

## PEOPLE BRIEFS

## Rev. Plyler called to Dallas Baptist

The Rev. Clint Plyler has been called to serve as associate pastor at Dallas Baptist church.

Rev. Plyler will help minister in various areas such as disciple making, outreach, youth and children's ministries as well as assist the pastor in preaching.

Rev. Plyler is a graduate of Baptist Bible College with a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies.

He and his wife, April, have three children, Autumn, Courtney and Christopher.

## Rev. Jerry Branch defends dissertation

The Rev. Jerry Branch, pastor of Dallas Baptist Church, has passed the oral defense of his dissertation for his Ph.D. in Leadership at Trinity Seminary. The achievement marks the culmination of five years of study and research.

Dr. Branch also holds a Master of Divinity degree in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History from the University of Cincinnati.

He has served at Dallas Baptist Church for almost eight years, having previously

served in Texas and Michigan.

He and his wife, Gini, have two children and two grandchildren who live in Texas.

## Sult selected for program

Courtney Sult, of Dallas, was among Misericordia University students selected to participate in the Misericordia University 2012 Mercy Leadership Program: Lead to Serve.

## Leahigh inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma

Colleen Leahigh, of Dallas, was recently inducted into James Madison University's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students.

To be eligible for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, an undergraduate student must be a junior or senior and rank in the upper 10 percent of their respective class. Graduate students who rank in the upper 20 percent of their class are also eligible.

Leahigh is on track to graduate in May 2013 with a degree in marketing.

Induction into Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest honor a business student can receive in a bachelor or master program at a school accredited by AACSB International.

## Two Race brothers are married recently



MR. AND MRS. WILLARD JASON RACE, III

## Tori Constance Freitas weds Willard Jason Race III

Tori Constance Freitas and Willard Jason Race, III were united in marriage on April 8, 2012, in Bloomingdale, NY.

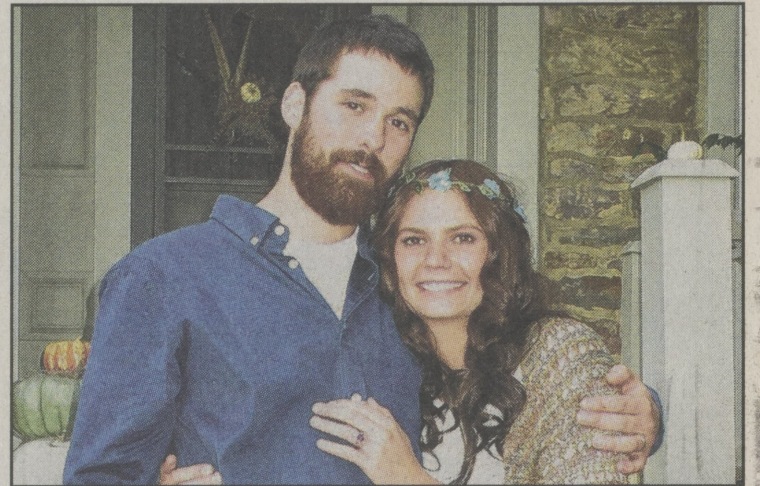
The bride is the daughter of Constantino Freitas and Jolleen Kay Freitas, of Port Fairfield, ME. She is the granddaughter of Queenie Emily Dorvall and the late Clarence George Dorvall, Minnie Freitas, and Joseph Freitas.

The groom is the son of Willard J. Race, Jr. and Sandra L. Race, of Dallas. He is the grandson of Willard J. Race, Sr. and the late Willis Dean Johnson, Dorothy Ruth Houser Johnson, and Joan Marie Davis Race.

The couple was married in a private ceremony at their home in Bloomingdale, NY and they celebrated with family and friends in July at the home of the groom's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Limestone High School, ME. She earned a bachelor's degree in Animal and Pre-Veterinary Sciences from the University of Maine at Orono and a PhD in Function Genomics from North Carolina State University. She is employed by Myriad-RBM as a Senior Scientist in Assay Development.

