

College adds master's degree for occupational therapists

Occupational therapists from throughout the U.S. can now participate in a new post-professional master's degree program in occupational therapy at College Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania. The program, designed for licensed, practicing occupational therapists, combines extensive use of distance learning and face-to-face study in a model friendly to working adults. Classes begin in January 2005, but run year-round, so that students can enroll at various points during the year. The program is 30-credits and consists of two tracts, interdisciplinary study and pediatrics, and can be completed in as few as two years. Classes are delivered online

using WebCT and combined with scheduled, twice-a-semester, face-to-face instruction on weekends. The college also offers an adult friendly weekend program in occupational therapy for certified occupational therapy assistants and those with a bachelor's degree in another discipline wishing to start a second career as a licensed occupational therapist. For more information on the post-professional master's degree or any of the College Misericordia occupational therapy programs, visit www.misericordia.edu/ot or call Larree Brown in the Division of Adult Education at 674-6451, toll free at 1-866-262-6363, or by e-mail at Lbrown@misericordia.edu.

LCCC open house Nov. 6

Luzerne County Community College will hold an open house on Saturday, November 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the college's Campus Center.

Information on programs of study and financial aid will be available and tours of the campus will be given.

For more information, call 740-0337 or (800) 377-LCCC, extension 337.

Lake-Lehman Kindergarten Readiness

Math readiness program in November

The Lake-Lehman School District has scheduled the second presentation of the Kindergarten Readiness Program for children planning to enter kindergarten next fall. The program will feature math readiness.

Faculty from each building will conduct the presentation. The schedule is: Ross Elementary, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m.; Lake-Noxen Elementary, Nov.

at 9 a.m.; Lehman-Jackson Elementary, Nov. 5 at 9 a.m.

Register by calling Ross Elementary at 477-5050, Lake-Noxen Elementary at 639-1129, and Lehman-Jackson Elementary at 675-2165.

This program is only for children who will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2005, and are planning to enter kindergarten for the 2005-2006 school year.

'Night at the Races' benefits Bishop O'Reilly

Bishop O'Reilly's Blue & Gold Club will host a Night at the Races Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Independent Fire Hall, Sprague Ave, Kingston.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and post time is 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and a variety of snacks, foods, desserts, beer and soda will be served.

A \$50 prize will be awarded to the owner of each winning

horse. Horse owners need not be present to win. Admission for horse owners is free and each program sponsor is entitled to free admission and one horse entry.

This is an "Adults Only" event. For details, call Marty Bonetski at 674-9740 or Bob Chesnavich at 655-8475. All proceeds benefit programs at Bishop O'Reilly High School.

Zara Zaman on the ropes

Wyoming Seminary Lower School student Zara Zaman, daughter of Mr. Mohammed Zaman and Dr. Rubina Zaman of Shavertown, faced the challenge of a high ropes course at the Bryn Mawr Mountain Retreat in Honesdale. Zara joined the rest of Sem's seventh grade in the group-building program that has become a staple of the school's seventh-grade curriculum.



Stanton receives Elizabethtown merit scholarship

Randalynn S. Stanton of Trucksville was one of more than 400 incoming students to receive a merit scholarship from Elizabethtown College. Stanton received the presidential scholarship, a \$13,000 award presented to students based on their high school academic achievement and test scores. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average each year to continue to receive the award.

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Queen for homecoming

Chris Bertinelli placed the 2004 Dallas Homecoming Queen tiara on Cory Patton during halftime of the Oct. 23 Mountaineers' football game against Nanticoke.



Gate of Heaven awards Pro-Family/Pro-Life scholarship

The Rev. Kevin P. Mulhern, pastor of the Church of the Gate of Heaven, awarded the first-ever Gate of Heaven Pro-Family/Pro-Life Scholarship, a \$500 award, to the John Murray family of Dallas. The Murray's are the proud parents of seven children, Jessica, Patrick, Joseph, John, Julianna, Christopher and Michael. From left, first row, Christopher, John and Julianna Murray. Second row, Rev. Mulhern; Dianne Murray, holding Michael; Mary C. Tighe, Gate of Heaven school principal; John Murray

GATE OF HEAVEN NOTES

Drawing contest winners

Winners of the Gate of Heaven School "Team Up Against Drugs" contest were fifth graders Lindsay Stamer (5-215) and Kirby Smith (5-216). Red Ribbon Week was held at the school when students' drawings were displayed. GOH then submitted the two top vote getters to compete with schools in Pennsylvania. Winning fifth grade students from across the Commonwealth will have their artwork displayed on a 2005 calendar. Moderators of the competition were Ms. Deborah Wysocki, Mrs. Joan Keating, and Mrs. Dianne Ruch.

Ann Marie Wempa wins regional forensics

Gate of Heaven sixth grade student Ann Marie Wempa finished in first place at the Scranton Diocesan Regional Forensic Tournament, held at Holy Rosary School. Ann Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wempa, Trucksville. Other competitors from Gate of Heaven included Colleen Leahigh and Casey Hampsey (varsity); Devin Phillips and Stephen Ruch (junior varsity).

Student council soldier collection

Gate of Heaven Student Council is collecting items to send to the 109th Field Artillery for the holidays. Deadline for the "soldier" collection is Nov. 5.

Murphy leads orientation team at Susquehanna

Robert Murphy of Dallas was an orientation team leader for the class of 2008 at Susquehanna University. The team is composed of upper-class students with a desire to help new students make the transition to life at Susquehanna University. Murphy, a biology major, is a 2003 graduate of Dallas High School and is the son of Bob and Denise Murphy.

Send your news to The Post by e-mail.

thepost@leader.net

Digital photos welcome, too!

Deadline for submitted news is Wednesday at noon.

Arts At Hayfield
"Homespun Holiday"
Craft Show
Sunday, November 7
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman
Handcrafted items for sale in the Athletics & Recreation Building and Student Commons.
Wreaths, dolls, toys, jewelry, furniture, clothing, & more!
College Misericordia Chamber Singers 12 -1 p.m.
\$1 Donation Food available

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