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an interview on Tuesday that he understood the "N/A" status entered into the column "suitable for testing" on the website to mean the bird was unable to be tested.

Rugletic said his confusion stemmed from an increase in turnaround time for test results. He furnished records that indicated in the beginning of August, turnaround time was seven days and by the end of August had increased to nearly four weeks. Although shipped August 27, the bird from Lehman was not tested until September 20.

"Okay, not 7-10 days, two weeks then, but four weeks?" said Rugletic. "You had to assume it had to be tested."

According to Rugletic, the amount of backlog the Department of Health is experiencing has been hampering the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) ability to control mosquitos. In an effort to speed up turnaround time for test results, The Northeast Regional Office of DEP has requested that counties which have had more than five positives stop sending in birds, including Luzerne County.

"I'll take it (a bird) if a person knows that it just died a couple hours ago; I'll take it to help the people because this is our county," said Rugletic.



Trucksville boy to be bright light in Times Square

Ethan Foote of Trucksville will appear in lights on Broadway on Sunday, September 29, as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's awareness campaign to demonstrate that people with Down syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment.

The photo of Ethan, 5, who has Down syndrome, was selected from almost 1,000 entries in the NDSS nationwide call for photos. Approximately 200 photographs will appear in a video production to be shown on the larger-than-life NBC Astrovision by Panasonic, located in the heart of Times Square. October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Ethan is pictured on the swing set with his sister, Amanda.

Rec park

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commitments made by the municipalities, the Back Mountain youth baseball and soccer organizations have committed funds for the development of the outdoor facilities as well as maintaining and managing them.

The project is in the end of

"I don't think there were any surprises (about cost); it's going to be a substantial size park."

Julie McMonigle
Peer Consultant

Phase I, which consists of land purchasing and master planning. Phase II consists of the creation of the outdoor facilities including fields, a concession stand and restrooms. Ongoing fundraising will determine the extent of Phase III, the creation of the indoor facility.

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Physician's legacy funds college program

By KALEN CHURCHER
Special to The Dallas Post

DALLAS TWP. — Although College Misericordia had a list of candidates interested in the field of sonography — radiology without radiation — and program criteria developed, it could not turn interest into formal training. Until recently, the \$200,000 in startup costs was too much for the college to shoulder.

But because of memorial donations after the death of a local doctor and some other "outside gifts," including potential federal funding, the 18-month certification program could be ready for fall 2003.

The family of the late Dr. Thomas E. Baker established a sonography fund to help finance the program. Since Baker's death on July 14, the college has received multiple monetary gifts, although college spokesman Jim Roberts declined to say how much.

Dr. David Rimple described his colleague as having an affection for College Misericordia, often taking walks through the campus to relax. Baker and his wife, Jean, also attended church on the campus.

Because he was the first to in-

troduce echocardiography to the area and because of his desire to bring ultrasonography to patients, it seemed logical Baker would help students learn the science, even after his death.

"I think (Baker's) family recognized the synergism between the two," Rimple said Monday.

Baker's daughter, Danielle, said her father believed testing should be as non-invasive as possible. She learned of her father's interest in sonography at College Misericordia through Rimple and said her family agreed it was "the perfect program." Establishing the fund allowed them "to do something lasting" in honor of Baker.

According to the college, the program — in the making for about 18 months — will include laboratory and clinical education components. Emphasis will be placed on teaching sonography students in areas including professional ethics, sonographic anatomy, ultrasound implementation, patient care and interpretation of sonographic images.

Elaine Halsey, chairwoman of Misericordia's medical imaging department, said there is a national shortage of professionals trained in medical imaging. That scarcity extends to Luzerne and

Lackawanna counties, increasing the need for formal training.

Rimple said nothing can substitute for knowledge gained through an academic course. Often, sonography training is conducted through informal program or on-the-job training. To Rimple's knowledge, no program like the Misericordia proposal exists in the area.

"(Sonography) is a tremendously flexible and useful kind of technology," Rimple said. "And that's why it has grown so fast."

"It's a technology that is inexpensive, relatively speaking. ... It does not expose the individual to radiation and it can be done day after day, hour after hour, if the patient's condition changes."

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Penn State Wilkes-Barre to host adult learner open house

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will hold an adult learners open house at the campus in Lehman on Tuesday, October 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Adults who are interested in earning a bachelor's degree on a part-time basis in order to advance in their career or start a new one can choose from degrees in Business, Administration of Justice, or Information Sciences and Technology.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre offers classes at the campus in Lehman and the Kingston Center at the Wyoming Valley West Middle School in Kingston. Select courses are offered at a comfortably accelerated pace and scholarship opportunities are available for adult students who qualify. Adults who cannot attend the open house may schedule an individual appointment.

For more information, or to register for the open house, call 675-9238 or e-mail: wbadmissions@psu.edu.

Eight from BMT graduate from Wilkes

Wilkes University conferred the following degrees during summer commencement ceremonies for the following Back Mountain residents on Sunday, Sept. 8 in the University's Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center: Reagan Bombick, Dallas, Master of Science in Education; Anne Butler, Dallas, Master of Science in Education; Melody George, Dallas, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Scott Nice, Dallas, Master of Science in Education; Mary Stephens, Shavertown, Master of Science in Education; Tracy Zullo, Shavertown, Master of Bus Admin. in Business Administration; Jonelle Cavill, Trucksville, Master of Science in Education; Kim Socash, Trucksville, Master of Science in Education.

Baines named to Dean's List

Bridget A. Baines, resident of Trucksville, was named to the dean's List at Ursinus College for the Spring 2002 semester, according to Dr. Judith T. Levy, dean of the college.

Baines is a psychology major, and a member of the Class of 2002.

Callahan matriculates at Trinity College

Nicholas Callahan of Shavertown matriculated as a member of the Trinity College Class of 2006 on August 30. A recent graduate of Lake-Lehman Jr-Sr High School, Callahan was one of 550 first-year students to become the newest official member of the Trinity community.

GOH music class goes high tech

Gate of Heaven School recently participated in The Pepsi Joy with Music Program. The students collected over 3000 points to make the school eligible to merit music products and computer software. GOH earned a Yamaha PC Music Studio Kit (with midi-compatible keyboard), Blasterkey MP3 Internet Music Keyboard System, Rhythm Bond Instruments, Passport Music Time Deluxe Software, and Music Ace.

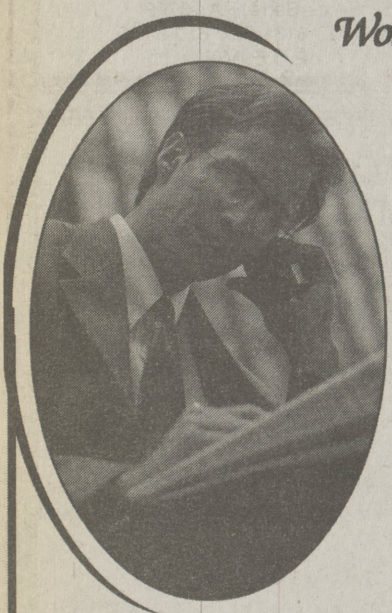
The project was directed by Mrs. Susanne Motyka, GOH music teacher.

Two Dallas students start at Liberty University

John Katorkas, graduate from Dallas Senior High School, and Danae LaBar, graduate from Dallas County High School, both entered Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA as freshman this fall.

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