

CHURCH BRIEFS

Vacation Bible School scheduled this week

Fellowship Evangelical Free Church 45 Hildebrandt Rd., Dallas, will host its annual Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 7-11 for children ages 2 years to fifth grade. This year's theme is "Son World Adventure Park" where children will enjoy an amusement park and carnival atmosphere while learning to make right choices in a world of options.

Call 675-4434 to pre-register. The website for the church is www.fellowshipfreechurch.org.

Meat Loaf Dinner slated at Loyalville

A Baked Meat Loaf Dinner and Bake Sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at the Loyalville United Methodist Church.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Takeouts are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving your name, phone number, number of dinners and pickup time.

Grace Community Church sets VBS

Boys and girls ages 3-12 years are invited to experience a "Voyage on Noah's Ark" as they learn Bible stories, sing songs, enjoy games, crafts and puppet skits at Grace Community Church's "Voyage on Noah's Ark" Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 14-18.

The church is located on Route 415, North Memorial Highway, Dallas (across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery). Enroll by calling 675-3723 or through the church's website at www.gracechurchdallas.org.

Chicken Barbeque planned at TUMC

The Trustees of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold a "Take-Out Only" Chicken BBQ from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 18. Orders may be picked up at the Dickson Educational Facility on Church Road.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and must be ordered in advance. Call the church office at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to reserve tickets.

DUMC plans VBS

Dallas United Methodist Church will sponsor an evening Vacation Bible School this summer entitled "Friendship Trek - Jesus Our Forever Friend," from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 21-25. A light supper will be served, followed by classes for children from pre-school through sixth grade. In lieu of an offering, food items will be collected for the Back Mountain Food Bank.

For more information or to enroll, call the church office at 675-0122 or Bonnie Donovan at 639-1946. Deadline for registration is July 14.

St. Paul's sets summer celebration event

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas, will hold an "All That Jazz" Summer Celebration/Live Auction on Saturday, Aug. 16, starting at 10 a.m. Auction bidding will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to the wide range of items available for sale at the craft fair, there will be booths selling baked goods, books, plants, jewelry and "odds and ends" items, as well as a basket silent auction.

Afternoon entertainment will

begin at 12:30 p.m. and will include "Kate & Friends," a Christian ventriloquist group, and the barbershop quartet "Three Friends and a Baritone." A children's activities booth will provide games and simple crafts for young children. A local antiques expert will offer free appraisals from 4 to 5 p.m.

Quilting held every Thursday evening

Quilting is held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Cross Creek Community Church Youth House, 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to call Gladys at 639-5554.

Grief Support Group meets at St. Paul's

A grief support group led by Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeffer of Hospice St. John is held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rt. 118, Dallas at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Anyone experiencing grief at the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. There is no charge, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling 675-3859.

New grief support group forms

The new Grief Relief group that was formed recently will meet at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church, Creamery Road, Center Moreland. The group is open to the public. For information, call Pastor Drew Cottle at 333-4354.

OBITUARIES

BURKHARDT - Rylee Lynn, twin infant daughter of Brian and Brenda (Skoronski) Burkhardt, of Dallas, died Thursday, June 26, 2008 at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown.

She was born May 4, 2008 in Allentown. Surviving, in addition to her parents, are her twin sister, Skylar Ann, grandparents, Linda and Richard Burkhardt, of Dallas; and Connie Skoronski, of Wilkes-Barre; aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations to the March of Dimes, 1275 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605 or to the Catholic Community of North Wilkes-Barre, 666 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705.

HIGGINS - Mary Ruth, 31, of Harvey's Lake, died Friday, June 27, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a 1994 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was employed by Quizzo's, Dallas. She attended Noxen Baptist Church.

Surviving are her parents, Lewis and Edna Gray Higgins; daughter, Montana Marie; son, Lewis Tyler; paternal grandmother, Hilda Higgins Wagner; brothers, Kenneth and Charles Higgins.

LOPEZ - Juan R., 65, of Sweet Valley, died Friday, June 27, 2008 at home.

Born on June 9, 1943 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he came to the United States at the age of 5. He was employed by Sears for 40 years, retiring in August 2007.

