

## MEADOWS COLLECTS TOYS FOR TOTS



Staff and friends of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, collected an array of toys for children of all ages for the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. From left, are Heidi Marr, volunteer; Phyllis Sorber, Brenda Simon and Vickie Sedorovich, Meadows employees; Corporal Noel Becerra and Sgt. David Hummel, U.S. Marines; Megan Nemshick, Christine Beyer and Gary Kirk, Meadows employees.

### 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 Feb. 18:

**MONDAY:** Centers closed for President's Day holiday

**TUESDAY:** Pork chop, roasted brussels sprouts, quartered sweet potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, cranberry

sauce, apple bread pudding, margarine, milk and coffee

**WEDNESDAY:** Meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, dilled carrots, whole wheat dinner roll, cherry crisp, margarine, milk and coffee

**THURSDAY:** Lemon pepper fish, broccoli/cauliflower au gratin, roasted red skin potatoes, whole wheat dinner roll, ketchup, tartar sauce, ambrosia, margarine, milk and coffee

**FRIDAY:** Breaded fish sandwich, vegetable barley soup, broccoli salad, whole wheat sandwich roll, crackers, tartar sauce, ketchup, chocolate pudding pie, margarine, milk and coffee

### OBITUARIES

**DUDASCIK** - Stephen J., 72, of Dallas, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Kingston on June 7, 1940.

Surviving are daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Mary Kathryn; son, Stephen R.; sisters, Ellen Chopyak and Mary Ann Kasarda; a niece and nephews.

**JOLLEY** - Elsie B., 91, formerly of Courtdale and Dallas, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at The Wesley Village in Jenkins Township.

She was born in Larksville on Aug. 27, 1921, raised in Noxen and graduated from Noxen High School in 1939. She was employed at the hospital in Johnson City, N.Y.; Nesbitt Hospital and Fowler, Dick & Walker, The Boston Store in Wilkes-Barre.

She was a longtime member and Past Worthy Matron of Dallas Chapter 396, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Courtdale United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Irem Auxiliary. She was an active community volunteer for several organizations, including the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House of Danville, The Meadows and Campus Ministries of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Surviving are her children, Caroljane, Marion Reilly, Carl, Robert and David; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Courtdale United Methodist Church, 225 Courtdale Ave., Courtdale, PA 18704.

**MAJOR** - Harold Lawrence, 67, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013, at home.

He was born in Kingston on Dec. 27, 1945, and was a member of the Lake-Lehman High School graduating class of 1964. He was owner and operator of Harold's Garage for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, the former Maureen Johnson; daughter, Tracey, Chase; three grandchildren; a great-grandson.

**OHL** - Thomas J. Jr., R.N. BSN, 61, of Dallas, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2013, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

He was born in Pittston, grew up in West Pittston, was a graduate of Wyoming Area High School, class of 1969, and a 1977 graduate of Wilkes College with

a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

He was employed at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital as an emergency room nurse and then spent 21 years as a nursing supervisor at the State Correctional Institute, Dallas, until his retirement in 2005. He was currently employed by Geisinger Home Health and Hospice.

He was a member of the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company.

Surviving are his wife, Julianne Stuart; daughters, Jessica Evans, Plymouth; Meredith A. Recek, Nanticoke; step-daughters, Rebekah, Jessica and Shayla Stuart, at home; a sister, Helen Roderick, Sullivan's Island, S.C.; two nephews and a niece.

**PATTON** - Patrice Dougherty, 83, of Dallas, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013.

She was born in Pittston and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre.

Prior to her marriage, she was a customer service representative for the Bell Telephone Co. in Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Catholic Church, Dallas.

Surviving are sons, Robert, San Diego, Calif.; John, Kennewick, Wash.; Jerry, Swoyersville; Joseph, at home; daughters, Carol LaRose, Centreville, Va.; Mary Ellen Schall, Kingston; nine grandchildren; sister, Sr. Mary Clare Dougherty, R.S.M., Dallas; brother, Charles Dougherty, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a niece, several nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to Mercy Center, 370 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

**SAMSON** - Barbara F., 77, of Dallas, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Dallas and was a graduate of Westmoreland High School, class of 1953. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Dallas and the Dorcas Society.

Surviving are her children, Tammy Hagey, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Jeffrey, Stow, Ohio; Gregory and Rodney, both of Luzerne; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Jean Franklin, Dallas; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yallick Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

**SHAVER** - Crystal J., 80, of Ed-

wardsville and formerly of Bunker Hill, Kingston Township, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013.

She was born in Kingston Township and attended the Scranton School for the Deaf.

Surviving are her six children, Walter, Aston; Danny, Dallas; Dorothy Brown, Edwardsville; Barry, Noxen; Betty Sims, Hanover Township; Gail, Hanover Township; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Novella Huey, Shavertown; Linda Clement, Wyoming; Kay Miller, Wyoming; five brothers, Keith Harvey, Tunkhannock; Roy Harvey, Wyoming; Robert Harvey, Harveys Lake; Glen Harvey, Dallas, Richard Harvey, Wyoming; nieces and nephews.

