

Lake-Lehman seniors earn National Merit honors

Two seniors at Lake-Lehman High School, Melissa Strunk and Steven Cardillo, have been named Commended Students in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed in the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2004 competition by taking a qualifying test.

Melissa plans to enroll in a pre-med program in college and Steve plans to major in business or economics. Shown in top photo, from left: Dianne Sherman (Guidance Office), Curt Strunk, Wendy Strunk, Melissa Strunk, Co-Principal Michael A. Gokay. In bottom photo, from left: Bonnie Gregory (Guidance Office), Melanie Cardillo, Steven Cardillo, Co-Principal Michael A. Gokay.

Visioning group meets Nov. 6

The Our Dallas—Today and Tomorrow visioning committee will meet Thursday, November 6 at 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Lounge of the Banks Student Center at College Misericordia. Anyone with an interest in the present and future of the Back Mountain is welcome to attend. Nancy Eckert is chairperson of the group.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

Estate of Umid R. Nejb to Barbara E. King, 64 Lehman Avenue, Dallas, \$148,000.

Thomas Seybert and spouse to Janet Smith, Glenview Terrace, Dallas Township, \$114,000.

Melvin N. Diamond to David Dillon and spouse, Orchard East, Dallas Township, \$215,000.

Carl Yachim and spouse per sheriff to State Street Bank & Trust, 56 Hildebrandt Road, Dallas Township, \$5,228.

Alex Burak per attorney to Leonise Judson, Harveys Lake, \$68,000.

George Steltz and spouse per sheriff to Federal Home Loan Mortgage, Lakeview, Harveys Lake, \$4,260.

William R. Davis per sheriff to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, 28-32 Carpenter Road, Harveys Lake, \$36,915.

Timothy M. Betz to Kirk Borchert and spouse, Meadow

Crest Manor, Jackson Township, \$196,000.

Heritage Hills Estate to Brian Miller and spouse, Heritage Hills, Jackson Township, \$62,900.

John G. Mack and spouse to Raymond Sherrill, Kingston Township, \$130,000.

David Baum and spouse to Kelly Rogan, Kingston Township, \$168,000.

David Talacka and spouse to Cynthia Jones, Ferguson Heights, Kingston Township, \$79,780.

Robert Webb and spouse per sheriff to Midfirst Bank, 22 Division St., Kingston Township, \$7,350.

John Jaikes III and spouse to Steven Stempien and spouse, Tall Oaks, Lehman Township, \$125,000.

Banzhoff & Witkoski per sheriff to Community Banks, Co Crest Mobile Home Park, Lehman Township, \$26,762.

Joseph Fego and spouse to John Bauman and spouse, 14 Vine St., Lehman Township, \$143,000.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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King Crossword Answers

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Online

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details. Other teachers have all of the above as well as chapter-by-chapter lecture notes and study questions, links to web pages and online assignments.

With the discussion capability, students can post questions online at any time and receive answers from either the teacher or other students. Course e-mail provides a forum in which students can e-mail each other, but only within the confines of that particular course.

"All the stuff within the course is course specific," and each course is restricted to those that are registered in the class, said Speziale.

Web CT was initially implemented to offer courses to home-bound students. Not enough classes have been compiled yet to be able to offer the technology to those students, so in the meantime the program is being used to "extend or enhance what's going on in class," said Laura Matechak, the district's educational technologist.

Matechak said it is one more

way to help bridge the gap between curriculum and student understanding.

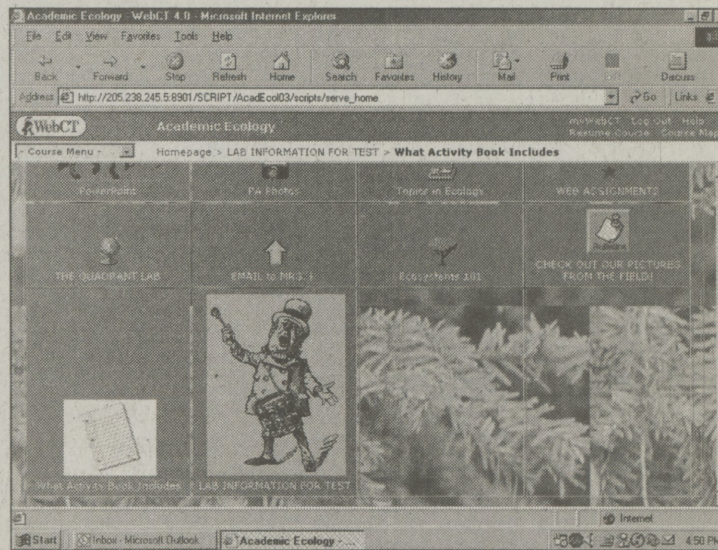
"If they have other questions, we're giving them another avenue to understand the concept," she said.

"The more variety of presentation we can give to the students, the more students we can reach."

This is the second year the district has made the technology available to teachers. Those who utilize it build the courses just as they would their regular classes. Matechak said it does take some time to build the initial course skeleton, but once done, it can be easily updated for use year after year.

