

Churches collect pennies for poor

Congregations of faith throughout Luzerne County are invited to compete in a spirited competition to collect pennies to help families living in poverty. The Second Annual "Penny Wars for the Poor" awards the "Proud Penny Trophy" to the congregation collecting the most pennies during 40 days and 40 nights of the Lenten season.

Last year, St. Jude's Church in Mountaintop surpassed all other competitors by collecting \$1,458.65. Nearly \$5,000 was raised in total.

Funds from the Penny Wars are donated to the Commission

on Economic Opportunity (CEO), a local nonprofit organization that has advocated for and served Luzerne County's low-income neighbors for more than three decades. The donations are used to help low-income parents with children meet the challenges of poverty through CEO's assistance with food, housing, utilities, transportation and other needs.

The Penny Wars officially begin Wednesday, Feb. 28. For more information, contact Denise Murphy, Volunteer Coordinator at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown (696-1144.)



DALLAS ROTARY INDUCTS FIRST NEW MEMBER OF THE MILLENNIUM

Dallas Rotary President, John Rhoads, welcomes newest member Phil Hoover who is Vice President and General Manager of Entercom Communications, Inc. which owns WKRZ, Froggy 101, The WILK Network and the Buzz-102.3 radio stations. Standing to the right of Phil Hoover is Kevin Smith of Ruth K. Smith/Century 21 Realty and the Rotarian Sponsor for Mr. Hoover. Dallas Rotarians are actively involved in the Luzerne County Fair, the Back Mountain Library and Auction and other volunteer civic activities. Rotary Club International is open to individuals who are business owners, management level employees and professionals in the community - new members are always welcome. Dallas Rotary, District Number 7410, meets every Thursday at the Castle Restaurant in Dallas on Route 309 starting at 6:30 pm.

Centermoreland hosts Lenten meals

The Northmoreland Twp. Vol. fire Co. located just off Rt. 292 in Centermoreland will be hosting Lenten meals starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28 and every Friday through Good Friday, April 13.

Serving at the Firehall from 5-7 p.m.

Take out orders can be called into the firehouse after 4:30, the phone number is 333-4911.

Menu: Combination Dinner

(Haddock, Crab Cake & Shrimp); Breaded Shrimp Dinner; Breaded Crab Cake Dinner; Breaded Haddock Dinner.

All dinners served with french fries & coleslaw; Manhattan Clam Chowder; New England Clam chowder; Haluski. Desserts available.

The Northmoreland Fire Co. Kitchen Committee, will be preparing the meals.

L-L Class of '81 seeks missing classmates

The Lake Lehman Class of 1981, in planning its 20th Reunion is in need of the following classmates addresses: Darrin Barbacci, James Connon, Thomas Carle, Susan Conaway, Barbara Coulton, Bethal Cowart, Regina Edmondson, Jane Hagan, Warren Harding, Melanie Keller, William Kohl, Elizabeth Lasco, Kelly Latham, Steve Leroy, Tammy Lincoln, Cindy McDaniels, Mary McEntee, Robert McLaughlin, Frank Mc-

Manus, Jackie McManus, Rae Ann Miller, Robert Moku, Brian Montross, Lori Robey, Linda Ruck, Patricia Ryan, Paul Saneholtz, Bonnie Shaffer, Joseph Smith, Debbe Symonds, Phyllis Szurgocinski, Harry Taylor, Matthew Thorn, Jackie Williams, Gwyn Wood, Bonnie Ziminski.

If you have any information, please call Donna Hartman at 675-4630 or Email Nephra009@AOL.com

Dallas High School names Students of the Quarter

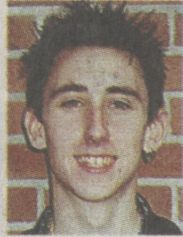
The Dallas High School P.T.S.O. in conjunction with the Guidance Department recently announced the second "Student of the Quarter" awards of the 2000-2001 school year. Sponsors were Pace Physical Therapy and Valley Open MRI & diagnostic Center whose representatives presented each winner with a \$100 Federal Savings Bond. Awards went to:

Amy Koshinski, Creative Student: Amy Koshinski is 18 and in the 12th grade. She lives on Jackson Street, Dallas. Her parents are Eugene and Doreen Koshinski, and she has a brother Eugene. Amy plays in the marching and jazz band, district and regional chorus.



