

# Heating grants available to qualifying UGI users

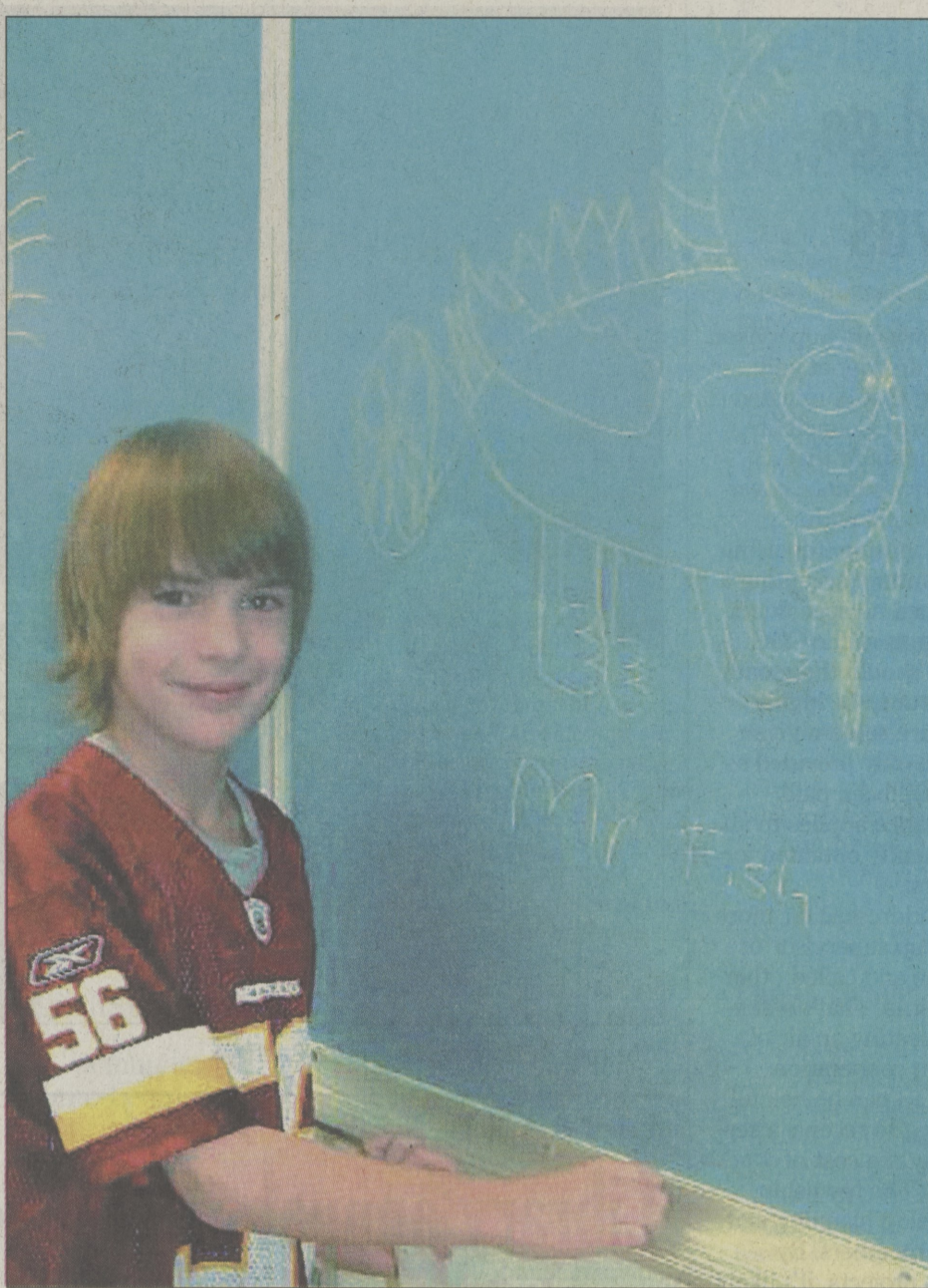
UGI Utilities, Inc. is helping eligible gas and electric customers apply for federal energy assistance dollars to keep their homes warm this winter. These grants, which do not need to be repaid, help customers with limited or fixed incomes pay their heating bills, repair or replace a heater and avoid utility service shut off. Last winter over 13,700 UGI customers received money from this fund. The average grant was \$259.

Funds are limited and available on a first come, first served basis, so UGI urges customers to apply as soon as possible. For more information on federal energy assistance, customers should call UGI at 1-800-UGI-WARM (1-800-844-9276). UGI will provide information on the application process and assistance completing and submitting the required forms. To qualify for funds a customer must provide proof of income, a recent heating bill, and the name, birth date and Social Security number for each person in his or her household. A table of qualifying income levels is attached.

