

# Caraway Street Children's Theater opens with carnival



Volunteer Rachel Johnson of West Wyoming pops some fresh popcorn at the Dallas Baptist Church Caraway Street Children's Carnival. BILL TARUTIS/FOR THE DALLAS POST



Nine-year-old Rebecca Crawford of Sweet Valley, left, feeds a goat as Sarah Lapprich of Deam Katchr Pony Rides in Wapwallopen watches at the Dallas Baptist Church Caraway Street Children's Carnival. BILL TARUTIS/FOR THE DALLAS POST



Sarah Crawford, 8, of Sweet Valley enjoys a pony ride at the Dallas Baptist Church Caraway Street Children's Carnival. BILL TARUTIS/FOR THE DALLAS POST



Tom Jonnson, left, of Harveys Lake, helps his 2-year-old son, Michael, with making a bead bracelet. BILL TARUTIS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

An opening night carnival for the Caraway Street Children's Theater was held Sept. 8 at the Dallas Baptist Church. There was food, drinks, balloons, face painting, pony rides, snow cones, popcorn, tie-dye t-shirts, crafts and a petting zoo. Children also had their photos taken with "The Little People" and enjoyed time in a "Bouncy House." Prizes were given and Caraway Street Children's Theater performances were held.

## Make-A-Wish volunteers sought

Make-A-Wish is looking for individuals to step forward and volunteer their time and friendship to assist with wish fulfillment. To become a wish volunteer, individuals must be at least 21 years of age, pass a criminal background check and attend a training session. The foundation is also seeking volunteers fluent in Spanish who could assist with wish-granting or translation. As member of "wish teams," volunteers are an important component of fulfilling wishes. Working together, the "wish team" meets with the wish child's

family, acts as a liaison between Make-A-Wish staff and the family and aids in determining the most suitable wish for the child. Volunteers also help at special events such as golf tournaments and walks. Attendance at one training session is mandatory for all interested individuals. This training will familiarize the prospective volunteer with his or her duties to Make-A-Wish and its families. The register for the upcoming training on Nov. 2 or for more information, call 341-9474.

## Mercy Week activities scheduled at Misericordia

Misericordia University will offer a series of events for the campus community and the public to celebrate its heritage and founding by the Sisters of Mercy. Mercy Week 2013 will be observed Sept. 22-28 and will include a special Mass, a "Stuff the Bus" donations collection and service fair for students. Mercy Week 2013 will commence with a Mass at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22 in the Misericordia University Chapel in Mercy Hall. Sister Regina Ward, RSM, vocation director, Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic, will be the guest speaker. On Monday, a Mercy Week exhibit will go on display in the lobby of the Banks Student Life Center. A Mercy Week Liturgy will be held at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24 in the Mercy Hall Chapel, followed by a Mercy Week Prayer around the Peace Pole in the campus quadrangle at 12:30 p.m. A Service Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 in the Banks Student Life Center offering students a chance to

meet with representatives from numerous local service agencies that work with the community and have a need for volunteers and support. Also on Sept. 25, faculty, staff and administrators who attended the fifth Carlow University Roundtable, a gathering of educators from Conference for Mercy Higher Education institutions in Carlow, Ireland, will offer a roundtable discussion of the global Mercy and higher education issues discussed. The informal talk will be held from 12-1 p.m. in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library. The university's Staff Council will also hold a "Stuff the Bus" event on the lawn of the Banks Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26. Their goal is to fill a bus with donations including new clothes and school supplies for children. The items will be delivered to the McGlynn and Mineral Springs educational centers in Wilkes-Barre and the Noxen Tutoring Program at the Lake Noxen Elementary School. Donations from the public are welcome and can be dropped at the Campus Ministry Office in the Banks Student Life Center.

MU students will be encouraged to sign up for an on-campus service project on Sept. 26. Assignments will be coordinated through the Campus Ministry. Other events of the week include a Mother McAuley Breakfast that will be held for Misericordia University Mercy Associates, Sisters of Mercy and members of the Mercy Integration Council. The Misericordia Employee Awards Dinner will recognize employees for length of service and exemplary work ethic. A Faculty, Staff and Student Appreciation Day will be held and feature an ice cream sundae bar for the campus community. Mercy Week at Misericordia will conclude with a "Comfortable Cup of Tea," a reception for faculty, staff and Sisters of Mercy from the area. The event will include Irish step dancing and Celtic music to celebrate the heritage of the Sisters of Mercy and the establishment of the religious order by Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland in 1831. Information on Mercy Week activities at Misericordia is available by calling 674-1483.

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