

DHS warms up the Back Mountain

The Dallas High school PTSO Coat Drive collected over 200 coats from the faculty and student body which were distributed to the needy of the Back Mountain through the Commission on Economic Opportunity, "People Helping People."

Pictured from left: Mr. Dave Ritter, CEO People Helping People, Mrs. Mary Urban, PTSO Chairperson, J.P. Urban, John Pambianco, Ryan Morgan, Laura Vodzak, Stephanie Matley and Kate Benedetti, student co-chairs and Mrs. Barbara Deeb, teacher. Missing from photo-Paul McCue, student co-chair.



Reisch to attend young leaders conference

Kimberlie Reisch of Trucksville has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) from January 29 to February 3 in Washington, D.C. The NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Reisch will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars from around the country to attend the conference.

The theme of the NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout the six-day conference, Reisch will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of

Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Reisch will also meet with a senator, representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

Reisch will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as If I Were President, students act as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called Testing the Constitution, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The NYLC culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.



Van Loon meets with Kanjorski in D.C.

Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11) meets with Dallas Senior High School student Peter Van Loon of Dallas, left, and John Lawzano, a student at GAR Memorial High School in Wilkes-Barre. The students were in Washington earlier this month to participate in a National Young Leaders Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

Fall commencement held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre

Penn State Wilkes-Barre held its fall graduation ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Hayfield House Community Room on the campus in Lehman. Mary E. Hines, Ph.D., campus executive officer, conferred associate and baccalaureate degrees. David Hoffman, president of the local alumni society, inducted the graduates into the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Society.

Following is a list of Back Mountain area graduates:

William Helbig, B.S. Surveying

(Harveys Lake); Philip Horne, B.S. Surveying (Sweet Valley); Brian Katyl, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology (Dallas); Vicki Manka, A.A. Letters, Arts, & Sciences (Shavertown); Tiffany Maslowski, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology (Dallas); Joshua Miller, A.S. Information Sciences & Technology (Sweet Valley); Anthony Muldoon, B.S. Surveying (Dallas); Joseph Pudlosky, B.S. Electrical Engineering Technology (Hunlock Creek).

Gate of Heaven holds geography bee

The annual Gate of Heaven Geography Bee, under the direction of Social Studies teachers Mr. Lynn McLaughlin and Mrs. Lyn Jones, was held on December 12. Approximately 80 students from grades 4-8 participated in the competition. After an intense hour of questions dealing with continents, countries, states, cities, and overall cultural and physical geography, competitors were narrowed to 12 students who made the semi-final round of "Traveling across America": Bryan McLaughlin, Allison Baur, Conor Harrington, Thomas Horn, Zachary Wallick, Regina Martin, Casey Harrington, Casey Hampsey, Laura Nieman, Erick Perez, Christopher Taylor, and Aaron Cusma.

The contest went back and forth between eighth grader Laura Nieman and seventh grader Bryan McLaughlin in "The State Nicknames" final round until Miss Nieman answered two successive questions correctly: the state of Kansas as "The Sunflower State" and Florida nicknamed "The Sunshine State." After being presented with the winning plaque by principal Mary C. Tigue, Laura commented, "I hadn't planned on participating in the Geography Bee this year, but I am lucky I did."

This was the first time a brother and sister advanced to the semi-final round of competition: Conor Harrington who finished in sixth place and Casey Harrington who finished in eighth.

Sem scholarship exam Jan. 19

Area fourth- and fifth-graders not already enrolled at Wyoming Seminary Lower School are encouraged to register for Sem's Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Merit-Based Scholarship Exam, to be held Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002 at the school's Forty Fort campus.

Up to five \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to students who display outstanding performance on the competitive exam. Need-based financial aid is also available beyond the award.

Exam registration will be at 8:30 a.m. and the exam will be given at 9 a.m., ending at 12 noon. Parents are invited to stay for an information session and refreshments.

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- 1 Makes a decision
 - 5 Scot's cap
 - 8 Colonial patriot
 - 12 Worm, often
 - 13 Anger
 - 14 Theater award
 - 15 Lollapalooza
 - 16 Idyllic
 - 18 Exit
 - 20 Pleasant-tasting
 - 21 Ford or Lincoln
 - 23 Cribbage scorer
 - 24 Peace of mind
 - 28 Long story
 - 31 Sapporo sash
 - 32 Southern diner item
 - 34 Comical
 - 35 Band instrument
 - 37 With peace
 - 39 Subordinate
 - 41 Georgia city
 - 42 Soap opera, e.g.
 - 45 Ali opponent
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 - 54 The Tentmaker