Surviving are his wife, the former Arlene Rittle; sons, Carlos, of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and Vincent (Robin), of Aurora, Colo.; daughters, Sylvia Merone, of Holbrook, N.Y.; Elena Gil, of Scranton; and Tina Washington, of Wilkes-Barre; 12 grandchildren.

Memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

PETERS - William Francis, of Dallas, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, died Friday, June 27, 2008 at Hospice Care of the VNA at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.; King's College, Wilkes-Barre; and the University of Scranton. He was employed as a counselor in federal training programs and as a public school teacher. He also worked with several local orchestras as a professional musician.

He was a member of the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are brothers, Stanley, of Pittston; and Charles, of Tampa, Fla.; numerous nieces and nephews.

PIZZANO - Esther M., 96, formerly of Dunmore, Hughestown and Dallas, died Sunday, June 22, 2008 in Mercy Center, Dallas.

Born on April 30, 1912 in Perugia, Italy, she was raised in Pittston and attended Pittston Township schools and graduated from Pittston High School, class of 1931. She worked at the Guild Studio of the Scranton Dioceses.

She was a member of St. Cecilia's Church, Exeter, and its Altar and Rosary Society. Surviving are daughters, Mary Ann Spurlin and Barbara Theis Vanesko, both of Dallas; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations to St. Cecilia's Church, Wyoming Avenue, Exeter, PA 18643.

SHEEHAN - John F. Jr., a lifelong resident of Dallas, died Monday, June 23, 2008 after a four-week illness.

A graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes College, he was employed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition to his work with FEMA, his career included positions at the Pennsylvania Bureau of

Vocational Rehabilitation, Commonwealth Telephone, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and J.F. Sheehan Associates.

He was a past master of the George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 of the F.&A.M., past president of the American Legion Post 672 in Dallas and held several officer positions in the Riverview Rod and Gun Club. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Jackie; his daughter, Heather; his son, John III; three grandchildren; a brother, Lynn, of Dallas.

Memorial donations to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church (specify "General Fund"), 420 Main St., Dallas, PA 18612; the SPCA of Luzerne County, 523 E. Main St., Fox Hill Rd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702; Shriners Hospital for Children, 3551 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140; or the Ronald McDonald House, 654 State St., Bangor, ME 04401.

WILLIAMS - Richard H., 83, Davenport Street, Dallas, died Friday, June 27, 2008 in Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Dec. 30, 1924, he was a native of Wilkes-Barre, having resided in Dallas for the past several years. He served his country during World War II and the Korean War. He had been in the Battle of the Bulge, the 3rd infantry artillery serving under General George Patton, the 28th Infantry Division and the 1st Battalion 109th Field Artillery of the Army National Guard. He worked with Pennsylvania Gas & Water for over 40 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the DAV.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Connie Conway Williams; daughters, Cindy, Anchorage, Alaska; Joanne, Benton; step-sons, Carson W., Union, S.C.; Carl W., Berwick; five grandchildren, one step-grandchild.

SUMC PLANS 'BEACH PARTY' VBS

The Shavertown United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Family Vacation Bible School, "Beach Party," from 5:30 to 8 p.m. July 27-31 at the church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. A meal is provided from 5:30 to 6:30 and then music, games and crafts round out the evening. The event begins with music from the Step by Step Praise Band and the mission project is the ongoing work trips to Mississippi. All God's children ages 3 to 103 are welcome to participate in this fun, free and heartwarming program. Registration is available online at www.shavertownumc.com or by calling the church at 675-3616. Members



Members of the planning committee are, from left, first row, Stephanie DeGuzman, Emma Oley, Madison Pertl, Collin Pertl and David Oley. Second row, Amy Wall, Rebecca Oley, Bonnie Ziegler, Kristen Andrews, Scott and Michele Pertl.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

Grid of crossword answers with letters and numbers.

Go Figure! answers

Arithmetic problems and answers: 4 x 7 = 28, 8 x 3 = 24, 1 + 5 = 6, 31 + 20 = 51.

Large crossword puzzle grid with letters.

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