

**Breaking ground**, from left, first row: Dave McLaughlin-Smith, Elementary Principal; Michelle Coombs, School Board Member; Gary Miller, School Board President; Robert O. Roberts, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Douglas Trumbower, Architect; William E. Price, Ph.D., Former Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Kapitula, School Board Member; Kathleen Williams, Business Manager; Moderno Rossi, School Board Member. Second row: John Oliver, Senior High School Principal; Robert Kunkle, Elementary Principal; Raymond Lowery, PNC Capital Markets, Charles Boytin, School Board Member; Angelo DeCesaris, School Board Member.

**Ross Elementary to get a major facelift**

The Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors broke ground on October 3 for the addition and alterations to the Ross Township Elementary School in Sweet Valley.

The existing Ross Township Elementary School building was constructed in the early 1950s and has not been renovated, with the exception of energy conservation and cosmetic upgrades in the 1980s. The Ross Township Elementary School is the oldest of the three elementary buildings in the district. The Lehman-Jackson Elementary was constructed in the late 1970s, and the Lake-Noxen Elementary constructed in the 1980s. Both provide facilities and services to students which will now also be provided by the Ross Township Elementary facility.

The scope of the project includes removal of the existing modular classroom which has been in place since the Agnes flood of 1972, the complete renovation of all existing classrooms, corridors and the multipurpose

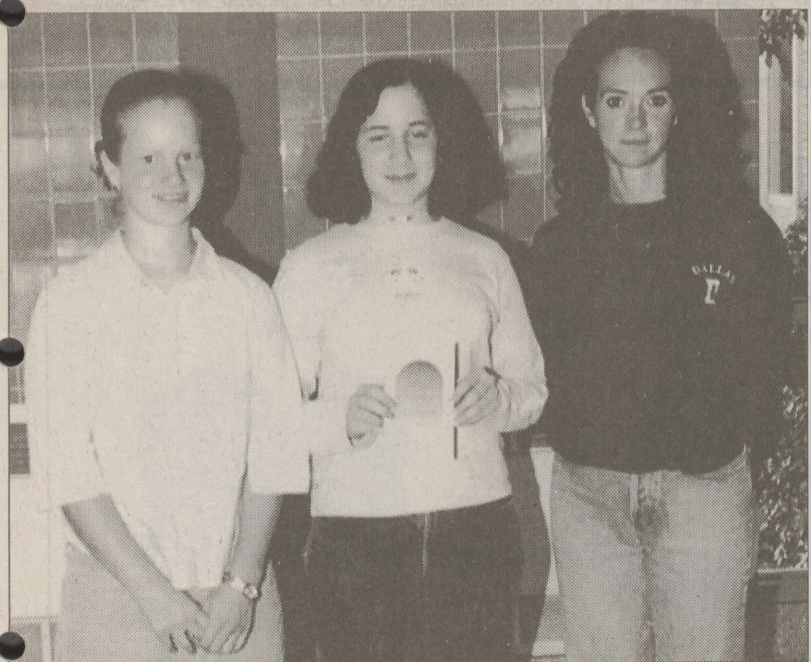
room. The addition to the project will house four additional classrooms, a music room, an art room, a library, a computer room, a special education room, conference rooms, storage facilities, a new cafeteria and an enlarged kitchen.

In addition, the site will be reconfigured to permit safer access for school buses and visitors, and parking areas will be enlarged. Additional playground equipment is being provided and the existing ball field is being relocated and enlarged.

The objective of the project has been twofold: to re-establish the Ross Township Elementary building as a neighborhood school by bringing back fifth and sixth grades to the community, rather than transporting them to the Lehman-Jackson building; and to provide facilities and services to the students attending the Ross Township Elementary School, similar to those being provided at the other two elementary schools operated by the Lake-Lehman School District.

**DMS Parent Support Group meets Oct. 19**

The Dallas Middle School Parent Support Group will meet on Thursday, October 19, at 7 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. Mr. Martinelli will present the first portion of the Pennsylvania Academic Standards Family Connections Kit. The kit was developed to provide information to the community about the new academic standards. All parents are encouraged to attend.



