

Open house at Penn State Wilkes-Barre

High school juniors and seniors who are undecided about their future college plans are invited, along with their parents, to attend the "Be a Penn Stater This Fall" open house at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. The open house will be held on Thursday, March 25, in Hayfield House beginning at 6:30 p.m. Applications for admission are still being accepted for fall, 2004 and admissions procedures and criteria will be explained.

The open house provides an opportunity to learn about the programs, facilities and resources available at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman. In addition, faculty, admissions counselors and staff will be on hand to discuss associate and baccalaureate degree programs, student activities, athletic programs, scholarship opportunities and financial aid.

With the recent addition of two new degree programs, the associate degree in Nanofabrication Manufacturing Technology and bachelor's degree in English, local students can choose from seven associate and seven baccalaureate degrees that can be completed at the campus. Students may also complete course work for the first two years of most of Penn State's 160+ degree majors at the campus and then transfer to another location, including University Park, to complete their degree. General information about Penn State will also be available. Refreshments will be provided.

To make reservations, or for more information, call 675-9238, e-mail wbadmissions@psu.edu, or register on-line at www.wb.psu.edu.

Adult and transfer student session at Misericordia

College Misericordia will host a special information session for prospective transfer and adult students on Tuesday, March 30, from 6-8 p.m. The event, to be held in the McGowan Conference Center of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library, is open to any prospective transfer student or adult learner interested in obtaining more information about College Misericordia's undergraduate and graduate programs. The event is also open to persons who have general questions about entering or returning to college.

Guests can drop in at their convenience and speak with representatives from admissions, adult education, financial aid and Misericordia's faculty. Common topics include: equitable credit transfer; credit for life experiences (CLEP); financial aid eligibility; evening and weekend class schedules; accelerated formats (Expressway); certificate programs; and on-line courses.

Registration is not necessary. For more information, contact Glenn Bozinski, director of Transfer Recruitment, at 674-6434, by e-mail at gbozinsk@misericordia.edu or toll free at 1-866-CM and Me (866-262-6363).

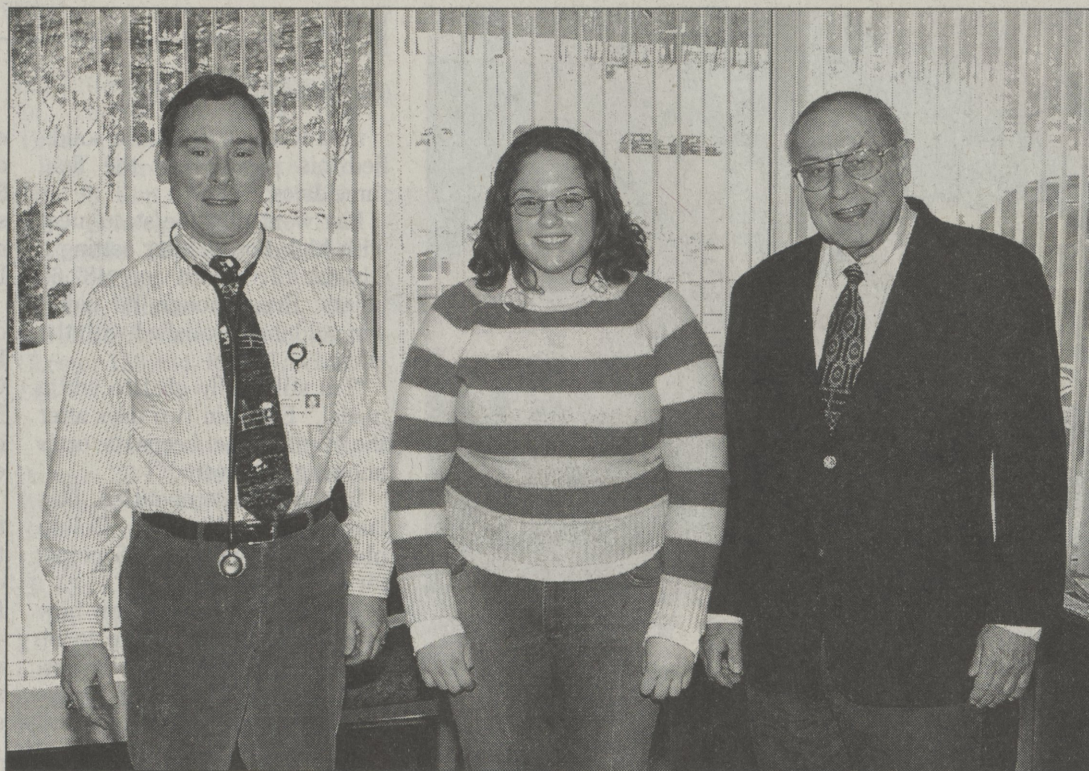
Youth chess club

A newly formed group of chess players, the Smart Alekhines, a scholastic chess club for children ages 5 through 18, meets Saturdays in the community room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

No fees or dues are required. Interested persons are asked only to bring their own chessboards and pieces. Level of play is from beginner to expert.

Practical play and instruction will be directed by certified chess instructor George Trent, who has coached many young area state champions: Erick and Gregory Sam, Jim Nessler, Smith Collins, Ashwini Naranjan, and Christopher Liman and four PA state chess champion teams (K-6).

Call 740-7662 for further information.



Karasek wins Kistler scholarship

Jessica Karasek, Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, has been awarded a Kistler Scholarship from the medical staff at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Karasek is a freshman majoring in biology.

