, Denise Swida, Dallas Elementary School Yard Habitat; Ron Santora, Scoutmaster; Egan Mengerhausen, Carl Baxter, Joe Mengerhausen, Assistant Scoutmaster; Andrew Santora and Mike Tonart.