

Head Start accepting applications

Luzerne County Head Start Inc., which serves Luzerne and Wyoming counties, is accepting applications for the 2004-05 school year. This federally funded preschool program provides free services in education, health, social services, parent involvement, nutrition, transportation and disabilities. The program is available to children who will be age 3 or 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2004. For more information, call one of the following numbers:

Dallas Center: 674-1062 or 674-1063
 Lake-Lehman Center: 639-2465 or 639-2456
 Lehman-Jackson Center: 675-7820 or 675-7784
 Shickshinny Center: 542-2505

Staff will be available at the end of March or early April for evening recruitment. Call the appropriate center for dates and times.

When applying, bring the child's birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card for parent and child, medical card or insurance card and proof of last year's income.

PSU W-B Summer Youth Program accepting registrations

Penn State Wilkes-Barre's brochure for its 2004 Summer Youth Program, with complete descriptions and cost information for 40 challenging and enriching programs, is now available at the campus and on-line at www.wb.psu.edu/ce.

The camps provide challenging and enriching activities for students 2-18 years old. Created to develop or spark and interest in science and technology, camps are also available for budding artists, journalists, and sports enthusiasts. Hands-on activities, experiments, and projects with experienced instructors are geared to each grade level.

Seventeen new camps have been added, including camps for pre-schoolers and early morning and late afternoon camps, designed to help working parents. Discounts are available for children registering for three or more camps. Students may purchase lunch or may bring lunch from home.

While children attend camps, parents/guardians are welcome to use the campus library or the exercise/weight room in the Athletic Building. Camps start June 21 and run through July 30. For more information, or a complete brochure, call Lisa Lunderman at 675-9220 or email lal21@psu.edu.

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.

Send your news to The Post by e-mail.

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 Digital photos welcome, too!



Lehman Jackson Elementary goes skiing

Lehman Jackson teacher Jeff Hynick recently took the school's fifth and sixth graders cross country skiing behind the school.

First row, from left: Logan Coombs, Jordan Agnew, Zachary Yursha, Corey Hohol, Jeff Kioska, Pauline Rose, Stephanie Zeiler.
 Second row: Courtney Sult, Ashley Kenry, Stephanie Lanning, Bobby Belcher, Chris Harper, Melissa Wright, Jack Pierce, teacher Jeff Hynick, Jessica Wright, Brianna Rybka, Arthur Lockard, Brittany Rosencrans, Kayla Nice, Kendra Smith, Chad Wandell, Jacob Baker, Donald Thrash, Brad Bubb, Bubb's Outdoor Rentals; Olivia Banta and Winter Wenner.



Local Bishop O'Reilly students excel at science/math competition

Students from Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston who reside in the Back Mountain recently competed in the regional competition of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) held at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. More than 700 students from over 50 area schools competed in the math and science competition. Students receiving first awards for their presentations will compete at the state level in the spring at University Park, Penn State University.

From left, first row: Mrs. Linda Rakauskas, faculty sponsor; Erin Tanner, second in Math; Allison Baur, second in Math; Annie Onzik, second in Math; Jessica Ryan, first in Math; Meg Mathewson, first award in Computer Science; Tara Shevock, first award in Math; and Susan Dennen, principal.
 Second row: Mr. Michael Stachowiak, faculty sponsor; Kathleen Paley, first in Physics; Stephanie Hennigan, second in Math; Kim Durr, first in Math; Evan Denion, first in Computer Science; Conor Judge, second in Computer Science; Greg Suhocki, first in Computer Science; and Ms. Barbara Warman, faculty sponsor and PJAS coordinator.
 Third row: Chris Kester, first in Computer Science; Neil Splendido, second in Computer Science; Beth Ryan, second in Math; Laura Tyira, second in Microbiology.; Sandy Krogulski, first in Computer Science; Robert Baur, first in Math; and W. Steve Wise, faculty sponsor.

Sem wins math competition 3rd consecutive year

The MATHCOUNTS team at Wyoming Seminary Lower School took first place in the Luzerne County Chapter competition at Penn State University's Hazleton Campus on February 14. The team now advances to the state competition. This is the third consecutive year that Sem students have claimed first place in the competition. The honor gives the team the right to have the trophy permanently retired to the Lower School.

The full day of MATHCOUNTS competition featured individual and team competitions, including sprint, target, team and countdown rounds. Ten other teams competed.

Lynda Rogers, math teacher, and Patricia Summerhill, associate dean for academic and student affairs and coordinator of the middle school division, coached this year's Sem team, while volunteer coach Frank Bower assisted.

