

NEW LIFE TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE



New Life Community Church in Dallas is kicking off its 30th year with an open house called "Open House, Open Doors, Open Hearts" which will coincide with the Dallas Harvest Festival and will introduce everyone to New Life's new location in the Twin Stacks building on North Memorial Highway in Dallas.

Starting with fellowship, coffee and fresh baked goods at 10:15 a.m., the contemporary morning service will include special music and an inspiring message.

Pastor Gideon Gaitano also encourages people to stop by to learn about Angel Food, a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing quality food for individuals and families at a reasonable price.

Information about Angel Food will be available at New Life on Sunday morning or at the Harvest Festival on Sunday afternoon or at www.angelfoodministries.com. For more information, call NEW-LIFE.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Coffee & Conversation series opens

St. Therese's Church in Shavertown will open its Fall Coffee & Conversation series with a program "One-to-One Conflict Resolution" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15 in Father Sammon's Hall in the church on Pioneer Avenue.

Rod Gereda, a member of the Father Doyle Community Mediation Institute of the Peace and Justice Center in Wilkes-Barre, will facilitate the event. The program, suitable for family, friends and work place situations, will include such topics as discovering your response to conflict, listening skills, power imbalance and emergency conflict. Anyone 16 years of age and over is welcome. Refreshments will be served and Fair Trade products will be on sale.

A free will offering will be taken.

Rummage sale set

A rummage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29, Noxen. A bake sale and refreshments will also be available.

Roast beef dinner set

A Family-Style Roast Beef Dinner will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas. Take-outs will be available from 3:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$8.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children and are available at the door or by calling 675-3859. Reservations are encouraged.

St. Paul's is a wheelchair accessible building

TUMC Trustees plan barbecue

The Trustees of the Trucks-ville United Methodist Church will hold their Fall Chicken BBQ on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4, at the Dickson Educational Facility, Church Road, Trucks-ville.

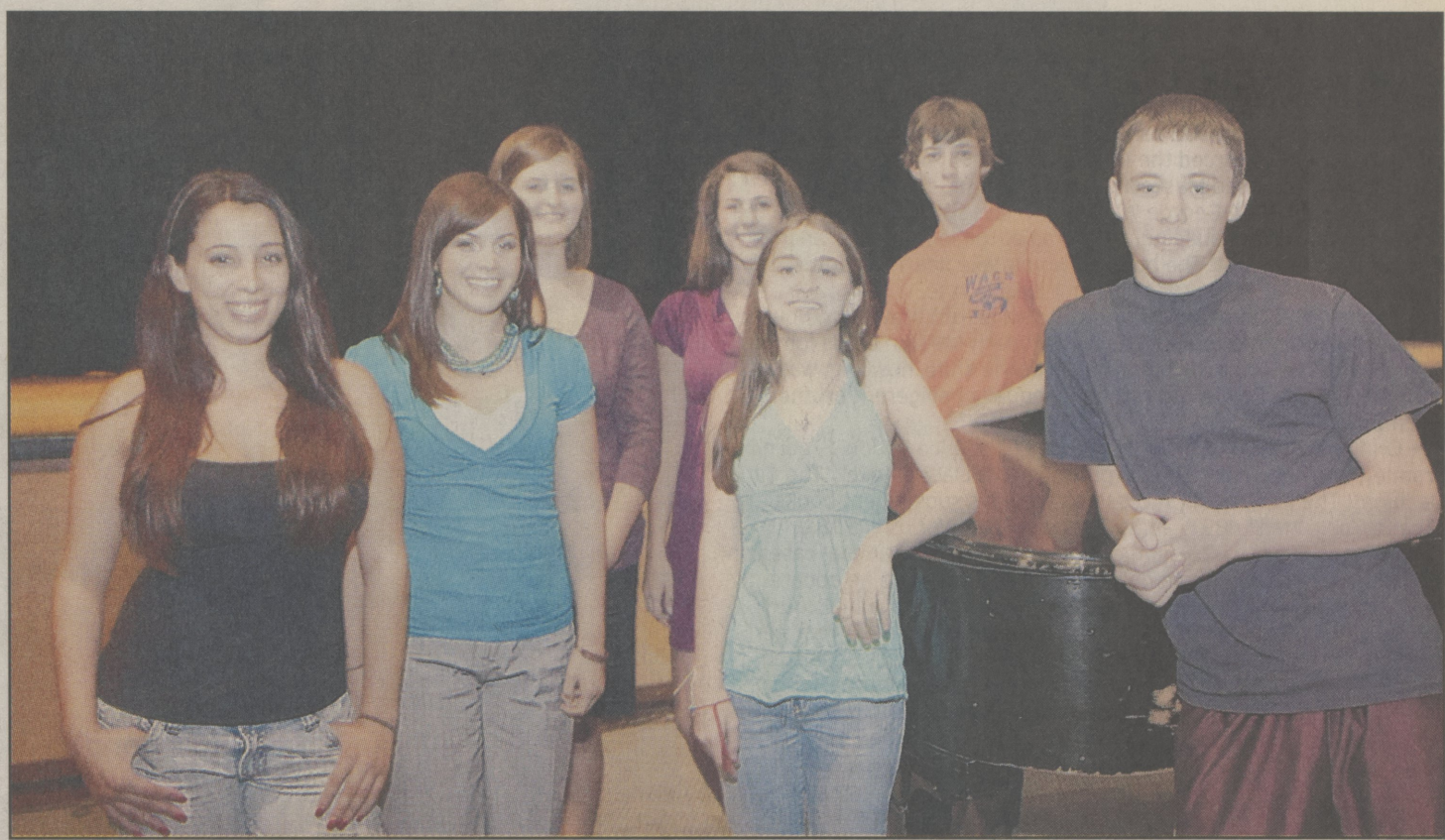
Take-out orders will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dining room service will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. each day in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and must be reserved in advance by calling the church office at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or by faxing orders to 696-3898.