**STRUCKUS** - Thomas James, 64, of Orange, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013, at his home.

He was born in Philadelphia and was a graduate of Wilkes-Barre Township High School, class of 1967. He was a combat veteran serving with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam.

He was a member of the Laborers Union Heavy and Highway Local 158. Over the course of his career, he worked for various companies, among them B.G. Coon Construction with whom he spent 25 years.

He was a member of the Buckstoppers Gun Club and St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, the former Mary Smith, Orange; son, T.J., King of Prussia; daughter, Jennifer Howe, Warminster; five grandchildren; sisters, Maryann Groblewski, Shavertown; Rita Mozdian, Laurel Run; brothers, John, Forty Fort; Richard, Florida; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

**WATCHULONIS** - Ann Marie Bilbow, 75, a longtime resident of Shavertown, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at Laurelwood Care Center in Maryland on what would have been her 53rd wedding anniversary.

She was born Jan. 30, 1938 in Kingston.

Surviving are her children, Lynn Antonitis, Elkton, Md.; Bill, Dallas; Joann Pipan, Kingston; Tracee Kremiski, Wapwallopen; 10 grandchildren.

Memorial donations to act.alz.org/goto/annmarie.watch.



Shown here during a check presentation from Sweet Charity to Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton are, from left, Char Jeffers, founding member of Sweet Charity; Sr. Maryalice Jacquinot, IHM, director of St. Joseph's Center; Kathy Elgaway, founding member of Sweet Charity; and Rev. James Paisley, founding member of Sweet Charity and pastor of St. Therese's Parish in Shavertown.

## Sweet Charity donates to St. Joe's

Sweet Charity, a non-profit performance troupe, recently presented a check in the amount of \$17,500 to Sister Maryalice Jacquinot, IHM, director of Saint Joseph's Center in Scranton, to benefit the many programs the center offers. The donation resulted from the sale of Sweet Charity's recently released CD, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas."

In addition to this project, Sweet Charity has released four other CDs and has staged several productions of "Godspell" since the group was founded in 1994. To date, the troupe has raised and given away over \$300,000 to seriously-ill children in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Some of those who have donated their time and talent to

this latest project are Mark Montella, percussion; Brandon Shotto, bass guitar; Jeff Leas, trumpet; the Choirs of Good Shepherd and First United Church of Christ in Scranton, Tom Borthwick and Joe Wegleski of Sound Investment Studios in Old Forge; Danielle Coons, cover photo; Tracey Selingo and Dan Gallagher, advertising/marketing campaign.

### GOH SOCIETY PLANS BLOOD DRIVE



The Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross Blood Services from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 at the Gate of Heaven Church gym. Shown here, from left, are Renee Benedetti, Altar and Rosary president and co-chairwoman; and Rev. Daniel Toomey, pastor. Absent at the time of the photo was Bette Gillespie, co-chairwoman.

### CHURCH BRIEFS

#### Lenten services set

Back Mountain churches will hold their annual Ecumenical Soup and Scripture during the five Mondays of Lent. Services will begin at 6 p.m. following by soup at 6:45 p.m. Participants will reflect on the upcoming Sunday scripture or the scripture choices of the pastor. Closing prayers will be held at 8 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:  
Monday, Feb. 18 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas  
Monday, Feb. 25 - Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, Lehman  
Monday, March 4 - Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek  
Monday, March 11 - Huntsville United Methodist Church, Huntsville

Monday, March 18 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth

#### Meditation during Lent at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Church, 3832 SR 6 East, Tunkhannock, will offer quiet music and meditation Wednesdays during Lent, Feb. 20 through March 27, as a way of opening the "thin place" between God and people.

Soup Supper will precede the service. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. and the services begin at 7

p.m. For more information, call St. Peter's at 836-2233 or Reverend Lou at 878-4670.

#### Spaghetti dinner set for Feb. 23

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown.

Take-outs will be available from 3 to 6 p.m.

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, dinner roll and beverage. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children age 6 and under.

To pre-order tickets, call 477-3748.

#### World Day of Prayer is March 1

This year's World Day of Prayer Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas.

Church Women United is sponsoring the service. There will be a planning meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 and a rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

There will be a tea in the fellowship hall following the service. Call 675-3131 for more

information.

#### Craft show at TUMC

Trucksville United Methodist Church Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. This year's event includes crafts, jewelry, a lunch counter and a bake sale.

Vendor tables are \$25 to \$40 and may be reserved by calling Noreen at 239-2348.

All proceeds support the church's mission projects.

#### Spaghetti supper set

The Huntsville United Methodist Church will host a spaghetti dinner from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. Eat-in or take-out dinners will be available.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children age 6 and older and will be available at the door.

#### Cross Creek plans concert

Cross Creek Community Church and WRGN 88.1 will feature LIVE Big Daddy Weave and the Redeemed Tour, along with Mike's Chair and Citizen Way, at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling 696-0399.