

CHURCH BRIEFS

**Puggles starts at Grace Community**

Puggles, a club for 2-year-olds, has been added to the Awana Club at Grace Community Church, Route 415, Dallas.

In Puggles, which is a baby latypus, children meet from 7:45 p.m. each Wednesday and are taught a Bible lesson, have play time, make a craft and enjoy a snack.

Call 675-3723 for more information.

**St. Therese's sponsors coat drive**

St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown is sponsoring a coat give-away. Gently-used coats of all sizes will be available for pick-up from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the church hall.

For more information, call 696-1144.

**Contra dance slated**

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore

Society will feature the music of Curt Osgood, Hope Grietzer, Tom Hodgson and caller Bob Nicholson at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Church of Christ Uniting, Sprague Ave, Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$24 for families.

For more information, call 333-4007.

**Christmas concert set for December 6**

"A Blessed Christmas" concert will be presented by the Wyoming Valley Barber-shop Harmony Chorus and special guests at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Shavertown Untied Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

Tickets, at \$5 per person, are available at the door and from chorus members. For more information, call 287-2476 or 696-3385.

**Benefit hoagie sale set for Larry Sorber**

There will be a benefit hoagie sale for Larry Sorber on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. Orders will be taken until December 9.

Individual hoagies (fewer than 10) may be picked up at Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 12. Orders of 10 or more to the same location will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 11. Choices are Italian or turkey and cheese and cost is \$4.50 each.

To place an order, all Sandy Williams at 333-4354 or Marge Coolbaugh at 333-5110

**Loyalville church sponsors dinner**

A roast turkey/baked ham dinner/bake sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Loyalville United Methodist Church. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Take-outs are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving a message with your name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

**GATE OF HEAVEN ALTAR & ROSARY CONDUCTS ANNUAL BIRTHDAY TEA**



The Altar and Rosary Society from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas recently held its annual Birthday Tea. More than 200 women attended the group's major fundraiser. Twelve tables, one for each month, were beautifully decorated. A raffle was held and door prizes were awarded. Entertainment was provided by Changing Habits, formerly known as Sister Act. Chairwomen for the event were Renee Benedetti, Sandra Darling, Marilyn O'Connell, Lucille Luksic and Pat Conlon. From left, first row, are Ann Marie Gries, Kathy Selner, Fr. Dan Toomey, pastor; Rose Schmid, Amy Huntington, Malak Khoudary. Second row, Bernie Evans, Dee Dee Scafella. Third row, Sunny Cesarini, Sue Clouse, Renee Benedetti, Carol Sitar, Bette Gillespie, Mary Ann Roberts, Valarie Aiello. Fourth row, Linda Scholl, Trish Strazdus, Joan Strazdus, Angie Murray.

**Famous family singer coming to Misericordia University**

Elisabeth von Trapp will perform holiday concert at Lemmond Theater on college campus on December 4

Elisabeth von Trapp, whose family story inspired "The Sound of Music," will continue the musical tradition first established by the von Trapp Family Singers at a special holiday concert at Misericordia University at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, in the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

Tickets for "Elisabeth von Trapp: A von Trapp Christmas" are \$10 for general admission; \$5 for students and senior citizens and are available by calling the Misericordia Box Office at 674-6719.

Born and raised in Vermont, von Trapp is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron Georg von Trapp, whose lives were memorialized in the classic 1965 movie.

The von Trapp Family Singers, which Maria and Georg founded in Austria and brought to the United States when they escaped Austria in 1938, included Elisabeth's father, Werner von Trapp.

The von Trapp Family Singers disbanded in 1957.

Inspired by her father's guitar playing and singing, von Trapp began taking piano lessons when she was 8 and, by the age of 16, was playing guitar and traveling the back roads of New England performing with her siblings at weddings, gospel meetings and town halls.

She has performed in numerous European cathedrals and at major venues across the United States, including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Building on her famed family's passion for music, she has creat-

ed her own artistic style, described as ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful.

Listeners have likened her to folk singer Judy Collins.

On this 2009 holiday tour, Erich Kory will join von Trapp, enhancing the performance with the stirring sounds of his cello.

The program includes pieces from her album, "Christmas Song," including a variety of Austrian carols, American folk ballads, medieval century chants and festive music from around the world, topped off with "Edelweiss" from "The Sound of Music."



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