

**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Wyoming Seminary begins school year**

Wyoming Seminary is starting its 162nd year of classes. The Upper School in Kingston will register boarding and day students Aug. 28-29 for students in grades nine through 12 and postgraduate.

On Aug. 30, a special opening of school convocation service will be held at the Upper School. Senior class president Bianca Roman of Mountain Top will ring the historic Cokesbury bell 16 times, one for each decade of Wyoming Seminary's existence, to usher in the new academic year.

The Lower School, located in Forty Fort, will hold its first day of classes Aug. 29 for students in grades pre-kindergarten (age 3) through eighth grade.

For more information about Wyoming Seminary, its programs and activities, call 270-2190.

**EMT course offered in Dallas Township**

The Luzerne County Community College Public Safety Training Institute will offer a basic emergency medical technician course this fall in Dallas Township.

The EMT course covers all techniques of emergency medical care presently considered within the responsibilities of the EMT, as well as operational aspects of the job which EMT's will be expected to perform.

Specific objective of the course include teaching students the overall role and responsibilities of the EMT in performing both the emergency care and operational aspects of the job; developing student skills in patient assessment and all emergency treatment procedures; and developing student skills in the use and care of all equipment required to accomplish the job.

The course is designed for individuals desiring to provide emergency medical care with an ambulance service or other pre-hospital rescue service,

routinely providing emergency care. Anyone who wishes to enroll in the course is required to read, write and have good oral command of the English language. Participants must be 16 years of age prior to taking the state certification exams that are scheduled for the course.

Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Dallas High School and will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays until Thursday, February 23.

Cost of the program is \$120. For more information, or to enroll, call LCCC at 740-0481.

**CM Choral Society has openings for cantata**

The College Misericordia Choral Society has openings in all sections for this season's production of Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicholas" cantata. Rehearsals will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Kennedy Lounge in the Banks Student Life Center at College Miser-

cordia. Interested singers can join during the open rehearsal period from August 30th through September 20th. There is no audition, but some prior choral singing experience is desirable.

The Choral Society, directed by John Curtis, is made up of students, staff and faculty of College Misericordia as well as members of the community. For more information, call Curtis at 674-6739 or send an e-mail to jcurtis@misericordia.edu. You may also visit the Web site www.misericordia.edu/choralsociety.

**Special education forum at Wilkes**

The Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 will hold a Special Education Inclusion Forum from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Henry Student Center on the Wilkes University campus in Wilkes-Barre. The event is also being sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Local Right to Education Task Force.

Light refreshments will be served. There is no admission

charge, but reservations are required no later than Sept. 1. For reservations, call 762-8905.

**Financial aid to be discussed**

A financial aid information night will be held at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 in room 105 of the Hayfield House, Room 105.

The program is open to all prospective college students and their parents at no cost.

Kathy Pesta, campus financial aid coordinator, will provide a general overview of the financial aid process, including how to apply for aid, determination of financial need, and an explanation of types of student aid available.

The financial aid information will be general in nature and not specifically related to Penn State University.

It will be helpful for any student regardless of what college or university he or she plans to attend.

To register for the session, call the office of student aid at

675-9242 no later than Sept. 8.

**Learn to speak Italian at College Misericordia**

The Language Institute is offering introduction to conversational Italian on the campus of College Misericordia. The class meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday from Sept. 15 through Nov. 3. The course fee is \$150.

Designed for individuals with little or no previous knowledge of Italian, this 16-hour class will introduce students to the fundamentals of the Italian language, with an emphasis on mastering communication skills in an interactive learning environment.

An ideal class for anyone planning a trip to Italy, the course will help students to communicate in everyday situations they are likely to encounter in their travels.

For more information or to register, contact Jenny Blanchard, Language Institute coordinator, at 408-4240, or by e-mail at blanchar@wilkes.edu.

