

### Students at Dallas Elementary School help the SPCA

Again this year, Mrs. Sear and Ms. Scott spearheaded the drive to provide necessary items to the SPCA. The students collected cartons of items the SPCA wished for to help their efforts. Pictured is Mrs. Spear and students from her class and Ms. Scott's class with a few items. From left, front row: Ben Brace, Andrew Santora, Kyle Sellitto, Macha Ackerman, Emely Prater. Back row: Mrs. Spear, Alexandra Howard, Doug Harpersberger, Emely Karalunas, Fred Searles, Cierra Leonardo, Heather Martin. Not pictured: Ms. Scott.



### Neil Shah named National Merit Scholarship finalist

Neil Shah, of Shavertown, a senior at Wyoming Seminary Upper School, has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist, said David L. Davies, Dean of the Upper School. Shah, son of Dr. and Mrs. Naresh Shah, will continue in the competition for about 7,900 Merit Scholarship Awards, worth more than \$31 million, that will be offered this spring. To become finalists, the students must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and submit SAT score that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. More than half the Finalists will become Merit Scholarship winners. All 7,900 Merit Scholar designees will be chosen from the Finalist group, without regard to race, gender, ethnic origin or religious preference.

### Area students earn Wilkes degrees

Wilkes University recently honored graduate and undergraduate degree recipients at the annual winter commencement ceremonies. The following students received degrees: Dallas: Jamie E. Brennan-bachelor of business administration degree, business administration Richard Martin Cronin-master of science degree, education; Harvey's Lake: Wendy S. Garrety-master of science degree, education Sarah Saylor-bachelor of arts degree, english. Shavertown: Nelson Mark Braslow-master of business administration degree, business administration. Trucksville: ZaidSurood Najib-bachelor of science degree, accounting, Allyson Lukasavage Swartz-master of business administration degree, business administration, Gary J. Swartz-master of business administration degree, business administration.

### Jamie Magagna wins Sem spelling bee

Jamie Magagna of Shavertown, a seventh-grade student at Wyoming Seminary Lower School, won the school's annual spelling bee, correctly spelling the word "ludicrous." The Times Leader sponsors the bee. Magagna, the son of Heeyun and John Magagna of Shavertown, said he prepared for the bee with some quizzing. He is looking forward to the next level of competition and possibly national competition. Twenty-one students from grades 5 through 8 competed in

the bee, judged by middle school teachers Billie Kinney, Sandy Ouellette and Margaret Zeigler. Some of the most difficult and unusual words in the bee included shindig, siesta, ermine, hoodlum, chorale, allege and firmament.



Jamie Magagna

### MENUS

The following school lunch menus are for Mar. 8-14. All lunches include milk.

#### DALLAS SCHOOLS

**Dallas Elementary**  
**THURSDAY:** Cheesesteak hoagie, deli sub, crispy corn, shape-up juice bar. Sticker Day!!  
**FRIDAY:** Grilled cheese sandwich, deli sub, french fries, chilled apricots.  
**MONDAY:** Meatball sub, hot dog on bun, parsley potatoes, chilled peach cup.  
**TUESDAY:** soft shell chicken taco, hot dog on bun, steamed broccoli, petite banana.  
**WEDNESDAY:** BBQ rib sandwich, hot dog on bun, baked beans, cinnamon applesauce.

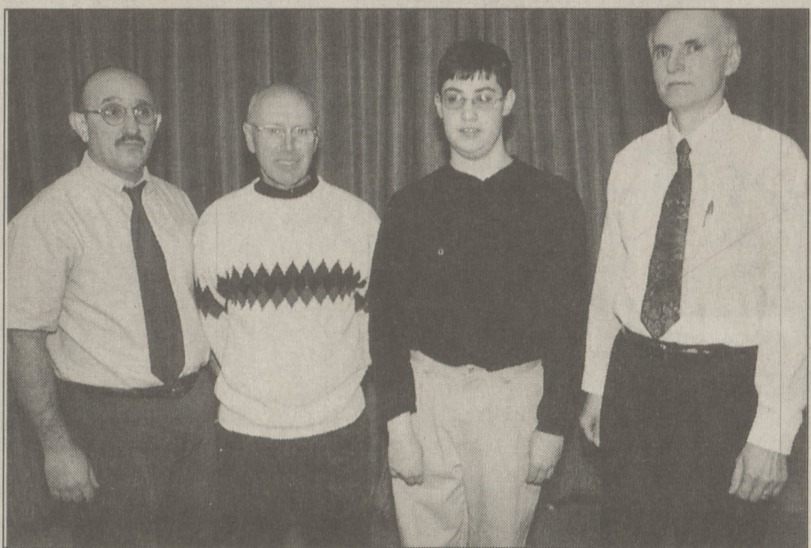
**Middle School**  
**THURSDAY:** Chipped steak salad, w/fries & cheese, crispy corn, shape-up juice bar.  
**FRIDAY:** Pizza bar. Grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad w/dressing, chilled apricots.  
**MONDAY:** Meatball sub, parsley potatoes, chilled peach cup.  
**TUESDAY:** Chicken fajita bar. Hot dog on bun, steamed broccoli, petite banana.  
**WEDNESDAY:** BBQ rib sandwich, baked beans, cinnamon applesauce.

