

Birthday

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Bosco Orphanage in Guyana, South America. In South America, it is a custom for the more fortunate children of villages to celebrate their birthdays with children in orphanages. Sr. Andre says, "It was just beautiful. In they walk with cookies and cake. It just about made me cry."

Sr. Andre explains that the Birthday Party for the Poor is casual dress. She tells guests to wear something warm and comfortable. "It's nice for adults to get out. January is usually bleak and Lent is just about to start."

For those who wish to contribute but cannot attend, donations can be sent to Sisters of Mercy, Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612. Sister Andre's Birthday Party for the Poor is held the first Saturday of February every year.

In 1996, Sr. Andre's Birthday Party for the Poor earned almost \$7,000. Sr. Andre says their goal for this year is \$10,000. All the donated money will go to the

"It's almost like my dream that people recognize they have more than they need."

Sr. Andre Dembowski
Sisters of Mercy

Catherine McAuley Center, which provides housing and other services to poor women and children in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties.

Sister Andre explains that Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in the 1830's, of which Andre is a member. She says, "Our primary thrust is for the poor, but our mission is very diverse. Our sisters are lawyers, doctors, social workers, teachers."

The Catherine McAuley Center helps the poor locally with housing through the Frances Warde House for single, low-income women, through single dwellings in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, and

through the Cross Apartments, which are low-income, two bedroom apartments. Sr. Andre says, "I love these things. As a country, we have very little low-income housing." She explains her belief, "Give them a break. Give them a chance and they will make it."

The center also provides women with counseling, prepares them for job interviews, and helps them find adequate apartments. Another program created by the center, called Health span, gives senior citizens, low-income families, and past residents of the McAuley houses access to health care, stressing prevention and wellness programs.

Sister Andre, who is Director of the Mercy Associates Program, has been with the Sisters of Mercy for 36 years. The Mercy Associates Program is made up of men and women, married and single who associate with the Sisters of Mercy and share in ongoing spiritual development and networking of services.



POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER

Gov. Tom Ridge took a close look at how Lake-Lehman High School students use computers during his visit to the school last week. Students are, from left, Becky Sutton, Sarah Saylor and Missy Mitchell. Standing behind were English teacher Sandy Weyman and Mrs. Shields, librarian.

Gov. Ridge praises Lake-Lehman on visit

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
Post Staff

LEHMAN - Governor Tom Ridge came to Lake-Lehman High School Jan. 22 to present a \$44,000 check to help the district purchase additional computers and support teacher training.

The money is part of more than \$20 million awarded to 297 public school districts statewide as the first installment of funding under Link-to-Learn, Ridge's three year, \$121 million initiative to help schools acquire and upgrade computers and provide related teacher training.

Ridge viewed the two computer labs and the library computers at the school. Teachers explained to

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Gov. Tom Ridge
At Lake-Lehman High School

him various uses for the computers as Ridge saw students working firsthand. He talked to students about their projects and the computers.

"Technology will empower us if we learn how to use it," Ridge said to a packed auditorium of students. "It's a learning experience that extends beyond the bounds of the classroom."

Roseanne Ragnacci, technical

coordinator for Lake-Lehman High School, said "It's an honor to have Governor Ridge come to our school and see it firsthand." The school plans on purchasing approximately 15 new IBM computers with the grant.

Ridge also presented certificates of congratulations to both the field hockey team, in recognition of its 1996 state championship, and the school band, which won a record ninth Tournament of Bands Group 2 Atlantic Coast Championship.

Persons can learn more about Pennsylvania government and the Ridge administration's technology initiatives by visiting the Pennsylvania homepage at <http://www.state.pa.us>



EDWARD A. GROBLEWSKI, M.D.

Dr. Groblewski joins Geisinger

Edward A. "Tony" Groblewski, M.D., a family practice physician in the Wyoming Valley for many years, has joined the Geisinger Clinic. He will continue to see patients at his two area offices, 349 Pierce Street, Kingston (Geisinger Medical Group-Kingston) and Idetown Road, Lehman (Geisinger Medical Group-Lehman), and will provide hospital care at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Dr. Groblewski completed his pre-medical education at Wilkes College and earned his medical degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He completed residency training at Wilkes-Barre Mercy Hospital and the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, and has been providing primary health care to families in the Wyoming Valley and Back Mountain for many years. Dr. Groblewski is a member of the Luzerne County Medical Society.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County courthouse for the week of January 10 - 23:

- Thomas W. Dombroski, Sr. trustee to Donald B. Rood, et ux, 138 Elmcrest Woods, Dallas Borough, \$36,500.
- Anthony S. Trosan, et ux, to Patrick John Flaherty, et ux, White Birch Lane, Lot 130, Dallas Borough, \$186,000.
- Catherine H. West, et al, to Brian K. Harding, et ux, Reservoir Rd., Dallas Borough, \$90,000.
- Arlene H. Atkinson, estate al, to James C. Hazeltine, 59 Woodlawn Ave., Dallas Borough, \$40,000.
- Eleanor K. Rodda, to Donald A. McCue, 1310 Orchard East, Dallas Borough, \$50,000.
- Thomas W. Dombroski, Sr. et ux, to John S. Atcabage, et ux, 149 Elmcrest Woods, Dallas Borough, \$196,500.
- R.N. Fitch & Sons, Inc. to Terrence W. Casey, et ux, 44 Deer Meadow Est., Dallas Borough, \$44,900.
- Alice May Beagle, estate al, to Roger D. Boyle, et al, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$80,000.
- William P. Horner, Jr., per sheriff, to Fed. Natl. Mtg. Association, Lot 3, Kunkle Rd., Dallas Twp., \$3,119.
- Marie N. Doland, per atty. to John F. Weaver, et ux, 24.413 ac Lot 1, Dallas Twp., \$46,384.
- John E. Halbing III, et ux, to Timothy F. Horan, et ux, Lot 18 Northwoods, Dallas Twp., \$295,000.
- Vincent M. Karalunas, et ux, to Frank J. Taylor, et ux, 1.44 ac. parcel 6A, Franklin Twp., \$24,000.
- Thelma Carey to Michael Kravitsky, 'II, et ux, Franklin Twp., \$40,000.
- Lawrence Marra, Sr., estate al, to Della F. Walsh, et al, Harveys Lake Bor., \$5,000.
- Bruce McGlocklin, et ux, to Joanne M. Marino, 3 parcels, Harveys Lake Bor., \$80,000.
- Frances Zwolenski estate al, to

- Dominick D. Diveronica, et ux, Harveys Lake Bor., \$20,000.
- Dolores D. Nutting, to Dominick D. Diveronica, et ux, 2 parcels, Harveys Lake, \$30,000.
- William M. Jones, et ux, to David J. Pentko, et ux, 1 ac. lot 6 Starcrest, Jackson Twp., \$149,000.
- Anderson Building Co., Inc. to Andrew Kocpczynski, et ux, 156 Blueberry Hill Rd., Jackson Twp., \$19,500.
- C & G Homes to Darren C. Ford, 24 Maple Crest, Kingston Twp., \$177,500.
- Michael Parsons, et ux, to Mark Davies, et ux, 33 ac., Kingston Twp., \$137,500.
- Gerald R. Fisher, to David Jones, et ux, 115 Meadowcrest, Kingston Twp., \$20,000.
- Donald McHale per sheriff, to Northwest Mtg. Corp. 11 Dolores Dr., Kingston Twp., \$1,504.
- Eugene Bushkar, et ux, to Terry Moore, 1.495 ac., Kingston Twp., \$115,000.
- Edwin H. Kern, III et ux, to Marie D. Swicklik, 1.851 ac., Lake Twp., \$128,000.
- Fred R. Wesnewski, et ux, to William Walsh, et ux, 13.97 ac. Lot 1, Lake Twp., \$30,000.
- Donald Hoover, ux al, to David Hoover, 3 parcels, Lake Twp., \$38,000.
- Dominic A. Amodei, et ux, to Stanley L. Perri, et ux, Lake Silkworth, Lehman Twp., \$69,000.
- III Guys Pub to Ernest C. Burke, 160, 61, 62, Lake Rest, Lehman Twp., \$85,000.
- John D. Maculloch, et ux, to Terry Danks, Lehman Twp., \$8,000.
- Patrick J. Flaherty, et ux, to Matthew W. Boretti, et ux, Lot 10 Oak Hill, Lehman Twp., \$106,000.
- Harold E. Phillip, per sheriff, to Bankers Trust Company of CA, 2 Pr. Roaring Brook Rd., Lehman Twp., \$1,713.
- 4 City Cable Inc. to Charles H. Gidula, et ux, 2.74 ac. 3 Grassy Pond Road, ross Wp., \$12,900.

Correction

The three sisters who are running the London Marathon to aid the Leukemia Society and four-year-old Anthony Carroll of Scranton have six weeks left of fund raising, not six months as the Post reported in the Jan. 22 issue. Donations can be sent in care of Nicole Darling, 44 Pear Tree Ln. Dallas, PA 18612. Please make checks or money orders out to The Leukemia Society.

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