**Dallas Middle School poets**

Recently, two eighth grade students at the Dallas Middle School had their poems published in a nationally recognized anthology. The poems of Nikki Gelso and Lenore Kaplan were selected from thousands of submissions nationwide, and published in the 2000 edition of the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*. Pictured from left: Nikki Gelso, Lenore Kaplan, and English instructor, Ms. Lisa Niewinski.



**'Life in Space' at Lehman-Jackson**

The Franklin Institute Traveling Science Show recently made a stop at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. The PTA-sponsored program, "Life in Space", was developed in conjunction with NASA and Boeing to help students explore what life would be like on the international space station. Mary Jo Boyle, Manager of the Traveling Science Shows, gave 4th grade student Codie Dawes a first-hand look at what it would be like to travel in space in the world's cheapest space suit.

**Open house at Penn State W-B**

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will hold its "Be A Penn Stater for a Day" Open House on Saturday, Oct. 21. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in gymnasium of the Athletics and Recreation Building.

High school juniors and seniors and their parents are invited to take part in sample college courses, attend a scholarship and financial aid program, tour the campus, and enjoy a

complimentary picnic lunch. A Career Development Panel will discuss career paths and information will be available on two new four-year degree programs, Business and Information Sciences and Technology.

For more information, or to register, call (570) 675-9238, e-mail bjk8@psu.edu, or register at the campus web site: www.wb.psu.edu.



**GOH PTG to hold Fall Auction Oct. 21**

The Gate of Heaven PTG will hold the 15th annual Fall Auction on Saturday, Oct. 21 in the school gym. Preview begins at 6 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m. Featured items include a LASIK procedure by Dr. Tom Boland, First Union Area luxury box for a SWB Penguins game (includes 12 tickets), antiques, hand-painted furniture, collectibles, home furnishings, and more. Refreshments will be served. The school is located on Machell Ave., in Dallas. Pictured are committee members: Mary O'Donnell, Colleen Pomfret, Sue Jones, Maureen Leahigh, and Renee Boland. Students: Alex and Ben Zamojski, Chris and Jenny Boland, Sean O'Donnell, Colleen Leahigh and Shane Panagakos.

**PSU Haunted Forest starts Oct. 20**

Penn State Wilkes-Barre Student Government Association and campus clubs will hold their Annual Haunted Forest fundraiser Oct. 20-22, and 27-29 from 7 to 11 p.m. All proceeds will benefit children with cancer at the Hershey Medical Center. Tickets are available at the door for \$5. For directions to the campus or more information, please call the Student Government office at 675-9287 or the Student Activities office at 675-9284.

**LCCC Alumni craft festival October 21**

The Luzerne County Community College Alumni Association will hold the eleventh annual Alumni Association Fall Craft Festival and Harvest Market on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the College's campus in Nanticoke.

More than 100 vendors from around the region will sell handmade craft items throughout the day. The festival also will include raffles, a bake sale, food vendors, and a Fall Harvest Market, which will include local growers selling harvest produce.

For information, call the LCCC Alumni Office at 740-0734.

**Kamine participates in Leadership Program**

Danielle Kamine of Dallas, a student at Luzerne County Community College, is participating in the 2000-2001 Intercollegiate Leadership Program, which is coordinated by Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

The purpose of the program is to develop leadership skills. A series of programs, which are held throughout the academic year, are designed to expose students to current issues and encourage discussion of students' responsibility in meeting these challenges.

Programs are held throughout the year and are sponsored by Leadership Wilkes-Barre and the participating institutions.

