

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Wright family plans 98th annual reunion

The 98th Annual Wright Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 10, at Dymond's Grove in Noxen. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. and will be followed by the yearly meeting. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share, their own drinks and something to share at the White Elephant Auction. Table settings will be provided and there will be games and prizes for children.

For more information, contact Laura at 477-5856.

Davis graduates from Peabody

Meghan K. Davis, daughter of Dwight and Molly Davis of Dallas, recently graduated from Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, where she earned a double Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance and Harp Performance, graduating with high honors.

She was one of only two undergraduates at Peabody elected to Pi Kappa Lambda, a prestigious national honor society for music students. In addition, she was awarded the Charles M. Eaton prize in vocal performance as well as the Azalia H. Thomas prize for Music Theory.

A freelance vocalist and harpist in the Northeastern Pennsylvania area, Davis will pursue a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance at The Boyer College of Music at Temple University in Philadelphia, beginning this fall.

Bracey graduates from KEYS program

Al-Nisa Bracey, of Trucksville, was among recently honored graduates of the KEYS (Keystone Education Yields Success) program, a collaborative program between the PA Department of Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.

The 10 graduates of the program will move from welfare into employment or on to earn their bachelor's degree. The goal of the KEYS program is to assist students while they are pursuing their associate's degree.

Montross graduates magna cum laude

Erin Montross, of Dallas, was one of 630 students to graduate from Messiah College on May 17 during the college's 99th annual commencement.

Montross graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in music education.

Three local students named to dean's list

Samantha Decker, of Dallas; Sara Yackoski, of Hunlock Creek; and Kendra Gouse, of Wyoming, have been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and maintaining an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the fall semester 2007.

Decker is a doctor of pharmacy student, Yackoski is a pharmaceutical marketing and management students and Gouse is a chemistry student.



Volunteers at the Meadows Nursing Center received awards for their service. From left, first row, are Mary Law, Pat Frodsham and Donna McCall, 15 years. Second row, Marilyn Gregorski and Betty Sorchik, volunteer coordinators. Third row, State Representative Karen Boback; Carl Noto, executive director of EEI; Clyde Stevens, EEI board member; Gloria Bronson, 10 years; Stephen Miller, five years; and Cristina Tarbox, Meadows administrator.

Volunteerism doesn't go unnoticed

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas recently honored over 100 volunteers for their dedication to residents and assistance to departments in various placements. All volunteers enjoyed dinner and received certificates of appreciation.

Special tribute was given to volunteers who have served at the center for five, 10 and 15 years. Over 11,000 hours were donated during the past year to benefit the 130 residents at the center.

State Representative Karen Boback attended and lauded the volunteers for their sense of community and helping others.

A milestone in the center's program was reached by honoring Bernice Hill, of Shavertown, as the first recipient of the "You Make a Difference Award" to recognize over 10,000 hours of volunteer service since joining the community program in 1984. Through



Bernice Hill, of Shavertown, was honored at the Meadows Nursing Center as the first recipient of the "You Make a Difference Award" to recognize over 10,000 hours of volunteer service since joining the community program in 1984. From left, are Betty Sorchik, volunteer coordinator; Carl Noto, executive director of EEI; Clyde Stevens, EEI board member; Bernice Hill; Cristina Tarbox, Meadows administrator; and Marilyn Gregorski, volunteer coordinator.

the years, Hill faithfully helped in over 20 different placements.

Her work as co-chairperson of the "Market on the Pond" raffle booth significantly adds to the success of this event and raised over \$2000 this year to

benefit residents. She also assists with special events, enjoys helping residents with bingo and is an active auxiliary with the auxiliary's finance committee. She is past auxiliary president and first vice president.

CHURCH BRIEFS

River of Life Ministries slates Bible School

Vacation Bible School, entitled "God's Big Backyard," will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. August 3 to 8 at River of Life Fellowship Ministries, 22 Outlet Rd., Lehman. The program is open to children between the ages of 3 and 14.

For more information, call Sue at 639-1769 or Tracy at 477-3863 or log onto www.rolfministries.org or www.myspace.com/riveroflifefellowship.

Roast pork and sauerkraut dinner set

Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold a roast pork and sauerkraut dinner and bake sale from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the church.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Takeouts are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving a message with your name,

phone number, the number of dinners and pickup time.

VBS at TUMC

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. August 11 to 15 in the William and Melba Dickson Educational Facility of the Trucksville United Methodist Church. The theme for this year's program is "Son World Adventure Park" and will include games, crafts, songs, snacks and Bible stories.

All children from nursery school to sixth grade are welcome to attend. Bible School will close during the 10 a.m. church service on Sunday, Aug. 17, followed by a Missions Carnival.

Registration forms, which are due by July 31, are available in the church office or by calling 696-3897. Michelle Sowga is the Vacation Bible School Director.

St. Paul's sets summer

celebration for Aug. 16

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.

Church plans retreat

The Sweet Valley Church of Christ will host a "Ladies Re-

MUNICIPAL BRIEFS

Kingston Twp. mails real estate taxes

Kingston Township Tax Collector Karen Rose advises residents that the 2008 Dallas School real estate tax bills and personal tax bills were mailed July 15.

If you are the owner of a home or property in Kingston Township and did not receive a tax bill, it is your responsibility to notify that tax collector at 696-3809. If you are a new owner of an established home and did not receive a tax bill, notify the tax collector so records can be changed accordingly. All payments must be postmarked on or before September 15 to be eligible for the rebate.

If you are mailing your payment and require a receipt, return entire form and a SASA with payment.

Regular office hours at the municipal building, 180 E Center St., Shavertown, are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. A voice mail message can be left at 696-3809 at anytime and will be answered promptly. Payments can also be dropped off anytime in the mail slot located in the vestibule of the township municipal building.

Jackson Township zoning news

Jackson Township residents are reminded that the township has an ordinance that requires a building permit and contractor registration for any new construction, repairs, alterations being done to any building or property. Building permits and contractor registrations may be applied for at the zoning office in the municipal building, 21 Huntsville Rd.

Zoning office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

With the arrival of spring, all

Jackson Township residents should make every effort to clean up their properties and discard junk, debris, junk vehicles that could be considered a nuisance by other residents. Inspections will be conducted.

The township also has a burning ordinance to which all residents must adhere.

For more information, call the Jackson Township Zoning Office at 675-9594.

Dallas Borough enforces maintenance

The Dallas Borough Codes Enforcement Office announces the seasonal enforcement of the Dallas Borough Property Maintenance Code. Property owners should be alerted that inspections will be scheduled for all property owners deemed in violation of the code and the borough will prosecute all offenders through the enforcement of the regulations.

Recent routine property inspections in neighborhoods throughout the borough revealed numerous violations, including exterior property violations for property owners failing to maintain their premises in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The borough will require property owners to remove all vehicles not properly registered and inspected, inoperable motor vehicles, failure to cut grass, appliances littering yards, debris and rubbish or other inappropriate materials littering yard areas.

Dallas Borough officials strongly urge all property owners to respect their neighborhoods.

Questions pertaining to enforcement actions and inspections should be directed to the Dallas Borough Zoning Enforcement Officer by calling the Dallas Borough Municipal Building at 675-1389.

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