She is also on the planning committee for the school. Her hobbies are singing and songwriting. She also has outstanding scholastic achievement awards in music and chorus, performed for WVIA and will be aired on television in March or April.

Brad Lothridge, Student Achiever: Brad Lothridge is a 17-year old 12th grader. He lives at Evergreen Street, Shavertown with his parents Brad and Amy Lothridge. Brad's extracurricular school activities include marching and jazz band, drama, county band and chorus. Brad has received the Student Achiever Award, and high school 1&2 honors 2 times. His hobbies are music, acting,



lifting weights, and he is a member at Ernie's Gym.

Joshua Katyl, School Spirit: Joshua Katyl is an 18-year old in 12th grade. He lives in Dallas with his parents David and Debra Katyl, and has a brother Daniel, and a sister Mary Kate. Joshua's extracurricular activities are soccer 4 years, baseball 4 years, Student Council, Senior Steering, Knowledge Bowl; and the JETS Team His hobbies are working on his computer, and getting prepared to go to the University of Pittsburgh next fall. He is a member of Senior All-Star team for soccer, named captain of soccer team as a senior; and inducted into Who's Who Among



High School Students.

Luke Miller, Citizen Student: Luke Miller is a 17-year old in 12th grade. He lives at Terrace Avenue, Truckville with his parents Deborah and Daniel Miller and his brother Elijah, and sister Rebecca. His extra curricular school activities are, wrestling, football, student council, student Advisory Council, Strategic Planning Committee, Senior Steering. Luke is also the Dallas High School Football Weight-lifting Captain, and was nominated the American Legion State Police Youth Week Cadette. Some of Luke's hobbies are riding dirt bikes, and spending time with friends.



MOVERS & SHAKERS

Jane Balavage, Dallas, recently received the 2000 PDHA Community Dental Health Award. It was presented to her at the 77th Pennsylvania Dental Hygiene Association Annual Session/Key-stone Dental Health Conference. Jane received this award because of her exemplary efforts in Community Dental Health. This award is presented annually to the PDHA member who has initiated, developed, and established the most innovative community dental health project. Jane is secretary of the NPDHA and is employed by Monroe-Noxen Health Center.



Bank/Jonathan Steintruck Memorial Annual Scholarship. The community phase of the Annual Fund Campaign will wrap up in early April. For more information, contact Elly Miller, LCCC annual fund director, at 740-0737 or the LCCC Development Office at 740-0731.

Michael J. Mahoney, president and chief executive officer of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc., was recently elected to the board of directors of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry Committee for Economic Growth. Mr. Mahoney will serve a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2001. In his dual role as newly elected board member of the Chamber of Business and Industry and its affiliate, the Committee for Economic Growth, Mr. Mahoney will assist efforts to create new jobs, diversify Greater Wilkes-Barre's economy, increase capital investment, broaden the tax base and encourage and support business growth. Michael J. Mahoney was appointed president and chief executive officer of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. in July of 2000. He joined C-TEC Corporation (the predecessor company to CTE) in June 1991 as executive vice president of its cable television unit. His tenure with C-TEC additionally includes serving as president and chief operating officer and director of RCN Corporation ("RCN"), a spin-off from C-TEC, from September 1997 until October 1999, where he provided key leadership to the company's planning and expansion efforts. A graduate of Villanova University, Mr. Mahoney is a certified public accountant.



The Luzerne County Community College foundation, Inc. recently began the community phase of its first Annual Fund Campaign. All proceeds raised during the community phase of the campaign will benefit annual student scholarships. The goal of the 2000/2001 Annual Fund Campaign is \$100,000.

William V. Leandri, President and CEO of Luzerne National Bank, has been named chairperson of the Annual Fund Community Campaign. "Since opening its doors in 1967, Luzerne County Community College has been an important financial and academic stepping stone for thousands of residents in Northeastern Pennsylvania," says Leandri. "A contribution to the College's Annual Fund will provide the life preserver for a future worker, perhaps even a leader, in our community." Leandri resides in Dallas and is a member of the LCCC Foundation Board and the LCCC Board of Trustees. He established the Luzerne National



Seniors to meet March 1

Back Mountain Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 1 in St. Therese's Church Hall on Pioneer Ave and Davis Street in Shavertown at 1 p.m.