She said when teachers approach her to create one of the courses, she helps them get started by asking, "How do you structure your (regular) class, by chapter, by section?" She said the online courses should be thought of as "electronic filing cabinets."

Kupstas said in addition to preparing students for online technology in college, Web CT has made every day house-



A page from the Dallas High School online program.

keeping details easier.

Matechak agreed that was half of Web CT's benefit. "If they have a question, they're there. If they have a handout and misplace it, the teacher can say 'it's online, go look it up.' So it offers convenience on both sides," she said.

Speziale said the \$10,000 it cost the district to start the Web CT program, came from \$58,000 the high school received from the state for rais-

ing PSSA test scores. Matechak and Speziale said a committee of parents, teachers and board members was formed to decide how to spend the money.

Matechak said she is excited about seeing the program expand over time.

"In the long term, we would like to be able to offer all of these options to all of our students," said Matechak. "It's going to grow."

OBITUARIES

EDWARD MILBRODT

Kingston Township man

Edward M. Milbrodt, 23, of Shavertown, died October 23, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Nov. 26, 1979, in Kingston, he was the son of Edward C. and Terry (Williams) Milbrodt of Shavertown, Kingston Township. He graduated from Coughlin High School. He worked at Lonestar Steakhouse, Wilkes-Barre Township.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edward and Susan Milbrodt; and maternal grandparents, Malcolm and Christine Williams.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his sister, Heather, Wilkes-Barre; nieces, nephews and a great-niece.

Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Wilkes-Barre.

JOSEPHINE HOYT

Worked at Natona Mills

Josephine E. Hoyt, 70, of Dallas, died October 27, 2003 at Manor Care, Kingston.

Born in Sugar Hollow, Wyoming County, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Eda Jayne Drake. She was a graduate of Eaton Township schools and worked as district secretary for McCrory's, Shavertown; Natona Mills, Dallas; and B.F. Goodrich, Exeter.

Surviving are her husband of 52 years, Willard J.; daughters, Beverly O'Kane and Ann Kelly, Dallas; three grandchildren, brothers, Lewis Drake, California; and Worthy Drake, Tennessee.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

ELIZABETH STRICKLAND

Eaton Township native

Elizabeth Mae Strickland of Nicholson, Springville Township, Susquehanna, died October 28, 2003 at the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre.

Born May 16, 1925, in Eaton Township, she was a daughter of the late William and Katie (Cleveland) Shaffer. She graduated from Tunkhannock High School. She worked for Commonwealth Telephone Co., Laceyville, and as a secretary for the Endicott Johnson Shoe Co., Tunkhannock. She also worked as an executive secretary at the Allied Bendix Plant, South Montrose, and as assistant registrar at Keystone Junior College.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Frank and Homer Shaffer; and sister, Edith Kester.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Boyd; sisters, Eleanor Dunlap, Mehoopany; Audrey Welch, Tunkhannock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

AMY SMITH

Member of Trucksville Methodist Church, she was 99

Amy C. Smith, 99, of Trucksville, and formerly of Edwardsville, died October 26, 2003 at the General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Aug. 11, 1904, in Laurel Run, Wilkes-Barre Township, she was a daughter of the late George and Susanna (Lyons) Wickkiser. She graduated from Odd Fellows Home, Sunbury, and the Wilkes-Barre Homeopathic Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse for the Philadelphia General Hospital and was a private-duty nurse. She and her late husband, Harold R., owned and operated Smith Floral, Edwardsville. She was a former member of the Larksville United Methodist Church and presently of the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Howard and George Wickkiser; and sisters, Myrtle Lavelle and Helen Stoldt.

Surviving are daughter, Evelyn Helen Roberts, Trucksville, with whom she resided; five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to the Building of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville.

LINDA WILCOX

Member of Noxen United Methodist Church

Linda L. Wilcox, 55, of Noxen, died October 25, 2003 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born April 16, 1948, in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of the late Oliver and Inez Boston Dennis. She was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church and its Women's Society; she was also a member of the Noxen Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Sonny Hricko; and brothers, Fred and James Dennis.

Surviving are her husband of 16 years, Skip; sons, Andre Hricko, Sayerville, N.J.; and Robert Hricko, Fords, N.J.; daughters, Donna Bennett, Parlin, N.J.; and Carol Bennett, Sayerville, N.J.; 10 grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, stepson, Skip, Luzerne; stepdaughters, Kim Harris, Hudson Falls, N.Y.; and Heidi Myers, Ravina, N.Y.; brothers, Ronald Dennis, Dallas; John Dennis, Courtdale; and Edward Dennis, Noxen; sisters, Mary Jane Morio, Wilkes-Barre; Estella Davison, Kingston; Gwendolyn Wynn, Plymouth; and Joan Ann Hawkman, Edwardsville; and stepfather, John Petrikonis, Noxen.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Lutheran Children & Family Service

International Adoption Information Night
Date: Monday, Nov. 3, 2003
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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