



3rd and 4th grade royalty, villagers, and clergy pictured in the photo are, from left: Row 1; Jessica Kinney, Jeff Kozel, Thomas Pavlick, Daniel Elbich, Mary Hirthler. Row 2; Kaitlyn Jones, Andrew Turfa, Linda Jin, Jessica Van Orden, Sydney Liguori, Kim Wasmanski. Row 3; Dominick Trombetta, Megan Daris, Sarah Hankey, Kyle Bogumil, Emily Popson, Sarah Gill. Row 4; Mrs. Nancy Evans, Katie Roberts,



5th and 6th grade cast members, from left: Row 1; Vincent Carboni, Stephanie Pesta, Christina Harostock. Row 2; Eddie Daris, Ian Cote, Jessica Messina, Daniellè Nulton, Donovan Singleton. Row 3; Ami Temarantz, Alan Sheydwasser, Aly Nakkache, Brittany Mihalchik, Kevin Specter, Casey McNulty.

Wilkes-Barre Academy to present students' class plays

Students at Wilkes-Barre Academy will be presenting class plays Dec. 17 and 18 at the Dorothy Darte Center for Performing Arts at Wilkes University. Many of the performers are from the Back Mountain.

The third and fourth grades will present a musical, "The Young Heroes" Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.

The story is set in a magical, bygone era of castles, royalty and

commoners. The villagers have just finished gathering the harvest. In the midst of their celebration, however, they become aware that the food is disappearing from their storehouses. Thomas, a village child, determines to find out who is stealing the food. He succeeds, but lands in the dungeon of the nearby castle. The prince rescues him, and the two deliver justice and rehabilitation to the perpetrators.

The show is directed by Nancy L. Evans. Admission is free to the public.

Fifth and sixth grade students will present "On Broadway," a comedy in two-acts portraying the production of a Broadway musical, also Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. The show is also directed by Nancy Evans.

On Friday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m., first and second grade students will present "Lost in the Big

Apple," about a family vacationing in New York. Back Mountain cast members are Jessica Bolton, Jeffrey Kinney and Cassie Tirpak.

At 8 p.m., the seventh and eighth grades will present "Into the Woods," a musical fairy tale. Back Mountain cast members are Marisa O'Donnell, Stephen Salavantis and Jennifer Lentini.

Both productions are at the Darte Center.

BMT students earn spot on Bishop O'Reilly honor roll

Bishop O'Reilly High School lists the Back Mountain students who made the honor roll:

Distinguished Honors
Grade 12 - Kristen Dalla Verde, Kara O'Brien, Nicole Pascoe, Melissa Stevans.

Grade 11 - Kara Grundowski, Bridget Narcum, Nicole Seitz, Bryan Wagner.

Grade 10 - Elizabeth Charnick, Laura Charnick, Katie Guntli, Daniel Karlotski, Samantha Leandri, Shannon Lupien, Theodore Mike, Amy Pizzano, John Spitale, Kimberly Urban, Francis Yanik.

Grade 9 - Colin Donnelly, First Honors

Grade 12 - Amanda Adamitz, Darnetta Benham, Christa Chmarney, Robyn Considine, Kristen Czwalina.

Also, Theresa Guntli, Carol Herman, Tiffany Humko, Leigh Ann Kennedy, Maryagnes Lupien, Ryan Williams.

Grade 11 - Robert Bradbury, John Brdaric, Tess Bruns, Katherine Creamer, Morgan

Czwalina, Jessica Gionta, Laura Harkins, Michael Kashnicki, Sandra Kuniskas, Michael Regan, Michael Sabol, Lorne Trapani.

Grade 10 - Alexa Beretski, Timothy Carroll, Michael Gallagher, Michael Gieda, Jennifer Hummler, Megan Mould, Elizabeth Parulski, Jamie Pikul.

Grade 9 - Kimberly Celusniak, Jeanne Herman, Meaghan Peeler.

Second Honors

Grade 12 - Marla Brown, Meghan Chapman, Timothy Flanagan, Meghan Gallagher, Jamie Kester, Beth Klimek, Matthew Motyka, Jared O'Donnell.

Grade 11 - Sabrina DeFalco, Joseph Gialanella, Valerie Herron, Susan Kosco, Lindsay Mace, Kyle Reid, Herbert Sims.

Grade 10 - John Isaac, Christopher Kane, Kelly Kester, Andrew Lohin, Russell Susko.

Grade 9 - Elizabeth Cusma, Lindsay Herron, Laura Krakosky, Monica Latosek.

Also, Randi Malak, Brent Mayernick, Christine Puhalla, Jeffrey Sarmonis, Kelly Wallick.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Jason A. Ward has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

During the training the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness and first aid.

Ward is the son of Dana C. Ward of Harveys Lake and Mike Boyle of Bethlehem.

He graduated Lake-Lehman High School in 1998.

Joseph Kosior, son of Carol Carroll of Sweet Valley, enlisted in the Air Force's delayed enlistment program according to Staff Sgt. Bryan McCleary, the local Air Force Recruiter.

Joe is a 1997 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He will be enlisted in the regular Air Force on September 2. Upon graduation from a six week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a munitions systems apprentice.

Joe will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training school.

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Students learn about DNA

Recently the students in Ms. Joan Rakowski's life science class at Dallas Middle School spent time studying about the make-up of animal cells. The students learned how Watson and Crick discovered DNA and that every person has the same DNA components but they are arranged differently in each individual. This is what makes every person unique. The concluding class activity was to construct a personal DNA chart.

Shown, Alan Coulter, Rodney Simon and Dan Barry.



Elementary schools hold Poetry Night

Westmoreland and Dallas Elementary Schools held a Poetry Night November 19 at the Dallas Middle School. "Words on Fire" was the conclusion of the Poet-in-Residence program jointly funded by the Dallas School District and the PA Council of the Arts through NEIU #19, Archbald. Poet Craig Czurry visited the classes in both elementary schools during the last month to conduct poetry sessions. Nearly 50 students volunteered to participate in the event by reading poems they had written. The setting was a campfire and those in attendance, including State Rep. Phyllis Mundy, School Directors Karen Kyle and Tom Russ, Principals Kathleen McCarthy and Sam Barbose, parents and friends eavesdropped on the students as they read. Pictured above discussing the evening are, from left, Michael Gergel, Nicole Cahill, Katie Gilligan, Alex Baltimore, Craig Czurry, Elysia Balavage, and Chad Kubasti.

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