



In celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, honored over 100 volunteers for their dedication to residents and assistance to departments. From left, first row, are Betty Sorchik, volunteer coordinator; Diana Yaskiewicz, 10 years and 2,604 hours; Barbara Wentz, 5 years and 300 hours; Alyce spears, 10 years and 516 hours; Jean Mikulis, 10 years and 255 hours; Della Schultz, board member; Kathy Barlow, 15 years and 438 hours; Marilyn Gregorski, volunteer coordinator. Second row, Nelson Ashburner, 10 years and 1,852 hours; Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicki, board president and CEO; Rev. Phyllis Pelletier, board member; Margie Hislop, 10 years and 673 hours; Carl Noto, executive director, Ecumenical Enterprises Inc.; James Barlow, 15 years and 438 hours. Absent at the time of the photo were Mary Bershee, 5 years and 293 hours; Gertrude Hoyes, 5 years and 806 hours; and Jane Gritman, 15 years and 616 hours.



Members of the outreach ministry, "Changing Habits" from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, recently entertained at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation center, Dallas, in celebration of National Volunteer Week. From left, are Marilyn O'Connell, Kippie Morgan, Heather Pitcavage, Anne Lohin, Anna Winkler, Mary Beth Banos, Joanie Gilbertson, Mary Therese Pitcavage, Fran Rismondo, Jean-Marie Harding and Sheila Bonawitz.

## Volunteers at Meadows Nursing Center honored for years of service to residents

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, recently honored over 100

volunteers for their dedication to residents and assistance to departments in various placements. All volunteer enjoyed dinner and

received Certificates of Appreciation.

Special tribute was given to volunteers who have served at the

center for five, 10 or 15 years. Over 1,000 hours of service were donated during the past year to benefit the 130 residents at the center.

A specials music program was provided by the outreach ministry, "Changing Habits," from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas,

for the benefit of the needy in the church. The group formerly entertained in the community for 15 years as the "Sister Act."

### CIVIC BRIEFS

#### Huntsville water plant is recognized

Pennsylvania American Water's Huntsville Water Treatment Plant has received the "Directors Award of Recognition" from the Partnership for Safe Water, a national volunteer initiative developed by EPA and other water organizations representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards.

Pennsylvania American Water was presented the award for successfully completing the Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase of the Partnership program, a phase which consists of identifying factors that limit treatment plant performance.

#### Boback's staff at satellite offices

A member of Rep. Karen Boback's staff will be available from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Aug. 10, at the Harveys Lake Municipal Building, Route 415, Harveys Lake; and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, at the Dallas Borough Building, 25 Main St., Dallas; and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, at the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center, 42 Community Dr., Benton.

For more information, call Boback's offices in Sweet Valley at 477-3752 or Tunkhannock at 836-4777.

#### Benefit for Dallas youth set for Aug. 12

Corey Ehret, a Back Mountain resident and a student in the Dallas School District, was recently diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a form of childhood cancer, in his left cheek and is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments in Philadelphia and Boston.

To help Corey and his family with travel and other expenses, a benefit will be held at from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at The Dough Company, 570 Kidder St. Wilkes Barre.

#### Dance will benefit Blue Chip Animal Shelter

A dance to benefit the Blue

Chip Animal Shelter in Dallas will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the West Pittston Armory, Susquehanna Avenue.

A donation of \$25 per person includes music by "Which Doctor" and "DJ George," Grotto Pizza, snacks and refreshments. This is a bring-your-own-bottle event. There will also be a Chinese Auction, 50/50 tickets and door prizes.

For tickets or more information, call 333-5265.

#### Children's workshop slated at Music Box

A summer theater workshop for children 8 to 12 years will end with a performance of "Alice in Wonderland" August 14 and 15 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

For information and enrollment, call 283-2195.

#### County supervisors will meet August 20

The Luzerne County Association of Township Supervisors will hold its annual convention and meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Checkerboard Pavilion, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

The purpose of the convention is to provide township supervisors and officials with up-to-date information to better serve residents and exchange ideas on local government issues.

President Michael Procopchak, of Franklin Township, will preside over the meeting and election of officers for 2009.

#### Beef dinner planned

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family-style beef dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, with takeouts beginning at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children under 6 years of age.

#### Lupus group meets

The Tunkhannock area monthly lupus support group meeting is held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Tunkhannock Library, 220 W. Tioga St.

## American Red Cross schedules blood drives for month of August

The American Red Cross will conduct four blood drives in the Back Mountain Area during the month of August.

The first drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Aug. 9, at Our Lady of Victory Church, corner of Second Road and Route 415, Harveys Lake, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

A drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, at the Dallas United Methodist Church, Parsonage Street, Dallas.

A third drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

The last drive of the month will

be held from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24, at the Irem Country Club, 397 Country Club Rd., Dallas.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring Identification and their Red Cross Blood card. First-time donors will receive a card after their first donation.

Anyone 17 years of age, weigh-

ing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate. Youths 16 years of age may also donate if accompanied by a parent.

A pre-scheduled appointment can be made to reduce the time needed for donating. To schedule an appointment, call 823-7164, extension 2150.

### CHURCH BRIEFS

#### St. Paul's schedules Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. to noon August 10-14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas.

The theme this year is "Rain-forest Adventure." The program is open to children ages 3 to 10 and is free of charge. Registration forms are available at the church (675-3859) or on-line at [www.stpaulselca.com](http://www.stpaulselca.com), click on "links" and then Vacation Bible School Form.

For more information, e-mail [stpaulsvbs@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsvbs@gmail.com) or call the church at 675-3859.

#### Piano duet concert set

A piano duet concert featuring Jennifer Hunter and Elizabeth Martindale will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

The event is free and open to the public.

#### UMC planning summer luncheon

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Women will hold their summer luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Meadow Manor, Lake Street, Dallas.

Cost of the luncheon will be \$5 and reservations are due to Jayne Haeefe by Sunday, Aug. 2.

#### Chicken barbeque set

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Rd., Sweet Valley (1/4 mile from Sheldon's Lunch on Route 118) will hold its annual chicken barbeque from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Dinners, which include a half chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the cob, cole slaw, cake and

beverage, are priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Takeouts are also available. For information, call 570-639-2958.

#### Sunday School Yard Sale planned

The Christian Education

Committee of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church, Creamery Road, Center Moreland, will sponsor a Sunday School Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, with proceeds benefitting the Sky Lake Fund and the Sunday School.

Vendor spaces are \$15 with table provided and \$10 without.

Deadline for reserving space is Saturday, Aug. 22. To reserve space, call 333-4932 or 639-2341.

#### Ham dinner slated

A ham dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake.

## The First Annual Pauly Friedman Family Walk/Run

### Saturday, August 15th, 2009

### Anderson Sports & Health Center

### Misericordia University, Dallas

**Registration: 8AM Race time: 9AM**  
**Registration fee: \$25 Distance: 5k (3.1 miles)**  
**First 200 registrants will receive an official event t-shirt!**

**Trophies awarded for first place overall female and male runners as well as first place overall walker.**  
**Age groups: 15 & under; 16-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60 & over**

**ORGANIZE A TEAM!**  
**The team that raises the most money will take home the traveling trophy!**  
\*eligible teams must consist of 5 or more participants

**Post event Awards Party at the Banks Student Life Center, Misericordia University - refreshments, music, and fun!**

**Call 570-823-5144 to register. Please RSVP by August 7, 2009**

**Money raised to benefit Help Line, an information-referral and first response point for crisis calls in Luzerne & Wyoming Counties. Operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year**

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