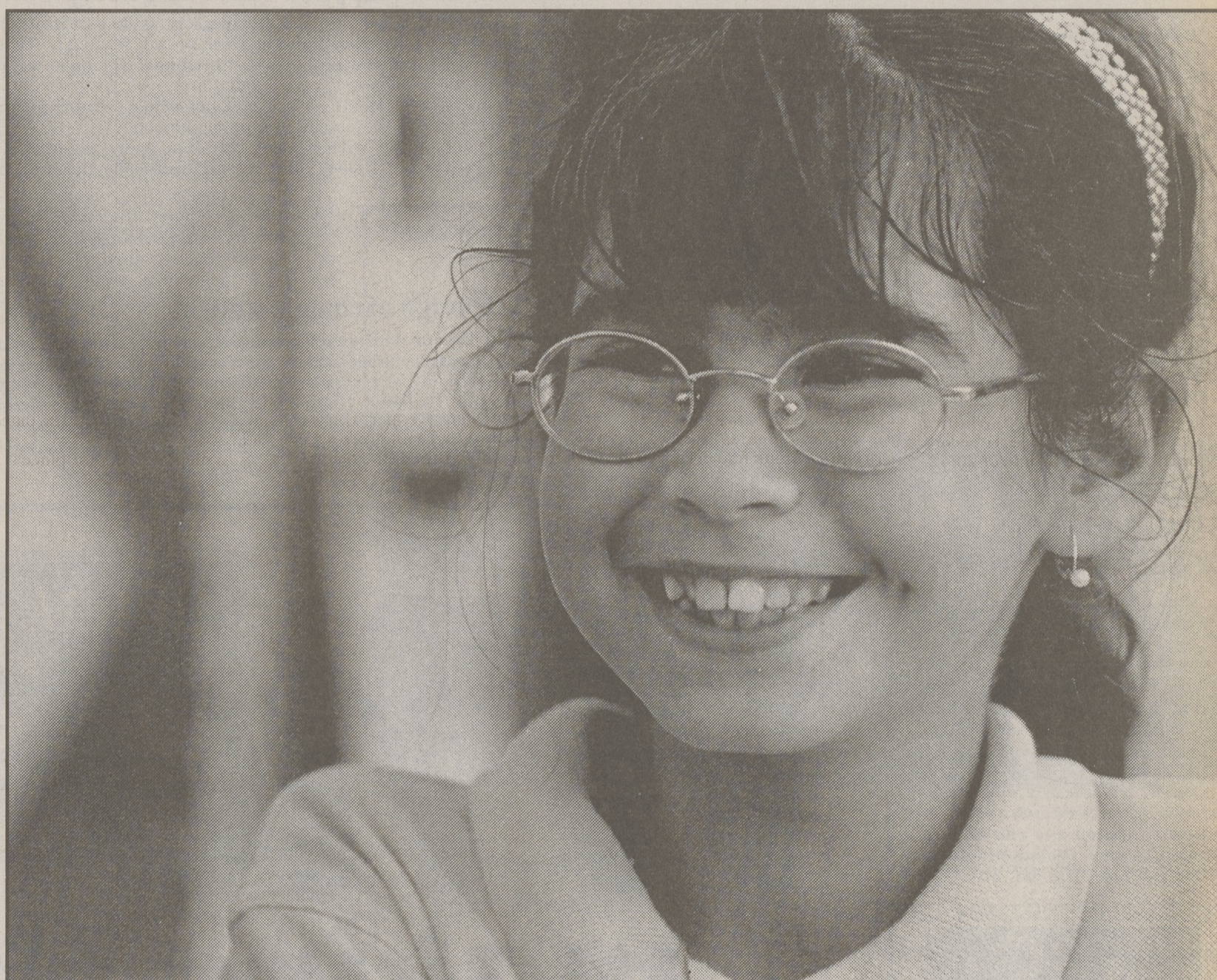
**Open house Nov. 4 at LCCC**

Luzerne County Community College will hold an Open House at the College's Campus Center on Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

General information and financial aid information sessions will be presented. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 740-0348, 740-0340 or 800-377-LCCC.

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**Wednesday, November 1**  
5:00-7:00 pm

Luzerne County Community College  
1333 S. Prospect Street, Nanticoke, PA  
For directions only: 570.740.0476

**Thursday, November 2**  
5:00-7:00 pm

Best Hotel at Victoria Centre  
Route 315, Pittston, PA  
For directions only: 570.655.1234

**Sunday, November 5**  
3:00-5:00 pm

Hampton Inn-Top of the 80's  
Interstate 81 & Route 93, Hazleton, PA  
For directions only: 570.454.3449

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