The groom is a graduate of Dallas High School. He earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Fish & Wildlife Management from Paul Smiths College, NY. He is the proprietor of Efficiency Electric and a lessor in the Lake Placid, NY area.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL DEAN RACE

## Natalie Louise Berrena weds Michael Dean Race

Natalie Louise Berrena and Michael Dean Race were united in marriage on Sept. 29, 2012, in Centre Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Donna Bach, State College, and Michael and Elaine Berrena, State College. She is the granddaughter of Louis and Edith Berrena, John and Mary Sweeny-Bach and the late Patricia McCall Berrena and Eileen Henry Bach.

The groom is the son of Willard J. Race, Jr. and Sandra L. Race, of Dallas. He is the grandson of Willard J. Race, Sr., the late Willis Dean Johnson, Dorothy Ruth Houser Johnson and Joan Marie Davis Race.

The couple was married in an outdoor ceremony on the evening of the Harvest Moon and celebrated with family and friends at the country homestead of Dennis Bender. The bride and groom chose their parents as their sponsors.

The bride is a graduate of State College High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a bachelor's degree in Sociology, both from Penn State University. She is employed as a case and office manager by Calder Way Counseling and is a well-known musician in the State College area.

The groom is a graduate of Dallas High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Penn State University. He is employed as a Civil Engineer at ARM Group, Inc. in State College.

## SENIOR CENTER MENU

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following is the menu for the week of Oct. 29:

**MONDAY:** Baked ham, lima beans, roasted potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, cheesecake with pineapple topping, margarine, milk and coffee.

**TUESDAY:** Meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat dinner roll, pear bread pudding, margarine, milk and coffee.

**WEDNESDAY:** Masquerade party special lunch - Hot dog or hamburger, bun, ketchup, mustard, carrot salad, baked beans, corn chowder, apple cobbler, margarine, milk and coffee.

**THURSDAY:** Grilled chicken sandwich, Craisin spinach salad with dressing, lentil soup, whole wheat sandwich roll, vanilla pudding brownie parfait, crackers, mayo, ketchup, margarine, milk and coffee.

**FRIDAY:** BBQ beef brisket, corn, roasted red potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, ice cream sandwich, margarine, milk and coffee.

## Cross Creek Church is relay center for shoe box project

Cross Creek Community Church, located two miles from the light in Trucksville at 370 Carverton Road in Trucksville, will be a relay center, collecting gift-filled shoe boxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through these gift-filled shoe boxes.

Since 1993, more than 94 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to children in more than 130 countries.

Shoe boxes may be dropped off at the church anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 16; from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 17; and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Thursday, Nov. 15.

For more information, call the church office at 696-0399.

## Montross couple notes 50th wedding anniversary

Carl and Linda Montross, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married on June 23, 1962 at the Alderson Methodist Church, Harveys Lake with the Rev. John Gordon officiating at the ceremony.

Bridal attendants were Linda Mertz, Beverly Crispell Wandel and Becky Baker. Groomsmen were Larry Schenck, Donald Grey and Claude Sorber.

Carl and Linda were high school sweethearts, graduating together in 1959 in the first class to graduate from Lake-Lehman High School.

Mr. Montross is the son of Mona Montross and the late Carl Montross Sr., of Noxen. He has enjoyed a career as an electronics engineer, working for companies such as IBM, Motorola, Philips and Radiant Technologies.

Mrs. Montross is the daughter of the late Esther and Raymond Grey, of Harveys Lake. Her career began as a kindergarten teacher at Lehman Elementary School. Throughout her career, she has taught all grade levels from pre-school to supervising college-age student teachers at the University of New Mexico. She retired

from teaching at Zuni Elementary School in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2005.

The couple has three children, Brian and his wife, Maryann, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; Heidi Brown and her husband, Brian, of West Jefferson, North Carolina; and Naomi, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. They also have been blessed with six grandchildren, Joel and his wife Haley, Rebecca Montross, Anya Montross, Elijah Velasquez, Judy Frappier and Luke Frappier.

Some activities that Carl and Linda enjoy doing together include attending their grandchildren's school sports, music and dance events. They also like to garden, travel, camp in the mountains, attend church regularly and watch grandson Joel race his Legends car.

Their 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated with a special family dinner after which the couple went on a weekend getaway to Taos, New Mexico. Later, they made a trip to Pennsylvania where they were honored at a party attended by friends and family and hosted by Becky Baker and Anita Koziol. A trip to Virginia and North Carolina is planned in the near future.



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