The Kistler Scholarship is awarded annually to local college students in a healthcare or health-related field. The Kistler Scholarships are presented to the five Luzerne County colleges and universities in honor of David W. Kistler, MD, retired Chief of Medical Staff at Geisinger Wyoming Valley.

A 2003 graduate of Dallas High School, Karasek currently resides in Shavertown. Shown from left are Seth Fisher, MD, Chief of Medical Staff at Geisinger Wyoming Valley; Jessica Karasek and David Kistler, MD.



Dallas Elementary's morning kindergarten student standouts for February. Byron Ross, left, and Julia Barre.



DEAN'S LIST

The following students from the local area have been named to the dean's list at their college or university:

Grove City College
Alyson Piatt, Dallas, dean's list with distinction.

Marywood University
Ellen Young, Harveys Lake.

Centenary College
Carrie Lee Kieczkajlo, Dallas.

Dickinson College
Matthew David Simpson, Dallas.

Northeastern University
Nancy Levinson, Dallas.

Franklin & Marshall College
Aaron Gitlin, Dallas; Austin Williams, Hunlock Creek; Carrie Houssock, Sweet Valley; Erica Koehl, Trucksville.

GRADUATES

The following students from the local area have graduated from their respective college or university:

Lehigh University
Melody Stevens, Dallas, Master's Degree in political science.

Rebecca Wargo, Mehoopany, Master's Degree in civil engineering.

Bloomsburg University
Lauren Miller, of Wyoming was named to the dean's list for the fall semester. She graduated in December and has accepted a position with Channel 13 news in Hazleton as a news anchor and reporter.

Local honor students at Bishop O'Reilly

The following students from the Back Mountain have been named to the second quarter honor roll at Bishop O'Reilly High School:

Distinguished Honors: (average of 95 or above in each subject)

Senior: Leeanne Griffiths
Sophomore: Laura DeCesaris.

First Honors: (average of 90 or above with no more than one grade between 90 and 85).

Seniors: Sarah Abrams, Sallyann Cusma, Andrew Gialanella, Mary Herman, Colleen Krisulevicz, Meghan Mitchell.

Juniors: Robert Baur, Lauren Chupka, Michael DeRojas, Conor Judge, Sandra Krogulski, Margaret Mathewson, Sarah Mentis, Gracemarie Mike, Jessica Ryan, Joanna Smith, Nicole Spencer, Gregory Suhocki.

Sophomores: Joshua

Aciukewicz, Mary Balavage, Allison Baur, Jennifer Bonetski, Maria Gialanella, Brittany Grabowski, Ian Herron, Natalie Herron, Ann Onzik, Tara Shevock.

Freshmen: Kevin Gilbertson, Sean McNealis, Kathleen Paley, Elizabeth Ryan.

Second Honors: (average of 85 or above with no more than one grade between 85 and 80).

Senior: Tara Stepanitis.
Juniors: Lauren Adamchak, Alyson Baber, Timothy Crossin, Kimberly Durr, Christopher Kester, Melissa Millo, Courtney Wharton, Sara Wolman.

Sophomores: Stephane Hennigan, Jill Ratowski, Matthew Shumbris, Erin Tanner.

Freshmen: Elizabeth Gardner, Kathleen Garrity, Kathleen Goode, Janel Grundowski, Keith Hizny, Susan Krogulski.

Geisinger art contest for children

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center is holding an art contest for children, grades K-12. The artwork will be used to decorate the new Janet Weis Children's Hospital Pediatrics Unit at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. The chosen art pieces will be professionally framed and matted with a plaque stating the artist's name, age and hometown. Children whose artwork is chosen will also be invited to a special celebration later this spring.

Artwork should be fun, colorful and happy. The following guidelines must be followed to

enter: use acid free paper, which is no smaller than 8.5 X 11 inches and no larger than 18 X 24 inches. Attach a separate sheet of paper to each submission with the artist's name, age, school, grade and phone number, do not write on the back of the artwork. Also, please do not use markers, pencils or crayons.

Entries can be mailed to Amy Sorber, Public Relations Coordinator, Geisinger Wyoming Valley 34-64, 1000 E. Mountain Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711. Entries must be mailed flat and be received by April 2.

Dallas Elementary student standouts for February

Pictured first row, from left: Afternoon kindergarteners, Taylor Joseph and Joshua Orlandini.

Row two, grade one: Michael Shutlock, Kyle Llewellyn, Haley Haddle, Jillian Viercinski, Ashleigh Schwartz.

Row three, second grade: Owen Thomas, (absent when the picture was taken) Tyler Nulton, Frank Hullihen, Kristi Culp, Christine Rupp, Chris Behm (absent when the picture was taken)

Row four, third grade: Jacob Rogers, Alli Hostetler, Jenna Morgan, Megan Redlich

Row five, fourth grade: Devon Taylor, Cody Cleaves, Madeline Payne, Marilyn Mizenko, Elaina Tomaselli

Row six, fifth grade: Janell Cyprich, Carl Baxter, Matthew Regan, Nicole Sobocinski, David Martindale.



GOH goes red for women

Gate of Heaven School in Dallas recently participated in the American Heart Association's nationwide campaign Go Red for Women. Second grader Megan Banks initiated the effort with assistance from Gate of Heaven principal Mary Tighe and health/physical education teacher Elizabeth Spencer. The school raised \$165 for the American Heart Association. Pictured, Principal Mary Tighe, left, and second grade student Megan Banks.

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