

Local residents named AP Scholars

Sixteen residents of the Back Mountain are among the 51 current students and recent graduates of Wyoming Seminary who have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement examinations. Approximately 18 percent of the more than 1 million students who took the examinations merited such recognition.

Five students from the Back Mountain qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction award

by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The students are Andrew O'Hara, Dallas; Aaron Richterman, Dallas; and Daniel Rittenberg, Shavertown; Ross Feinstein, Shavertown; and Andrew Rogers, Trucksville.

Six students from the Back Mountain qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of those exams. There

students are Caitlin Delehanty, Shavertown; Abigail Fried, Dallas; David Glauber, Shavertown; and Nina Shah, Shavertown; Jacob Budin, Trucksville; and Kelly Dickinson, Shavertown.

Five students from the Back Mountain qualified for the AP Scholar award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. The students are Nancy Abramowitz, Trucksville; Devin Carey, Dallas; Amanda Cogswell, Harveys Lake; and Michael Lloyd, Shavertown; and Paul Witt, Dallas.

Comedy night raising money for Katrina victims

College Misericordia's residence life staff will hold its second annual CougaLive, a Saturday Night Live-style performance, at 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 in Walsh Auditorium. Admission is \$2 and tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

The show will include a number of skits, musical performances, and plenty of laughs all written, performed, and produced by College Misericordia students. The community is en-

couraged to attend.

Last year, more than 200 people attended CougaLive, which raised \$750 to assist the flood relief for the people of Guyana. This year's goals include raising more than \$1,000 and having more people attend the show.

Members of the cast include Katie Biesecker, Melissa Clementoni, Bobby Decker, Ashlee Doss, Brandy Freeland, Ed Hamm, Erin Kennelly, Renee Lavin, Dillon Lockwood, Justin Lukasewicz, Dana Pienta, Jennifer Rafalko, Brian Ulrich and

Jason Yoder.

Other members of the staff who helped with fund-raising include Paul Fetzer, Laura Kitner, Krista Koch, Joe Pipitone and Liz Yaracz. Kristen Boustead heads the fund-raising effort and serves as the stage manager. Renee Lavin is the publicity director and Dana Pienta is in charge of the props, set, and costume design team. Jeffery Dietz is the media and technology coordinator and the skits were written by Justin Lukasewicz, who will also serve as producer.

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"Last year when they went through the maze I was getting so nervous because they weren't coming out," Lisa said. "Then they finally came out along the edge somewhere."

Field said his family opened its pumpkin patch to the public three years ago.

"You get a better return than if you were whole selling," he said. "It's a fun type of business."

The Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch, located off Route 29, is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from noon until dusk. Group outings can be scheduled for other times, as well.

Hayrides are free, pumpkins cost 30 cents a pound, gourds are three for a \$1 and the corn maze is \$3 per person.

"We charge extra for the bumps," said Field as the trac-

tor pulled the wagon of people through dip and divots.

Another young child, 3-year-old Erik Antolik - who was wearing a Thomas the Tank Engine T-shirt - said he had a good time feeding the goats.

Erik and his mother, Lori Antolik of Nanticoke, went to visit his grandmother, Noxen resident Elaine Dombowski, for the day and decided to head to the pumpkin patch for some fun.

"Mom, what's this," Erik asked while holding up a gourd. His mother replied that's a gourd, like Thomas' friend Gordon.

After a few minutes of exploring through the patch, Erik

settled on a green and orange pumpkin he had to carry with both hands.

Orange T-shirts bearing the Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch name were also on the market for \$9, as well as some baked goods and apple cider from the Grassy Ridge Orchard.

The orchard is owned and operated by Mark Field, Joel's brother.

Kyle Lavelle of Wilkes-Barre said he came to the pumpkin patch because his mom made him. He and his brother, Chase Button, 3, each made a scarecrow while at the patch.

