

History Day 2000 Saturday

The regional competition for National History Day 2000, will be held on Saturday, March 25 starting at 9 a.m. at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman.

Over 150 students in two divisions, grades 6-8 (Junior) and grades 9-12 (Senior) will have the opportunity to share the finished products of their investigations into this year's theme, "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events."

This competition gives students the opportunity to discover the past through researching, creating & presenting their projects. Students choose a topic in local,

national or world history and research its historical significance to the theme. Categories include individual and group performance, individual and group media presentation, individual historical papers, individual and group projects.

District winners go on to compete in state contests, and the top two winners in each category at the state level are eligible to participate in the national contest held in June at the University of Maryland. Fred Stefon, Ph.D., history professor at the Wilkes-Barre campus, coordinates this event.

Michael Davies, Shaudi Hosseini named merit scholarship finalists

Wyoming Seminary President H. Jeremy Packard announced two Back Mountain students have been named as National Merit Scholarship Finalists. They are Michael Davies, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stevan Davies of Dallas and Shaudi Hosseini, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hamid Hosseini of Dallas.

In order to become finalists the students must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their school principals, and submit SAT scores. Every finalist will be considered for one of 2,300 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis.



DMS Jazz Band prepares for Disney trip

The Dallas Middle School Jazz Band will be performing at Walt Disney World in April. Mr. Michael Pawlik, band director, has announced that Mr. George Tarasek, owner of Tara Men's Clothing Store in Wilkes-Barre, has donated the rental of all the formal wear to be worn by the students for their Disney World program. Mr. Tarasek will also hold a special sale at his store, March 23 and March 24, with a portion of sales going to help defray the cost of the Florida trip. Pictured first row, from left: Jered Weinstock, Sara Vodzak, Adam Snider and Daniel Barry. Second row: Mr. George Tarasek and Mr. Michael Pawlik.

DHS band boosters host family fun night

The Dallas High School band boosters will host family night at Friendly's Restaurant on Thursday, March 23 from 5-8 p.m. All are welcome. Proceeds benefit the D.H.S. Band.



Dean Ghoweri wins DMS spelling bee

The Jane M. Stitzer Memorial Spelling Bee was recently held at the Dallas Middle School. The spelling bee is held to honor the memory of Jane Stitzer, a former middle school art instructor. The winner was Dean Ghoweri an eight grade student. He outlasted twenty-four other contestants from grades six, seven and eight.

Dean is the son of Omar and Susan Ghoweri of Shavertown. The contest was judged by Ms. Nancy Ferko and Mr. Joseph Sallitt, Dallas Middle School faculty members. Pictured: Mr. Joseph Sallitt, Dean Ghoweri, Ms. Nancy Ferko and Mr. Anthony Martinelli, Dallas Middle School Principal.



Lehman Jackson's poster contest winners at each grade level:

Kindergarten: 1st place: Tori Frederick, 2nd place: Brent Oliver, 3rd place: Alex Stein; 1st grade: 1st place: Kendra Smith, 2nd place: Amber Hartman, 3rd place: Alexa Decker; 2nd grade: 1st place: Andrew Kaufman, 2nd place: Sarah Tomayko, 3rd place: Samantha Brown; 3rd grade: 1st place: Eric Bella, 2nd place: Kelsey Amy, 3rd place: T.J. Brandt; 4th grade: 1st place: Chloe Kalna, 2nd place: Jeff Brady, 3rd place: Mike Prater.

L-J students participate in poster contest

The Lehman-Jackson Elementary PTA recently held its third annual RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) Poster Contest. The theme for the year, "Read With Me", challenged the students to utilize their best art work to convey the importance of reading. 172 students competed for the chance to have their posters sent to Washington D.C. where they were entered into the national contest.

Three winners per grade were chosen, and the top winner in the school, 2nd grader Delanie Brady, had her poster sent to Wash-



Delanie Brady's poster won honorable mention in Washington.

ington D.C. where she was awarded an honorable mention!

Montessori plans open house

The Wyoming Valley Montessori School, invites parents to visit the school at an open house on Tuesday morning, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. Staff and parent guides will give classroom tours and will be available to answer questions about the school's pre-school and elementary programs for children 18 months of age through sixth grade.

Parents and educational professionals alike identify Montessori educational methods as being on the cutting-edge of school reform. Multi-age grouping, a rich and extensive curricu-

lum implemented with hands-on materials, individualized attention and cross disciplinary learning are some of the characteristics that make a Montessori classroom unique. Wyoming Valley Montessori was founded in 1970 and is accredited by the Middle States Assoc. of Colleges and Schools and the American Montessori Society.

Wyoming Valley Montessori School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2000-2001 school year. Interested families may call the school office at 288-3708.

Dallas Middle School parents' support group plans meeting

The Dallas Middle School Parent Support Group will meet Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. Detective Lt. Gary Sworen from the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office will discuss

"Outgroups". The talk will present ways parents can identify the signs of subculture activity.

Also, officers for the 2000-2001 school year will be selected. All parents of middle school students are invited to attend.

Carey sisters earn dean's list status

Lynea and Ann Marie Carey of Dallas, were recently named to the dean's list at University of Pittsburgh. Lynea, a senior, is a Spanish/Portuguese Major, with a 3.5 GPA. She will graduate in May and is presently employed as an Interpreter at the World Trade Center in Pittsburgh. Ann Marie, a Freshman, is interested in a business field, and has a GPA of 3.7. They are the daughter of Jim and Lee Ann Carey of Dallas.

Hoover inducted into honor society

Rebecca Hoover, a senior at Lycoming College, Williamsport was recently inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education. This society recognizes excellence in education and elects members who exhibit the ideals of scholarship and high personal standards. It also encourages improvement distinction in achievement and contribution to education.

Rebecca, a Psychology major with a minor in Elementary Education is presently student teaching at Lose Elementary School, Williamsport and will graduate in May 2000.

LA filmmaker will discuss hate crimes

Hate and hate crimes will not end until each member of our society can imagine a hate-free world, says the creator of an explosive new documentary.

Brent Scarpo, a filmmaker from Los Angeles, will present a portion of the documentary film "Journey to a Hate Free Millennium" in College Misericordia's Walsh Auditorium on Monday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. A question and answer session will follow. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 674-6319.

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