

Head Start will take applications

Luzerne County Head Start Inc., which serves Luzerne and Wyoming counties, is accepting applications for the 2005-2006 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, 2005.

For more information, call one of the following numbers: Dallas, 674-1062 or 674-1063; Lehman-Jackson, 675-7820 or 675-7784; Lake Lehman, 639-2465 or 639-2456; Shickshinny, 542-2505

Staff will be available at the Dallas center on Thursday March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. for an evening recruitment. The center is located in the St. Paul's Church off Route 118. The other center recruitment nights will be held in April.

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

Open house March 19 at College Misericordia

College Misericordia invites high school students and their parents to the Spring Open House programs at its Dallas campus. The open house will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The college offers students an opportunity to spend a day touring the facilities, meeting Misericordia students, faculty and coaches, and talking with admissions and financial aid counselors.

For more information, contact the admissions office at 675-4449, or toll free at 1-866-CM and ME (866-262-6363), or by e-mail at admiss@miseri-cordia.edu.



Dallas Middle School teachers honored

Mrs. Sharon Nardone and Mrs. Sue Holthaus have been nominated by Principal Anthony Martinelli as Dallas Middle School's 2006 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. Both teachers were recognized during the middle school's quarterly awards program and received plaques from the student council in recognition of their accomplishments. Pictured with Mrs. Nardone and Mrs. Holthaus are previous Dallas Middle School Teacher of the Year nominees. From left, seated: Mrs. Robin Moore, Mrs. Sue Holthaus, Mrs. Sharon Nardone, Mrs. Joan Rakowski. Standing: Mr. Thomas Duffy, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kathy Dolan, Mrs. Nancy Ferko, and Mr. Anthony Martinelli, Principal. Absent from photo: Miss Mary Fran Thomas.

Tuition assistance available for Diocese pre-K programs

The Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation is providing tuition assistance for eligible families whose children are enrolled in pre-kindergarten programs, which are operated within 30 diocesan elementary schools.

The scholarships are a new component of Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, which allows corporations and businesses to earn state tax credits by contributing to organizations such as the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation.

PNC Bank is among a number of area corporations that have supported the Scholarship Foundation since its inception three years ago.

Most recently, PNC donated \$55,000 for tuition assistance in diocesan programs.

Overall, more than 3,000 students in grades K-12 have received awards over the past three years through the Scholarship Foundation. This was made possible by the contributions of nearly 60 local companies. Donations to the Scholarship Foundation have now surpassed \$4 million, including nearly \$930,000 for the 2005/2006 school year.

Families must submit an application to be considered for tuition assistance. The applications are evaluated by the Private School Aid Service (PSAS), a Lakewood, Ohio company that specializes in financial aid programs.

Pre-K awards will be \$300 per child. Families will be ranked by financial need within the school and the awards will be considered separately from the K-12 awards; thus, a family not awarded a K-12 award may still be eligible to receive an award for their pre-K student.

The application deadline is April 15 and the application fee to PSAS is \$19 for processing. Applications may be returned to PSAS directly or to the school to be forwarded to PSAS.

Information regarding donations to the pre-K or K-12 tax credit program may be received by calling the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation at 207-2250.

Bishop O'Reilly High School honor students

The following are Back Mountain residents who qualified for the Bishop O'Reilly High School honor roll for the second marking period.

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

Junior Laura DeCesaris and sophomore Katie Manbachi.

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

Seniors: Conor Judge, Sandra Krogulski, Margaret Mathewson, Gracemarie Mike and Joanna Smith.

Juniors: Allison Baur, Jennifer Bonetski, Ian Herron, Natalie Herron, Ann Onzik, Tara Shevock and Brian (P. J.) Tabit.

Sophomores: Kelli Crossin, Keith Hizny, Susan Krogulski and Elizabeth Ryan.

Freshmen: Devin Albrecht, Hillary Mosca, Matthew Ruch,

Nicholas Sobeck and Gary Stavish.

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

Seniors: Lauren Adamchak, Lauren Chupka, Michael DeRojas, Melissa Millo, Jessica Ryan, Bernard Solack, Nicole Spencer, Gregory Suhocki and Janelle Zabresky.

Juniors: Mary Balavage, Maria Gialanella, Brittany Grabowski, Stephane Hennigan, Kathryn Junta, Jill Ratowski, Samantha Solack and Erin Tanner.

Sophomores: Kyle Gallagher, Kevin Gilbertson, Sean McNealis, Kathleen Paley, Emily Popson, Elizabeth Seybert and Stephen Zubko.

Freshmen: John Frederick, Bridget Knepp, Melissa Rukstalis, Leslie Serino and Benjamin Seybert.

Bishop O'Reilly Junior High School honor roll

The following are Back Mountain residents who qualified for the Bishop O'Reilly Junior High School honor roll for the second marking period.

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

Grade 8: Linnae Auffer.

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

Grade 8: Michael Moleski and Susanna Parmelee.

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

Grade 8: Laura Easton; **Grade 7:** Nikki Broody, Sara Krogulski and Megan Ustynoski.

DEAN'S LIST

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

Elizabethtown College
Randalynn S. Stanton, Trucksville; Benjamin R. Osterhout, Tunkhannock

Slippery Rock University
Jillian J. Welch, Hunlock

Creek; Elizabeth J. Mason, Tunkhannock

Arcadia University
Sarah Lacey, Noxen

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Matthew Moser, Shavertown

Oxford College Merit List
Mary Deady, Harveys Lake

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The Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association (PCA) has named Dr. David J. Madeira of Dallas as their "Chiropractor of the Year 2004" for his outstanding service to the profession.

Dr. Madeira served as President of the PCA 2002-2004 and is an active member, serving on the PCA board since 1999. He is also a member of the American Chiropractic Association and the Christian Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Madeira has been in private practice for 15 years in his Dallas office, The Better Health Center in the Twin Stax Center. He resides in Dallas with his wife Melanie and their five children Hannah, D.J., Michaela, Anthony and Nicholas.