**High School**  
**Soup of the week:** Tomato  
**THURSDAY:** Chipped steak salad w/fries & cheese, shape-up juice bar.  
**FRIDAY:** Grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad, potato chips  
**Soup of the week:** Vegetable.  
**MONDAY:** Meatball sub, parsley potatoes, chocolate pudding.  
**TUESDAY:** Chicken fajita, steamed broccoli, soft pretzel.  
**WEDNESDAY:** BBQ rib sandwich, baked beans, chilled applesauce.

**WEST SIDE TECH:**  
**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** French toast sticks/syrup or cereal/juice/fruit/pastry.  
**FRIDAY:** Pot tarts/cereal/juice/fruit.  
**MONDAY:** Pop/cereal/juice/fruit/pastry.  
**TUESDAY:** Pancakes/syrup or cereal/juice/fruit/pastry.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Sausage/cheese or cereal/juice/fruit/pastry.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken patty on bun/lettuce/tomato/potato salad/cherry cobbler.  
**FRIDAY:** Pizza/fresh veggies/creamy dip/variety of fresh fruit.  
**MONDAY:** Italian meatballs/sauce/hard roll/seasoned pasta/green beans/orange.  
**TUESDAY:** Cheese steak hoagie/lettuce/tomato/pasta salad/chilled peaches/brownie.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Taco's/sharp cheese/tangy sauce/lettuce/tomato/vegetable/riced casserole/seasoned corn/fruited jello.

**GATE OF HEAVEN**  
**Alternative:** Salad, pizza, american hoagie, Friday: GOH Pizza.  
**THURSDAY:** Grotto pizza, salad, cookie.  
**FRIDAY:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fish crackers, pickles, fruit roll up.  
**Alternative:** Salad, pizza, cheese steak w/bun.  
**MONDAY:** Chicken croquettes, mashed potatoes, w/gravy, corn, fruit cup.  
**TUESDAY:** Buttered pasta, w/roll, salad, pudding cup.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Grilled cheeseburger w/bun, potatoes, cookie, hot pretzel .50.



### Loefflad wins Dallas Middle School Geography Bee

Eric Loefflad, an eighth grade student at Dallas Middle School, recently won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at a college scholarship. Eric is a two-time champion; he won last year and represented the school at the state level competition. The school level Geography Bee was the first round in the 13th annual National Geography Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. From left: Mr. Anthony Chiarucci, program coordinator; Mr. William Straitiff, social studies teacher; Eric Loefflad and Mr. William Roberts, event advisor.

### Misericordia receives Kresge grant

College Misericordia has received a \$300,000 Foundation challenge grant to be applied toward the college's ongoing Advancing the Vision campaign. This major campaign is designed to raise \$3.5 million to renovate portions of the college's historic administration building, reconstruct athletic fields to accommodate new sports such as lacrosse, and increase Misericordia's endowment. For more information or to make a pledge to Advancing the Vision, contact the Development Office at 570-674-6248.

### Penn State launches 2000-2001 fund drive

Penn State Wilkes-Barre recently launched its Alumni/Community Phase of the 2000-2001 Annual Fund for Academic Excellence. This year's goal is \$150,000 with proceeds benefiting scholarships, faculty and staff development and other program enhancements. Donors to the 2000-2001 Annual Fund have the ability to support the campaign through a variety of giving levels including: Century Club, Old Willow Club, Penn State Partners, President's Associates, President's Club, and President's Circle.

### 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.

### Diana Smith wins Wycallis Geo Bee

Diana Smith, a fifth grader, won the school level National Geographic Geography Bee at Wycallis Elementary School. She finished ahead of Patrick Healy and Mike McHutchinson in the final round. Diana is a student in Miss O'Neill's class. Twelve students, six each from fourth and fifth grade, qualified for the finals. Fourth grade students were: Josh Shaver, Abby Mulhern, Molly Gilligan, Jill Jackson, Patrick Healy and Kevin Pierce. Fifth grade students were: Diana Smith, Mike McHutchinson, Ali Dervin, Alex Napierkowski, George Yanchuck and Zach Breck.

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