A speaker from Geisinger Medical Center will give a presentation on diabetes. Plans for St. Patrick's Social Meeting will be discussed. New members welcome. The club is non-denominational. For information call 696-1828 or 696-3095.

SENIOR MENU

Senior Citizens Centers, sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Agency on Aging, offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of Mar. 1-7. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Ham steak w/fruit sauce, green beans, sweet potatoes, dinner roll, apple juice, gelatin.

FRIDAY: Baked fish w/lemon

butter, parsley boiled potatoes, spinach, lemon, whole wheat bread, chocolate cookie.

MONDAY: Pork chop, O'brien potatoes, carrots w/dill, whole wheat bread, grapefruit juice, fruit salad.

TUESDAY: Manicotti w/marinara sauce, broccoli, apple crisp, italian bread, plain donut.

WEDNESDAY: roast turkey w/stuffing and gravy, whipped potatoes, vegetable medley, cranberry juice, dinner roll, applesauce.

DHS GUIDANCE NOTES

Check out new scholarships in the guidance office

Several new scholarships have arrived and are available for review in the scholarship file in the Guidance Office.

- The Dallas Lions Book Scholarship
- The Ronald Russo Memorial Scholarship for seniors interested in a career in human services
- The Lehigh Valley Section of The Society of Women Engineers Scholarship for local woman planning on enrolling in an engineering program at an ABET accredited college or university in the fall of 2001
- The Dupont High School Alumni Scholarship
- Education Research Center of America Community Contribution Scholarship • Head Start Scholarship to students who are former Head Start participants
- The L.C.C.C. Presidential Scholarship for seniors attending L.C.C.C. in the fall 2001 who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement of high school and who show a commitment to

extra curricular activities.

National Young Leaders Conference

Any sophomore or junior interested in being nominated for the National Young Leaders Conference this summer in Washington, D.C., should see Ms. Jones in the guidance Department.

Youth Salute Nominations

Any junior interested in being nominated for Youth Salute of Wyoming Valley should see their school counselor as soon as possible. You must have a "B" GPA and be involved in extra-curricular activities, which involve leadership ability.

The community is reminded that you are welcome to nominate a student for out Student of the Quarter Award. Ballots are available in the Guidance Office. If you know of a Dallas High School student doing a random

act of kindness or an act of volunteerism helping others, give us a call at 674-7218 and we will mail you a nomination ballot, or stop by the guidance office and pick one up.

Career Day in May

Thanks to all the parents and community members who responded to the request for helping out in planning of our Career Day in May. Without your help, this program would not take place. The following people have agreed to be volunteers for our Career Day Team: Sherry Riley, Susan Levinson, Carol VanStory, Mary Barbara Gilligan, Jackie Stash, Christina Kalchmar, Kathy Samanas, Bea Nagay, Sue Oswalt, Mary Ghilani, Al Jumper, Robyn Jones, school counselor.

The Guidance Department really really appreciates your involvement in our school.

New Guidance Helper

The Guidance Office welcomes sophomore Jennifer Zinn as a guidance helper for the spring semester.

Junior Class raises money for the Salvation Army

A tip of the hat to members of the Junior Class who took the time to raise money for the Salvation Army with a Christmas Kettle outside Thomas' Family Market. These students recently were invited to a luncheon at the Salvation Army in recognition for their efforts. The students involved in this kind act of community service were: John Pambianco, Junior President, Ricky Branco, Ryan Rother, Amanda Donahue, Erin Rivinsky, Victoria Tasselmyer, Jamie Coleman. This is just another example of Dallas High School kids caring about their community. Way to go juniors.

Susquehanna students earn dean's list honors

These Back Mountain students have been named to the dean's list for the 2000 fall semester at Susquehanna University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve a minimum 3.4 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 for the semester, while completing a minimum of 12 semester hours. Brittany Bartolini, a freshman business major, daughter of Louis and Sharon Bartolini. Alma DeRojas, a junior English and Spanish major, daughter of Juan and Alma DeRojas.

Head Start now accepting applications

Luzerne County Head Start, Inc., Lake-Lehman Center, is now taking applications for the 2001-2002 school year. Families need to meet age eligibility and income guidelines in order to qualify for the federally-funded pre-school program. The following free services are provided: education, health, social services, parent involvement, disabilities, nutrition, transition, and transportation. For more information, parents should call Luzerne County Head Start, Inc., at 639-2465 or 639-2456.

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