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- 55 Takes off
 - 56 Abbr. on old African maps
 - 57 Depend (on)
- DOWN
- 1 Woodwind
 - 2 Shooting pain
 - 3 Layer
 - 4 Rill
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 - 6 Coach
 - 7 Parseghian
 - 7 Gi's cafeteria
 - 8 Stock footage?
 - 9 Annul
 - 10 Storyteller
 - 11 Slithery
 - 17 Savion Glover's specialty
 - 19 Vocalized
 - 22 Wicker-work willow
 - 24 Barracks bed
 - 25 Dhabi lead-in
 - 26 Free
 - 27 Pram
 - 29 Hodges of baseball
 - 30 "Little Women"
 - 33 woman
 - 36 Dior originals
 - 38 Wive general at Troy
 - 40 Internet abbr.
 - 42 Unescorted
 - 43 Cube-smith
 - 44 Waikiki
 - 46 Domesticated
 - 47 Exam format
 - 48 Not even one
 - 50 Rhoda's mom

Super Crossword DOG DAZE

- ACROSS
- 1 Gung-ho
 - 5 Petite pooch
 - 8 Curly coil
 - 12 Easter essential
 - 18 Actress Merrill
 - 19 Crooner Perry
 - 20 Harness part
 - 21 Lama kin
 - 22 Faction
 - 23 Pin part
 - 24 Swimmer
 - 25 Alpine event
 - 26 Canine movie?
 - 30 Augsburg article
 - 31 Jai —
 - 32 Sup in style
 - 33 Tiffany treasure
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 - 40 An Everly brother
 - 41 Identical
 - 45 Colleague of Yves and Christian
 - 47 Canine comic strip?
 - 52 Kyser or Starr
 - 53 Gumbo veggie
 - 54 "— generis"
 - 55 Road curve ("S" hit)
 - 58 Gadget
 - 61 It may be square
 - 64 Elsie's
 - 66 Platinum or sort
 - 67 Picnic area
 - 69 Connection
 - 72 Celebrity
 - 73 Act human
 - 75 Canine football player?
 - 79 TV's "You — Your Life"
 - 80 Trusting sort
 - 82 Break
 - 83 Trencher-man
 - 85 Certain prisoner
 - 87 Recede
 - 88 Medieval menial
 - 91 Polish a manuscript
 - 94 Batman's butler
 - 96 Brit. lexicon
 - 98 NASA affirmative
 - 100 Brad, for one
 - 101 Co. kingpin
 - 102 Canine aircraft?
 - 107 Dancer Pavlova
 - 108 — May Oliver
 - 110 Nonclerical
 - 111 Plead
 - 112 Spitz sound
 - 114 Hamilton bill
 - 115 Pluck
 - 117 Besides
 - 120 Pirate's quaff
 - 122 Canine fairy tale?
 - 129 Captivated, today
 - 132 List ender
 - 133 Set of threads
 - 135 Fuel choice
 - 136 "Elephant Boy" actor
 - 137 Depend (on)
 - 138 "La Douce"
 - 139 Blab
 - 140 Alan of
 - 141 Pro-gun grp.
 - 142 Astrology term
 - 6 Cornhusker city
 - 7 Runway figure
 - 8 Wardrobe
 - 9 Dread
 - 10 "Puttin' on the —" (29 song)
 - 11 Aware of
 - 12 Nursery item
 - 13 Edgar — Poe
 - 14 Shows mercy
 - 15 Cabbage cousin
 - 16 Author Umberto
 - 17 Flat hat
 - 19 Imp's opposite
 - 27 Chianti color
 - 28 — out (help)
 - 29 Superstar
 - 33 Buck's "The — Earth"
 - 34 Actress Sommer
 - 35 Canine TV personality?
 - 37 — Peres, MO
 - 39 Justice Fortas
 - 40 Toy fate
 - 42 Canine singer?
 - 43 Wayland Flowers puppet
 - 44 A hole near the sole
 - 46 Author Sheehy
 - 48 Great bird?
 - 49 Cotton —
 - 50 Computer acronym
 - 51 — Kippur
 - 57 Ring figure
 - 59 Cornfield cry
 - 60 Correct a text
 - 62 Pat on the bun?
 - 63 Colosseum completer
 - 65 Took the plunge
 - 68 Adams or McClurg
 - 70 "Vissi d'—" ("Tosca" aria)
 - 71 Around the corner
 - 73 Intertwine
 - 74 Involved (against)
 - 76 Personally
 - 77 Defy a dictator
 - 78 Hwy.
 - 81 — de-lance
 - 84 Sicilian smoker
 - 86 Agt.
 - 89 Meadow male
 - 90 Dandy
 - 92 Yeom
 - 93 Cavalry characteristic
 - 95 Murphy role
 - 97 Society miss
 - 99 Essential
 - 103 Solemn statement
 - 104 Envious
 - 105 Citrus fruit
 - 106 Omce in a blue moon
 - 109 Horrified
 - 113 Baby basenji
 - 116 Drive off
 - 118 Draconian
 - 119 Furry fisherman
 - 121 Rap or rock
 - 122 Tare's relative
 - 123 Supreme leader?
 - 124 Jacob's twin
 - 125 Czech river
 - 126 Tre —
 - 127 Spiritual guide
 - 128 Jazzman
 - 129 CT hours
 - 130 Long or Peoples
 - 134 Eavesdrop electronically

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