"It's very difficult to maintain this level of performance every year," said Rogers. "I like the MATHCOUNTS program because it encompasses all the different aspects of a good math student: mental math, problem solving, calculator work, and teamwork." The



Pictured prior to the competition are, from left, front row: Nina Santarelli, Pittston; Mollie Grossman, Shavertown; Michael Gill, Moosic; and Paul Anderson, Benton. Second row: Sarah Magagna, Shavertown; Richard Squitieri, Harvey's Lake; Jacob Cole, Wilkes-Barre; Chris Ragnacci, Tunkhannock; and Alex Kibbe, Clarks Summit.

competition is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

The four core team members for Sem were Sarah Magagna (first place, individual competition); Chris Ragnacci (second place, individual competition); Richard Squitieri (third place,

individual competition); and Paul Anderson (tenth place, individual competition). Top alternate was Michael Gill. Other team members were Jacob Cole (eighth place, individual competition), Mollie Grossman, Alex Kibbe, and Nina Santarelli.

Bartolini honored at Syracuse University

Enrico Bartolini, or Hilltop Drive, Shavertown, was recently honored at the Programs Rooted in Developing Excellence (PRIDE) Program for academic and leadership excel-

lence in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University. The PRIDE Program challenges and supports students with experiences and opportu-

nities that will ensure their success well beyond the Syracuse University campus. Bartolini is a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering.

Adult, 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).

Open house at LCCC

Luzerne County Community College will hold a Spring Open House on Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the College's Campus Center. General information and financial aid sessions will be held and tours will be given throughout the day. Various departments and programs will provide information through demonstrations and displays. For more information, call the LCCC Admissions Office at 740-0337 or (800) 377-LCCC, extension 337.

Computer class night at LCCC

Luzerne County Community College will hold an information night on Wednesday, April 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the college's business and computer center, Building 7.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and tour the college's business and computer center.

The following programs will be represented at the information night: AS/400 Application Development & Operations, Computer Information Sys-

tems, Court Reporting/Captioning, Medical Office Assistant/Transcriptionist, Networking, Office Management & Microcomputer Application Specialist, and Web Development.

Information on enrollment procedures, tuition and financial aid will be available.

The information night is open to the public, free of charge. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 740-0555.

Zinn in Who's Who

Matthew D. Zinn, Dallas, a student at the University of Scranton, has been included in the 2003 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

DEAN'S LIST

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

University of the Sciences, Philadelphia

Jeffrey Faneck, Shavertown, a Doctor of Pharmacy student.

Binghamton University

Narayan J. Gold, Dallas.

Northeastern University

Dallas resident Brian McMahon, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Kathleen Britt, Harvey's Lake, majoring in Marketing.

Rebecca Harvey, Tunkhannock, majoring in Engineering. She also is an honors student.

Shana Baker, Wyoming, majoring in Athletic Training.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre

Dallas: Megan A. Basar, Kimberly S. Boyle, Janet M. Con-

nolly, Ronald M. Gritzen, Elizabeth R. Janoski, Amy J. Kozar, Joan L. Kupstas, Casey E. Nor-eika, John J. Radzwill, Alyse M. Taddei, Derek S. Traver, Camille D. Valvano, Steven J. Weber, Michael P. Yurchak.

Harveys Lake: Ian M. Linsinbigler, Nathan M. Peterson, Louis S. Spaciano.

Hunlock Creek: Christopher Coslett, Shawn H. Hamersley, Daniel Karlotski.

Noxen: Daisy B. Boice.

Shavertown: Ryan C. Balara, Robert M. Howett, Jessica Karasek, Matthew J. Morgan, Jonathan T. Nutche, Ryan M. Onyszcak, Amy E. Pack.

Sweet Valley: Anthony V. Lubinski, Megan A. Thorne.

Trucksville: Jeffrey A. Jumper, Barbara A. Lispi.

Tunkhannock: Jennifer Casella, Jessica Gorzkowski, Jennifer Higgins, Richard F. McGavin.



Gingerbread project not wasted

Dallas Middle School students in Mrs. Ellen Boyer's German classes and German Club continued the annual tradition of creating authentic German gingerbread houses. Parent volunteer Kathy Stevens showed students how to construct the houses, finished products of which, were displayed in the school's lobby. They were later distributed to Lakeside Nursing Home, Meadows Manor, Meadows Nursing Home, Mountainside Manor, Hands of Hope, Project Reach and the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. Some houses were auctioned off and the money raised went to the Dallas Middle School Community Help Fund.

From left, front row: Devon O'Brien and Shauna Phillips. Row two: Mark Covert, Kristen Justice, Preston Balavage, Erica Miller, Russell Jenkins, Lauren Kelly and Alex Gallagher.

Row three: Jackie Ellis, Tommy Youells, Erin Belles and Jenna Stanish. Mitchell Artsma was absent.