

Program offers firsthand look at life without hearing

Through humor and inspiring stories, Sue Thomas, profoundly deaf since the age of 18 months, will take audiences on her odyssey of learning to speak and read lips at a special presentation at the Dallas Middle School on Monday, April 4, starting at 7 p.m.

Thomas, who found strength through adversity, will share her personal turmoil as a youngster who was different, the challenges of living in a world of silence, and her days as a surveillance officer for the FBI.

The program is sponsored by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit. Doors will open at 6 p.m. to provide attendees an opportunity to tour an exhibit hall filled with information on child development, education, and Assistive technology. Following Thomas' presentation, she will be on hand to sign autographs and her books. For more information and ticket reservations, phone Sue Zerfoss at 674-3309.



DMS students compete in math

The Dallas Middle School recently participated in the Mathcounts competition at Wilkes University. Pat Healey placed 11th overall.

The students involved were, from left, first row: Monica Esopi, Nicole Clemson, Meghan Pietraccini.

Second row: Nicole Van Etten, Abby Mulhern.

Third row: Pat Healey, Brandon Harding, Patrick Touhey, Michael Rother (coach).

Sem Lower School honor students

Dean of Wyoming Seminary Middle School, Patricia T. Summerhill, has announced the following Back Mountain students have been named to the Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll at Wyoming Seminary Middle School for the second trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year.

High Honor Roll

Grade 6: Bijoy Ghosh, Dallas; Evan Leas, Shavertown; Alyxandria Stephens, Dallas.

Grade 7: Marco Santarelli, Dallas; Nicholas Strzeletz, Dallas.

Grade 8: Sean Dickinson, Shavertown; Katherine Farias, Shavertown; Kyla Halsor, Dallas; Derek Kopen,

Shavertown; Ryan Leas, Shavertown; Katherine Levandoski, Dallas; Kelsey Lloyd, Shavertown.

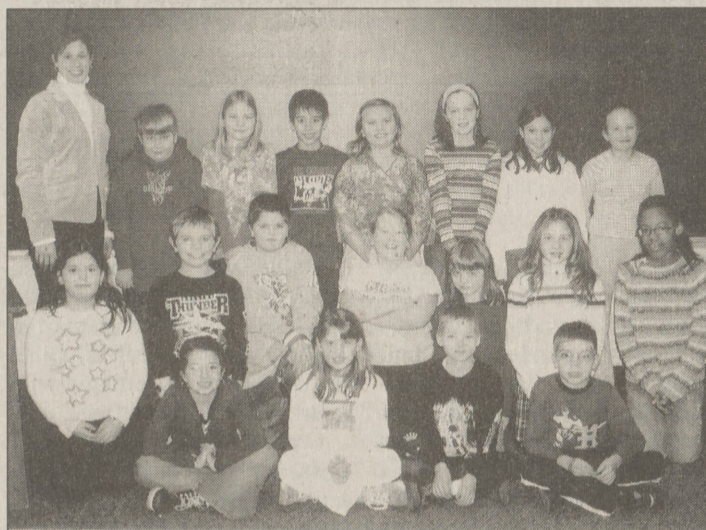
Honor Roll

Grade 6: James Curtis, Dallas; Omeed Firouzi, Shavertown; Erin Ryan, Dallas.

Grade 7: Christopher Bell, Wyoming; George Cimochoowski, Dallas; Salvatore DiPietro, Shavertown;

Audrianna Gavin, Shavertown; Madeleine Hackett, Shavertown; Giovanna Querci, Dallas; Amanda Reiser, Shavertown.

Grade 8: J. Patrick Brady, Shavertown; Hannah Frantz, Dallas; Olivia Marquart, Dallas; Tyler Zalatimo, Dallas.



Top fundraisers

The Lehman Jackson Elementary School PTA held its first fundraising event for the school year and recently awarded the top selling class of the school with an ice cream party. The school's fundraising events are important because they help the PTA bring in events such as assemblies, basketball, field trips and other programs throughout the year.

This year's winning classroom for the party was Mrs. James's third grade class. Pictured from left, front row: Kaylee Hillard, Courtney McMonagle, Samuel Evans, Christopher Covert. Second row: August Headley, Tyler Renken, Joseph Wojcik, Sarah Setzer, Amber Kelley, Brooke O'Brien, and Jazmine Tucker. Third row: Mrs. James, John Erdman, Danielle Belcher, Cody Paraschak, Shannen Yavorchak, Emily Malak, Symantha Sharon, and Anna James. Absent from photo are Lara Shirey, Alex Hoyt, and Jacob Pelton.

Luzerne County Head Start taking applications

Luzerne County Head Start Inc., which serves Luzerne and Wyoming counties, is accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year. The program is available to children who will be age 3 or 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2005.