"Mine is a boy and I named him brother," Chase said while jumping around in a pile of hay.

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live kidney transplants are successful. And the setback had a huge emotional impact.

"It was a devastating to the entire family," said Shirley Crawford.

"We never thought that it wouldn't be successful and we had no idea the (negative) effect it would have on Chris' body."

The failed transplant changed Crawford's antibodies, significantly decreasing the possibility of finding a suitable donor.

"We've been told it might be like finding a needle in a haystack," said his mother

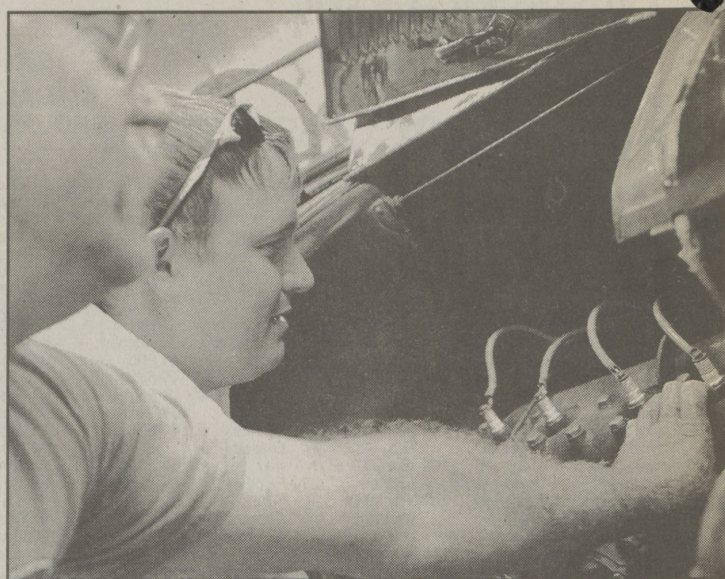
Crawford has lived with kidney problems most of his life, having been diagnosed with renal failure - a slow and progressive loss of kidney function - at 8 months old.

Although the medical problems kept him away from playing contact sports, Crawford was a Little League all-star baseball performer for the Astros in Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. and a goalkeeper for the Lake-Lehman soccer team.

"It never slowed me down," he said. "I never really thought about it. I would go for a checkup every six months and that was about it."

That began to change earlier this year.

"I was a little more fatigued, but I didn't have really strong symptoms," said Crawford, who visited his parents last weekend. "But my (creatinine) level in-



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When he pays a visit to his parents' Ross Township home, Chris Crawford enjoys helping his father Len work on antique cars.

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A suitable donor for Crawford needs to have type O-positive or O-negative blood.

Before the surgery can be performed, the prospective donor must undergo blood tests, a CAT scan, and several meetings with doctors.

In the meantime, Crawford must endure 3 hours and 15 minutes of dialysis treatments every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Dialysis treatments artificially remove waste from the blood, a job normally performed by the kidneys.

And despite the longer odds of finding a matching donor, Crawford remains optimistic.

"I'm confident someone can help," he said. "It's just a matter of time."

creased to point where they started working on finding a donor."

A host of family members and friends - from a former roommate to a female bartender in Hackensack - have stepped forward to help.

Unfortunately, they've all been ruled out as donors for one reason or another.

"I've been overwhelmed by the number of people who have stepped up to the plate," said

about Jesus is the greatest thing a person can do. It's a wonderful program."

And Redmond isn't the only believer in the program.

"It's been so much better than what I expected," said Branch. "I'll never look at puppets - actually I started calling them little people - the same way again."

And they immediately fell in love with it.

"It's so joyful to see the look of sheer happiness on the faces of the kids when they're watching the puppets or singing," said Redmond, whose sons Chase, 9, and Bryson, 6, attend the performances.

"Being able to teach a child

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most nine months ago.

The first Sunday the Redmonds attended the Dallas Baptist Church was the first time Caraway Street was performed.

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