



**Mrs. Dawe's Kindergarten class:** 1st row, from left, Jessica Jaikes, Stefani Manzoni, Zachary Major, Julie Ottaviani, Lucas King, Kayla Fine, Tyler Cornell; 2nd row, Diana Gionfriddo, Ashley Redmond, Chelsey Stiles, Stephanie Ciehoski, Jessica Pudimott, Cathleen Kottler, Renee Vrhel; 3rd row, David Heller, Jimmy Decker, Bobby Peron, Tyler Barrall, Kyle Gemberling, T.J. Brandt, Bryan Poepperling.

## Lehman-Jackson PTA holds fundraiser

The Lake-Lehman-Jackson Elementary PTA recently held its annual fund-raiser. Grades K-6 participated in what turned out to be a very successful event.

The top seller in the elementary school was Julie Ottaviani from Mrs. Dawe's kindergarten class. As a result, she was awarded \$100 and helped her class earn their very own private pizza party.

Other additional incentives were an Ice Cream Sundae party and a "Richy Rich" Limousine ride (provided by Black Tie Luxury Limousine) to everyone's favorite res-

taurant: McDonald's. The lucky winners were: K-Dorthiea Gray; 1st, Shane Wildoner; 2nd James Maculloch; 3rd, Adam Harris; 4th Julia Covert; 5th James Powell; 6th Renee Crane.

The annual fund raiser is the most important function the PTA performs during the school year, since money obtained goes directly to some very worthwhile programs. The majority of the funds will go towards this year's field trips which include places like Historic Gettysburg and Philadelphia. Another benefit will be the many assemblies throughout the year.

## Killian wins Geo Bee at Montessori

Sarah C. Killian, a 6th year student at Wyoming Valley Montessori School, recently won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee. Sarah is the daughter of Atty. Stephen B. and Estella Parker-Killian of Shavertown.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the ninth annual National Geography Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers.

The kick-off for this year's Bee was the week of Dec. 2, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in the state Bee April 4.



**Geography Bee winners** from left, John Gilligan, winner; Erica Swatko, second place. Row two, Anthony Chiarucci, chairman; Matthew Eyet, third place.

## Gilligan grabs first place in Middle School Geography Bee

John Gilligan, a sixth-grade student at Dallas Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral question on geography, was the first round in the ninth annual National Geography Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Center.

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The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee national championship on May 27 and 28.

The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy!", will moderate the national finals.

## Kids can help build library wing

Area students who wish to participate in fund raising for the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Children's wing addition can do so through a special program being taken to local schools.

Ruth Tetschner, president of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors and Kathleen Savage will be visiting area schools during February and March to explain a Read-a-Thon in which children can collect pledges for the number of minutes they read. The pledges will be used to purchase a commemorative, engraved brick that will be installed in a walkway by the library.

Each brick will cost \$100. If a child collects \$100 his or her family will receive information on how to order a brick. The child can have engraved on the brick their name, their homeroom and school name, or their family name. The pledge money received can only be counted once toward the purchase of a brick. There will also be a community drive to purchase

bricks.

The list of scheduled school assemblies is:  
**Lake-Noxen Elementary School:** Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.  
**Ross Twp. Elementary School:** Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.  
**Lehman-Jackson Elementary School:** Feb. 18 at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m.  
**Dallas Elementary:** March 10 at 10 a.m. and 1:50 p.m.  
**Westmoreland Elementary:** March 24 at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
**Dallas Middle School:** April 7 at 8:15 a.m.

The evening after each assembly all school children are invited to the library for cookies and punch from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to more closely see the plans for the new children's room.

The children's room is one of the busiest in the library. This addition will triple the size of the present facility. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring or summer.

## Area students named to U of S dean's list

The University of Scranton has announced the Dean's List, which recognizes students for academic excellence, for the 1996 fall semester.

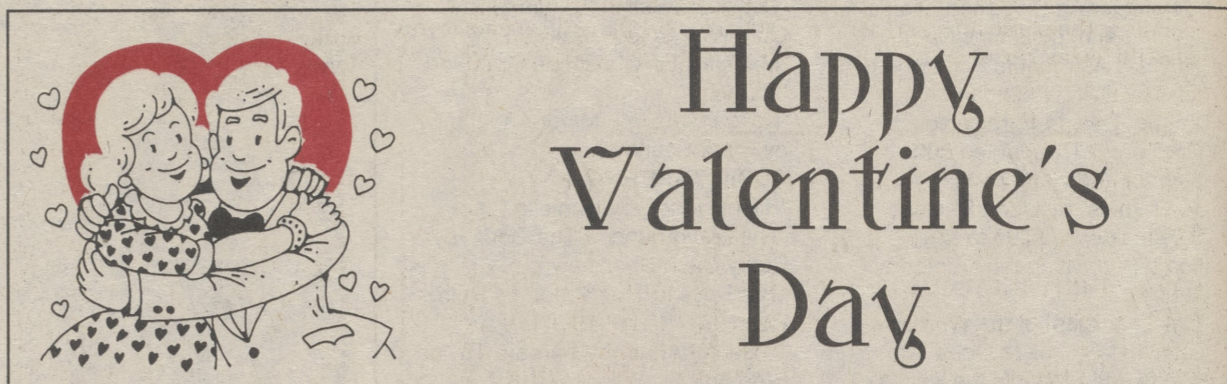
Area residents named to the Dean's List are: Griffin K. Bicking, Dallas; Kenneth M. Chapple, Shavertown; Casey A. Kernag, Shavertown; Lisa A. Tomaine, Shavertown; Dawn M. Wandel, Dallas.

## PSU dean's list for fall

Seventy four students at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1996 semester, reports Dr. Paul Schwartz, director of academic affairs at the local campus in Lehman.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better on a scale of 4.0 while taking 12 or more credit courses.

The following Back Mountain students have attained this honor: Heather Barsh, Lake Silkworth; Albert Cigarski, Shavertown; Mandy Diaz, Trucksville; Jeffrey Farley, Sweet Valley; John HGapeman, Shavertown; Wendy Hettes, Noxen; Brian Jayne, Trucksville; Kevin Kostrobala, Dallas; Sherry Miknevicy, Dallas; Douglas Myers, Trucksville and Amber Tarreto, Sweet Valley.



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## Misericordia provides free tax assistance

Accounting and business students at College Misericordia will again participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), offering free assistance in filling out tax returns. The students receive training on materials provided by the IRS and are supervised by Misericordia faculty members.

The tax service is available by appointment on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon: Feb. 15 and 22; March 15 and 22; and April 5. Interested persons may call 674-6237 or 674-6430 for an appointment.

VITA is intended to assist low income, elderly and handicapped people who may not otherwise have access to accounting help with their taxes, according to Fred Croop, assistant professor of accounting at Misericordia and co-coordinator of the program. The students will help with state and local tax forms, as well as IRS returns.

## Misericordia begins spring programs

The Office of Continuing Education at College Misericordia has begun its spring schedule of activities for adults and children, with some special children's programs planned for the future. Fitness and Fun programs for all ages offer opportunities, swim class, "Fundays" for kids and much more. For a free brochure and registration form for these programs, stop by the Continuing Education office at Misericordia or call 675-3862.

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