

Lehman senior carries on family music tradition

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ROSS TWP. - It's an ordinary picture: a student, 17 years old, born at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital on April 19, 1981. He attended Wyoming Area until his junior year, when his parents, Ron and Karen Scavone, decided they wanted to live in the country. He now resides in Ross Twp., and is a senior at Lake-Lehman.

So what makes this student different from all the others that wander the halls day after day? His name is Jared Scavone, and he is a musician.

Last year, he performed for his peers in the Lake-Lehman auditorium in the annual talent show. At that time, no one knew who he was. This year, Jared and a few of his friends dazzled his classmates again with their guitars and drums at the annual Christmas assembly.

But it's not like he's the only one in his family who likes music. His father, Ron, used to play drums with his Uncle, who played the guitar in a band called "Tracer." Jared's brother, Ron Jr., is also taking a crack at the guitar.

Jared has been playing the guitar for 10 years, and practices every for countless hours. He takes regular guitar lessons, and les-



Lake-Lehman senior Jared Scavone, surrounded by some of his instruments. He also plays piano.

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sons for jazz guitar. As if this isn't enough, he is now learning to play the piano, and has been taking lessons for a year.

Jared's future plans involve attending Berklee College of Music in Boston to earn a Bachelor's degree in Performance or Profes-

sional Music.

Some of his influences are Dream Theater, Steve Vai, Jimi Hendrix and George Benson.

Amid this life of music, though, there is a typical student, or maybe not so typical. Jared is a high honors student and considers

himself a "perfectionist." He likes pasta and Italian girls, and his favorite color is black. And, like every other high school student, he likes to hang out with his friends.

Asked what he likes about the guitar, Jared answers, "Like any other instrument, the guitar is very challenging. For me, excelling on the guitar requires a great amount of discipline, desire, and passion, among other things. Overall, a guitarist's playing ability will speak for itself."

New memorial books at Back Mountain Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of new memorial books:

In memory of Nancy Messersmith, "Birds", "Spineless Animals", "Woods, Ponds & Fields", "Insects", "Animals With Shells", and "Seashore Life" all by Ellen Doris, presented by Robert and Patricia Lux and Leon S. Malmud, M.D.

In memory of Helen and Michael Matthews, "Draw 50 Monsters, Creeps, Superheroes, Demons, Dragons, Nerds, etc." by Lee J. Ames, presented by Carol Ann Kelly.

In memory of Grace Jill Dobson, "Snow" by Uri Shulevitz, presented by Susan Ryan.

In memory of Christine Smith, "Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu" by Emily Arnold McCully.

In memory of Chuck Brown's

Father, "Charles Kuralt's American Moments" by Charles Kuralt, presented by Mr. and Mrs. George Schall.

In memory of Bradley Bittenbender, "Inventing Wyatt Earp" by Allen Barra, presented by Harvey and Nancy Odell.

In memory of Andrew Wallo, Jr., "The Life of Birds" by David Rylant, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Preston.

In memory of Marion Young, "Gotham" by Edwin G. Burrows, presented by Bruce and Irene Davies.

In memory of "Jake" (her Golden Retriever), "Dog Heaven" by Cynthia Rylant, presented by Lauren Zook.

In memory of Robert Casper, "Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr." by Ron Chemow, presented by Elin W. Northrup.

Honor Books:

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"Raising Lifelong Learners" by Lucy Calkins and "The Best American Short Stories-1998", presented by Dr. Gilbert R. Griffiths.

Presentation Books:

The following books were presented to the library by Herbert and Gwen Quick:

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling and "Pete's a Pizza" by William Steig.

Land Trust featured in national finance magazine

An article about the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust appears in the March 1999 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*, a nationally distributed publication.

Last fall, an associate editor of the magazine was visiting family and noticed a letter to the editor in a local newspaper from Mrs. Betty Davies of Mehoopany, who had recently donated a conservation easement on her property to the Land Trust. Intrigued by the letter, the editor contacted Mrs. Davies and the Land Trust.

"The Land Trust is extremely pleased to see itself in print in a

publication that will be read across the nation," said Linda Thoma, executive director. "This is quite an accomplishment for us and for the land trust movement. You can't begin to imagine how much credibility is added to our efforts now that we are recognized in a national publication."

The Back Mountain Regional Land Trust is a non-profit, membership supported conservation organization serving the counties of Luzerne, Susquehanna and Wyoming. For more information about the Land Trust, contact Linda Thoma at 696-5545 or by e-mail at bmrlt@epix.net.

Business group to hear from library auction chairperson Planning begins for Easter Egg Hunt

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association (BMBPA) is gearing up activities for 1999. The first general membership meeting — postponed by bad weather from January — will be held Thursday, Feb. 11 on the campus of College Misericordia, beginning at 11:45 a.m.

Susan Oswald, co-chairperson of this year's Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, will speak about plans for the 53rd annual event, which is the library's major fundraiser. BMBPA members will have an opportunity to discuss how the association can best support the auction, in donations of both items and time.

The first public event for the year will be the annual Easter

Egg Hunt, scheduled for Saturday, March 27 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. This will be the third year BMBPA has hosted the event, which draws hundreds of children and their families for a traditional egg hunt and prize giveaways. Jim Tupper and Maryellen Giannuzzi are organizing this year's hunt.

Nancy Eckert is planning programs for the balance of the year, and members with ideas should call her at 696-3801.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. The March meeting will be a luncheon.

Anyone interested in joining the association can send the \$75 annual dues to: BMBPA, P.O. Box 25, Dallas PA 18612.

Man faces two assault charges

Wilkes-Barre resident George Welch, 42, was arrested July 26 by Kingston Township patrolman Charles Rauschkolb after police were called to 6 Alfred Drive in Kingston Township regarding a domestic dispute.

Marisue Elias Welch told police that her ex-husband, George Welch, put her in a strangle hold, scratched her chest and yelled obscenities at her during a dispute about the sale of the Alfred Dr. home.

According to police reports Ms. Welch had visible bruises on her neck and scratches on her chest.

Welch faces two charges of simple assault and one each of disorderly conduct and harassment.

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