Staff will be available at the Lehman-Jackson Center on April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. for an evening recruitment. The center is located in the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. For more information, call 675-7820 or 675-7784.

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.



Students of the Building at Ross

Ross Elementary Principal, Mr. Donald James, has announced the nominees and winners for the "Student of the Building for February." Students are chosen for improvement, academic achievements and citizenship. The nominees were: K-1, Nikolas Antinnes; K-2, Riley Oremus; 1-1, Tyler Kolb; 1-2, Karen Marchakitus; 2-1, Neil Mras; 2-2, Morgan Goodrich; 3-1, Shoshana Mahoney; 3-2, Jacob Stroud; 4-1, Shane Kreller; 4-2, Steven Hagenbach; 5th, Justin Partington; 6-1, Avery DeFranco; 6-2, Kameitri Saxe.

One primary and one intermediate student represent the school for February. They are: Primary (2-2), Morgan Goodrich; Intermediate (6-1), Avery DeFranco. Row 1: Riley Oremus, Karen Marchakitus, Nikolas Antinnes. Row 2: Shane Kreller, Tyler Kolb, Neil Mras, Jacob Stroud. Row 3: Mr. Casagrande (6th grade), Steven Hagenbach, Kameitri Saxe, Justin Partington, Avery DeFranco, Shoshana Mahoney, Mrs. Kreidler (2nd grade). Absent from photo Morgan Goodrich.

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Personal enrichment workshops at Penn State Wilkes-Barre

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will continue its series of personal enrichment workshops this spring with Film, Food, & Fun Facts, a film and discussion series, Wines of Italy, and a Virtual Tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Film, Food, & Fun Facts, a film and discussion series, will link five classic movies with ties to northeastern Pennsylvania. William Bachman, instructor in Communication Arts & Sciences at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, will guide participants through Bundle of Joy, City Slickers, Radio Days, The Fugitive and 1776. The workshops will run on Friday evenings in April from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Each film has a distinct connection to our area, which will be explored during discussions following the film's showing. Light refreshments that complement the ethnic group cuisine or the historic theme of each film will be served. A discount is available for participants registering for all five films by March 30. Students can enroll in this film course to earn one credit.

Wines from three prominent regions of Italy well-known for

quality wines — Tuscany and central Italy, Piedmont and northwest Italy, and Friuli and northeast Italy — will be sampled and critiqued on Friday evenings, May 6, 13, and 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. Instructor Sam Rostock will guide participants in the art of identifying fine wines by understanding grape varieties, aromas, colors and flavors. Light refreshments featuring Italian cuisine will complement wine selections. Participants must be at least 21 years of age with valid proof.

An evening devoted to those interested in art history and appreciation of the arts will be held on Friday, June 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the campus's science building. Experience New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art with a virtual tour led by Penn State art instructor Mary Mattern. Following the "Met's" floor plan, Mattern will lead participants through the art works and artifacts on the first floor and the paintings and galleries on the second.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call Janet Rosenbaum at 675-9102 or e-mail wbec@outreach.psu.edu

Adult and transfer event at Misericordia

College Misericordia will host an Adult Learner and Transfer Night on Wednesday, April 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event, to be held in the Kennedy Room of the Banks Student Life Center, is open to adult learners and transfer students 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 College Misericordia's faculty. Common topics include: equi-

table credit transfer; credit for life experiences (CLEP); financial aid eligibility; evening and weekend class schedules; accelerated formats (Expressway); certificate programs; and online courses.

New programs for 2005 include a "bridge" certification program for special education teachers, an online master's degree program in elementary education and a certificate program for health care managers.

Registration is not necessary; however appointments can be made. For more information, call 674-6400, or e-mail to cont-ed@misericordia.edu or toll free at 1-866-CM and Me (866-262-6363). Prospective students can also visit the web site at misericordia.edu.

Lake-Noxen kindergarten registration

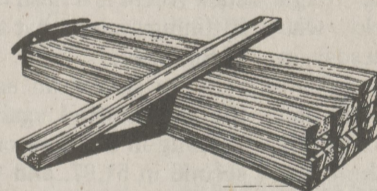
Due to Lake-Lehman School District having a snow day on March 1, kindergarten registration for the 2005-2006 school year at Lake-Noxen Elementary School has been rescheduled to Monday, April 4. Bring your child's immunization record, birth certificate and proof of your residency (driver's license). Children must be in attendance. Registration will be held using this alphabetical schedule of the last name: 9:30 (A-E), 10:30 (F-J), 11:30 (K-O), 1:30 (P-S), and 2:30 (T-Z).

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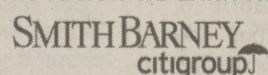
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