Flea market, craft show planned

A Flea Market and Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the River of Life Fellowship Ministries, 22 Outlet Rd., Lehman. Homemade soups, food and a bake sale will be available. Vendor spaces are available for \$15 each.

For more information or to reserve a space, call Tracy at 477-3863 or Sue at 256-3382.



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Contestants in the 2008 Harvest Fest Idol contest include, from left, Blanca Frederick, Samantha Coassolo, Kri Koziol, Leah Conklin, Alexandra DeBossi, Stephen and Michael Stec.

Hoping to be the next idol

Seven contestants auditioned for the Third Annual Dallas Harvest Festival Idol Contest last Sunday when they all took to the stage at the Dallas Middle School auditorium.

Three of them - Leah Conklin, of Lehman; Stephen Stec, of Dallas; and Blanca Frederick, also of Dallas - were selected as semi-finalists and will go on to vie for the title at today's Harvest Festival event on Main Street in Dallas.

The three semi-finalists will perform at 3:30 p.m. today at the Dallas Harvest Festival

Individual performers in the Dallas Harvest Festival Idol Contest must have been between the ages of 16 and 25 to compete.

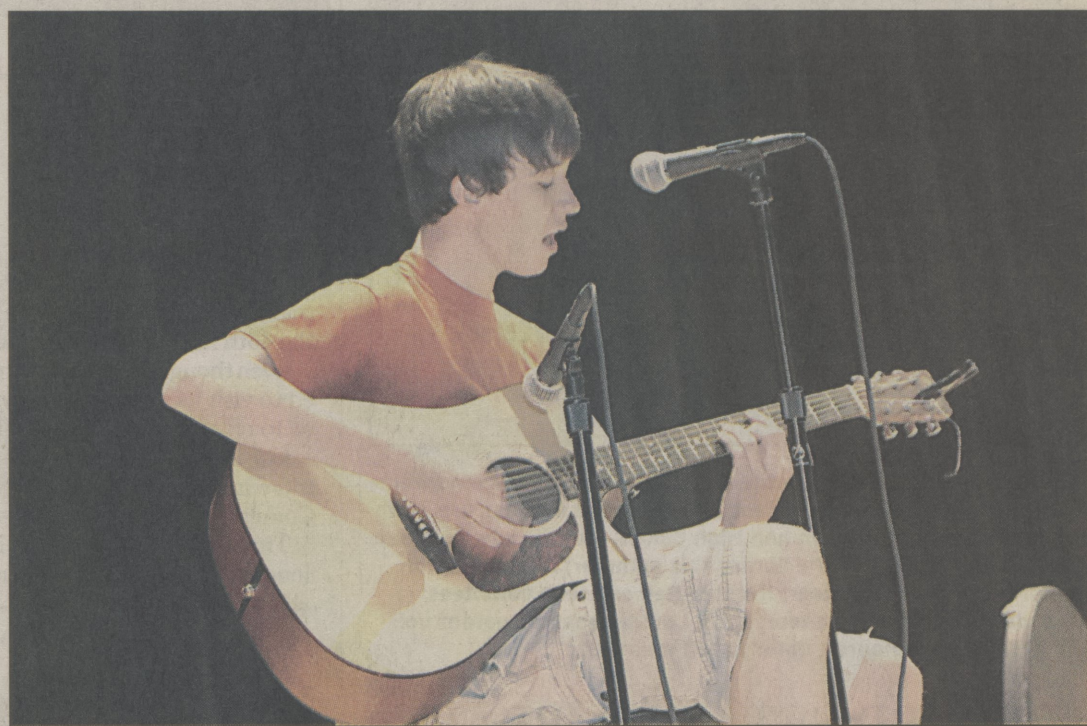
A panel of judges chose three semi-finalists who were contacted by phone last Sunday evening.

Judging was based on three criteria: talent, presentation and preparedness.

Contestants were required to provide their own accompaniment or CD and their performance needed to be comprised of one vocal number.

The three semi-finalists had the opportunity to perform at this year's Dallas Days Dance Friday night at the Shadowbrook Pavilion in Tunkhannock.

They will also perform from 3:30 to 4 p.m. today at the Dallas Harvest Festival, after which the winner will be announced.



Stephen Stec, of Dallas, played and sang his way to a semi-finalist position in the Dallas Harvest Fest Idol Contest.



Leah Conklin, of Lehman, is one of three finalists hoping to be named the 2008 Dallas Harvest Fest Idol.



Blanca Frederick, of Dallas, is one of three semi-finalists in the Dallas Harvest Fest Idol Contest.

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