

TRINITY DEACONS MAKE DONATION



Members of the Board of Deacons at Trinity Presbyterian Church recently presented a check for \$3,300 from their last rummage sale to Clarence Givens, church treasurer. The deacons will hold their next rummage sale on June 1 and 2, 2012, at the church, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas. Monies from the sales are donated to the church's general operating fund. Shown here at the check presentation are, from left, Mary Morrison, Deacons president; Karen Perzia, Deacons treasurer; Givens, Linda Baines, Deacons secretary; and Rev. Roger Griffith.

SCOUTS CLEAN BACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL



A group of Boy Scouts from Troop 146 helped clean the Back Mountain Trail recently by clearing leaves and cleaning drainage areas to help with rain runoff. The Scouts' efforts will help to preserve the four plus miles of trails in the Back Mountain for years to come. From left, first row, are Justin Marshall, Christopher Huntington, Tyler Manzoni and Anthony Caravaggio. Second row, Dan Duffy, Matthew Lions, Thomas Manzoni, Richie Huntington, Michael Lions, Thomas Brodhead, Michael Huntington, Michael Caravaggio, Anthony Huntington, Connor Duffy and Joe Lions.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Food pantry lists drop-off sites

The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry reminds everyone that there are two official collection sites in the Back Mountain where donated nonperishable food can be dropped off during regular business hours: Hilbert's The Tractor Store on Route 415 in Dallas and Cook's Pharmacy on Route 309 in Shavertown.

Monetary donations are also needed at this time of year to help provide turkeys for the more than 185 client families on record at the pantry.

Donations may be sent to The Back Mountain Food Pantry, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, PA 18708.

BMPA holds coat drive

The Back Mountain Police Association (BMPA) will hold its annual "Warm Coats for Kids" coat drive today, Nov. 13 in the Thomas' Family Market parking lot in Shavertown.

Law enforcement officers (BMPA members) will accept donated new or gently-used coats for children. New or gently-used hats and gloves will also be accepted.

Marked collection boxes will also be placed in businesses and community centers throughout the Back Mountain.

For further information, call Ross Piazza, vice-president, at 760-9342.

Zen Meditation program slated

An Introduction to Zen Meditation program will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Mercy Center on the campus of Misericordia University, Dallas.

The program includes an explanation of Zen meditation, a brief practice period and time for questions/discussion.

Pre-registration required and a free-will offering will be taken.

To register and for further information, call Andrea Payne at 639-5894.

Rotary, Friendly's team up for fundraiser

The Dallas Rotary Club and Friendly's in Dallas will join forces to host a tasty fundraising event from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the restaurant. Monies raised will benefit the annual Rotary Christmas Shopping Spree for 45 less fortunate children in the Back Mountain area.

Friendly's will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the shopping spree event. Take-out and gift card purchases are also included.

Yard waste pickup in Kingston Township

volunteer in day care centers and the Meal on Wheels program and taught Bible study for a dozen years.

Surviving are her daughter, Christine Sheffler, Tunkhan-

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors has announced the Yard Waste/Bagged Leaf Pickup will continue through November 18.

Residents are advised to have yard waste and bagged leaves placed at the curbside for pickup. Yard waste consists of sticks and twigs bundled three feet in length by one foot in height and one foot wide.

Square dance set

The Franklin Township Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a square dance featuring "Just Us Country Duo" from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company Hall, 329 Orange Rd., Orange.

Admission is \$6 and food and refreshments will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 333-4626 or 333-5912.

Bingo slated

A 50/50 Bingo will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Noxen School, School Street. Food and beverages will be available and players will pay per card.

Participants should bring a non-perishable food donation to receive a free raffle ticket. All proceeds benefit the Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen's Club.

For more information, call 298-2052.

Trail cleanup

Volunteers are needed to clean up the Back Mountain Trail from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Volunteers are asked to meet in the Harris Hill parking lot in Kingston Township and to bring rakes.

For more information, call Julie McMonagle at 696-5082.

Library Friends hold fruit sale

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library are sponsoring their annual citrus fruit and cheesecake sale through November 21.

Order forms have been mailed to regular customers and new customers are invited to stop at the library to pick up an order form.

Fruit orders may be picked up at the library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 10.

All checks for pre-paid orders should be made payable to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. All proceeds benefit the library.

Bingo slated

Bingo will be held on Monday, Nov. 21 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available.

OBITUARIES

BOGDAN - Joseph S., 87, of Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, September 3, 2011.

GOREY - Benjamin W., 74, of Kingston Township, died Monday, October 31, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Port Blanchard, graduated from Pittston Central Catholic High School and continued his education at Penn State University, earning an associate's degree in Engineering.

He was a member of the 109th Army National Guard for 23 years, retiring with the rank Master Sergeant. He was employed for 20 years at Brodder and Associates as a city planner.

He served as a zoning officer for Kingston Township and was a volunteer on the township's Planning Board. He was a life time member of Harvey's Lake Rod and Gun Club, the Pittston Central Catholic High School Reunion Committee and the National Rifle Association.

He was a member of St. Barbara's Church, Exeter, the former St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, the former Rosemary Pieczynski; sons, Benjamin W. Jr., Lake George, N.Y.; Edmund J., Glenwood, Md.; daughter, Roseann M., Swoyersville; six

grandchildren; brother, Charles; sister, Elaine Egolf; two nephews.

Memorial donations to Disabled American Veterans, Attn: Gift Processing, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, or the Salvation Army, 17 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

LADAMUS - George J., 70, of Dallas, died Monday, October 31, 2011, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

He was born in Harveys Lake and attended the Lake-Noxen schools. Before retiring, he was employed as a landscaper for Rave's Nursery for 30 years and later for Ladamus Landscaping.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Dorothy Cleasby Ladamus; sons, George J. Jr., Ft. Mill, S.C.; Thomas, Dallas; brother, Edward, Dallas; sisters, June Newell, Dallas; Mary Ann Lozier, North Port, Fla.; four grandchildren.

Memorial donations the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, PA 18708 or The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

STERNIK - Chester M., 77, Centermoreland, died Monday, October 31, at Hospice of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-

Barre.

He was born in Nanticoke and was a graduate of Nanticoke High School. He enlisted in the Army right after high school and had served in the Korean War, where he was an electronic engineer.

Following his military discharge, he worked as an engineer for various companies that did work for the federal government. He retired from The Eaton Corporation in Virginia in 2004 and later moved to Tunkhannock.

He was a member of St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton. Surviving are his daughters, Barbara Stansell, Tunkhannock; Elizabeth Ide, Dallas; a son, Chester Jr., Dumfries, Virginia; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Hospice of The VNA, c/o 900 Rutter Ave., Forty Fort, PA 18704, or to Northmoreland Twp. Volunteer

Fire Co., 1618 Demunds Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

SWETLAND - Ernestine Ester, 81, formerly of Tunkhannock, died in Gettysburg, on Monday, October 31, 2011.

She was born May 31, 1930, and graduated from Carrick High School and Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

While caring for her family, she returned to school to earn a master's degree in education from Marywood University and master's degree in school administration from The University of Scranton.

She worked as a secretary, teacher and administrator in the Tunkhannock Area School System, serving as principal at the Mill City, Evans Falls and Mehoopany elementary schools.

She served in retirement as a

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