**Classes in Lake-Lehman School District begin Aug. 30**

The Lake-Lehman School District announces that the 2005-06 school year will begin for students in grades 1-12 on Tuesday, Aug. 30. This will be a full-day session. Professional staff will attend an orientation and in-service on Monday, Aug. 29. Kindergarten students will begin school Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The start time for all elementary schools 8 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:45 p.m. Students will be allowed to enter the buildings no earlier than 7:55 a.m. Student drop off and pick up procedures will remain the same as last year.

Breakfast and lunch may be purchased beginning the first day at a cost of 75 cents for breakfast and \$1.45 for lunch. Students who participated in the free or reduced meal program last year will begin the year with the same status, but must file new paperwork immediately. Homework assignments will be posted at each of the elementary buildings.

Lehman-Jackson Elementary welcomes new teachers Jacqueline Pavlick to first grade, Doreen Johnson to second grade, Justin Feinauer to third grade, and Selina Vols to art. Ross Elementary welcomes Jamie Hollowich to kindergarten, Jennifer Bernick to fifth grade, Shane Kupsky to art, Rebecca

Burdett to music, Corin Smith as a long-term substitute in third grade, Rebecca Keefe as a long-term substitute in fourth grade, and Melissa Sorber as a long-term substitute in sixth grade. Lake-Noxen Elementary welcomes Tracy Long as a long-term substitute in second grade.

New staff members at the junior-senior high school includes Tracey Wagner, principal; Michael Kostrobola, math; Dawn Kwiatkowski, guidance; and Tina Antonello, director of special education. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily at a cost of 75 cents for breakfast and \$1.55 for lunches. They will be available for purchase on the first day. Students participating last year in the free and reduced lunch program will begin the year at that status and are reminded to submit new paperwork immediately.

A la carte items will also be available. Soda vending machines will not be available for use during lunch periods.

The district recently acquired 186 new computers and mobile wireless computer labs in each building. The district has also re-

ceived a \$15,000 grant from 3M for a detection system and Tattle-Tape Security Strips for the junior-senior high school library. A \$2,000 grant was acquired from Leap Frog Schoolhouse Products for learning equipment, including globes, books, and readers.

The district has also updated textbooks in the elementary schools, replacing math and science books in all grades and social studies books in grades 1-3. The junior-senior high school will be using new textbooks in the areas of math, social studies, and language arts.

All schools in the district will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5. Back-to-School nights will be held on Sept. 12 for the junior-senior high school; Sept. 13 for Lehman-Jackson Elementary; Sept. 14 for Lake-Noxen Elementary; and Sept. 15 for Ross Elementary.

Students and parents are encouraged to view the school district's Web site at www.lake-lehman.k12.pa.us for more information about school policy, procedures, student handbooks, and the school calendar.

**Head Start students remain looking for school**

BY CAMILLE FIOTI  
Post Correspondent

While most kids are busy getting ready for school, some participants of the Head Start program still do not have a school to attend.

Seventeen 3-4-year-olds who live in the Lake-Lehman School District - who would have attended morning sessions at Lake-Noxen Elementary School - don't have a place to go since the district recently made a decision to use the space for its own students.

Head Start had been located in the school for 14 years.

"We're at the 11th hour and we have nowhere for the kids to go," said Head Start executive director Lynn Evans Biga, who added that Sept. 7 is the first day of school. She didn't say what would happen to the students if a place isn't found before that date.

Biga understands why the district made its decision.

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Head Start executive director

size in the elementary school," she said.

"When you do that, you need more space."

Biga said the group needs a location with a classroom, bathroom, kitchen and small office space.

Her staff will be sharing office space at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School in the meantime.

She said they would like to stay within a 5-6 mile radius of the Lake-Noxen area because the displaced children are mostly from that area.

Head Start is funded by the federal government, but also re-

ceives some state funding.

They are on a limited budget and can only afford to pay nominal rent.

"We're still looking," she said. "We contacted everyone we know. There are a couple of possibilities, but nothing in concrete. I have to believe there is some place out there for us."

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