## Maximum Income Levels for LIHEAP

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$12,569	\$1,047	\$242
2	\$16,862	\$1,405	\$324
3	\$21,155	\$1,763	\$407
4	\$25,448	\$2,121	\$489
5	\$29,741	\$2,478	\$572
6	\$34,034	\$2,836	\$654
7	\$38,327	\$3,194	\$737
8	\$42,620	\$3,552	\$820
Add'l member (per person)	+\$4,293	+\$358	+\$83

At any time of the year, UGI customers who have a problem paying their utility bill are encouraged to contact UGI promptly for information on available assistance programs as well as payment arrangements. UGI Utilities' headquarters is located in Reading, PA. The utility serves 292,000 natural gas customers in 14 southeastern PA counties and 62,000 electric customers in portions of Luzerne and Wyoming counties. Additional information about UGI is available at [www.ugi.com](http://www.ugi.com).



The assignment was to draw a fish that was different, so with specific instructions from his group, Brandon Rome drew a picture of a cross-eyed fish, complete with an afro, fat lips, fangs, wings, arms and legs, a goatee, horns and a motor tail.

## DIVERSITY

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something different about them," said fifth grader Erika McCabe.

In another exercise, students put labels on their foreheads with instructions for how their fellow students were to react. Those with labels like, "Say hi," "Pat my back," and "Give me a high five," were left feeling very good about themselves.

Tia Cosgrove, whose label said, "Turn away," reacted differently. "I felt bad, left out, sad and disappointed," she said.

Pat McLane, a volunteer from Blue Cross of Northeastern PA, asked students in Linda Joseph's class to work in groups to make up a different looking fish. The three fish drawn on the blackboard did not look typical in any way as they sported afros, goat-ees, wings, and fangs.

That made an impression on Tiffany Gebhart. "I found out that everybody is supposed to look different," she said. "It would be boring if they didn't."

The annual Day of Cultural Sharing commemorates Martin Luther King Day. "I found that the students here really knew a lot about Dr. King and diversity," said McLane. "They were very receptive and someone had an answer for each of the questions I asked."

Perhaps the most poignant question of the day, though, came from a fifth grade student. "How come they separated people in the first place?" Michael Mulea wanted to know.

# Holmes chosen for leadership program

Anne Holmes, of Shavertown, associate professor of health, physical education and movement sciences at



Anne Holmes

Luzerne County Community College, has been chosen to participate in the National Institute for Leadership

Program participants are chosen for their professional abilities, their interests in advancement in higher education, and the quality of their proposed projects.

The National Institute for Leadership Development (NILD) is recognized internationally by colleges, universities and businesses for its visionary, holistic programs that produce leaders who effectively challenge assumptions, eliminate barriers and create new pathways to successful solutions.

Holmes has been a faculty member at LCCC for 10 years. Prior to coming to LCCC, she was department chair of the exercise science department at Penn State Wilkes-Barre for seven years. She has also taught the joy of movement and self-care to students in K-12 curricula in Harrisburg and the Wallenpaupack Area School District.

Holmes obtained her B.S. degree from Penn State University and her M.Ed. degree from East Stroudsburg University.

Development "LEADERS" program, an international program for administrators and faculty in higher education.

The year-long program is designed to enhance the skills participants need to assume major decision-making roles in their institutions.

During the program, Holmes will be mentored by Dr. Ann Williams, CEO of Penn State Lehigh Valley, to develop a model for a worksite wellness program designed to affect the six dimensions of health — physical, social, environmental, spiritual, intellectual and emotional.



This group of students worked closely to decide what elements their "diverse fish" should have. From left: Taylor Whitaker, Jake Piskorik, Aaron Aciekewicz, Aaron Lisses, Kara Augustine and Brandon Rome.



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These students were delighted to be reunited with their "pota-to friends." From left are Taylor Gingell, Kayla Yaglowksi, Erin Koscelansky and Erika McCabe.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

Leo Karasinski, owner of Karasinski Architecture in Wilkes-Barre, has been internationally recognized in a two-volume hardcover compendium titled "1000 Architects."



Leo Karasinski

The set, released worldwide by Australian company Images Publishing, features architects recognized throughout the world for their creative approach to building design.

Selection to this group of distinguished designers was by invitation only, conducted

by the publisher and based on awards received, magazine publications and lectures.

Locally Karasinski is the Architect of Record for the Arena at Casey Plaza, Wycallis Elementary School and the Anderson Bell Tower at College Misericordia among other projects. His practice provides professional design services for residential, commercial and educational facilities and includes architecture, interiors, planning and historic preservation. Karasinski resides with his family in Shavertown.

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center has named Thomas Honeywell,



Thomas Honeywell

Transport, a January 2005 employee of the month. Honeywell is a four-year employee of Geisinger Wyoming Valley in the materials management and transport department. His responsibilities include transporting patients throughout the medical center. He lives with his wife, Beverly, in Dallas and has two children and six grandchildren.

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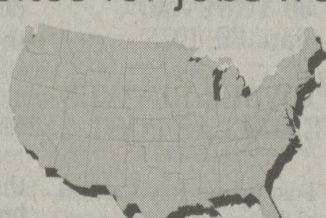
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