

DALLAS STUDENTS ORGANIZE FOOD DRIVE



Students at the Dallas Middle School are collecting food for the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The food will be distributed to Back Mountain families in need. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations may be brought to school and will be collected in each homeroom. Participants in the food drive, from left, are Victoria Crockett; assistant principal Thomas Duffy, Katelynn Lopez, Austin Carr, Sarah Gallis, Kaitlyn Slaff, Tony Bevevino, student council adviser Joan Rakowski, and Justin Ellis.

DALLAS ELEMENTARY PTO OFFICERS



The Dallas Elementary School Parents-Teacher Organization recently announced its board members for the 2005-2006 school year. The PTO is responsible for various fund-raising programs, which support the school in academic and social activities throughout the school year. Members of the board, from left, first row are Amy Rome; treasurer; Laura Stearns; president, Deanna Habib, vice president; and Colleen Martinez, secretary. Second row: Denise Swida, No-reen Diaco, Wynn Nardone, Hillary Buda, Joan Meehan, Maureen Oremus, Lori Giampietro, Dawn Harding and Leeann Weaver. Third row: Shelley Shurites, Laura Harrison, Laura Olson, Denise Culp, Kathy Chupka, Kristen Andrews, Julie Schaub, Mary Ehret, Karen McEntee, Gail Petorak and Shawn Blat.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

GOH students participate in program

Students from Gate of Heaven School will participate in the Plant the Promise program at 9:35 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24 at the school on Machell Avenue in Dallas. The event is being organized by the Northeast Highway Safety Program of Catholic Services and sponsored by the Luzerne County juvenile probation program.

Students will plant red tulip bulbs at their schools, churches and community. The bulbs symbolize the promise to be drug and alcohol free, and to make to make safe and healthy decisions when they grow up. The students will be responsible for the care of the flowers until they bloom next spring during April's Alcohol Awareness Month.

Paintings, drawings to be exhibited at CM

The Waichulis Studio at College Misericordia will exhibit paintings and drawings in "Capturing Realism 2005" through Nov. 23 at the MacDonald Art Gallery on the school's campus. This year's exhibit features 15 outstanding young artists.

The Waichulis Studio began holding the exhibit in 1997 to inspire and train promising new artists. The studio chooses a select few artists for a fine art apprenticeship. Members of the studio have been the recipients of prestigious awards, and featured in national publications and well-respected galleries.

Students invited to CM open house

College Misericordia invites high school students and their parents to attend an open house program from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 29 at the college on Lake Street in Dallas.

The event offers students an opportunity to spend a fun and informative day touring the facilities, meeting CM students, faculty and coaches, and talking with admissions and financial aid counselors. The campus will be active with Homecoming weekend activities including a parade at 9 a.m. and six home athletic contests.

The open house schedule includes registration and refreshments; campus tours, including the new Alden Trust Computer Classroom; renovations in McHale Residence Hall; a faculty session; lunch; meetings with representatives of student ser-

vices, athletics and student government; and a session on financial aid. A session will also be held on the college's Alternative Learner's Project for students with learning disabilities.

For more information, call the admissions office at 675-4449 or e-mail admiss@miseriordia.edu. Students may also visit College Misericordia online at miseriordia.edu.

Theremin virtuoso to appear in concert

World-renowned musician and composer Rob Schwimmer will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at College Misericordia's Walsh Auditorium. This is no admission charge.

Schwimmer has worked with many famous musicians including Simon and Garfunkel, Queen Latifah, Bette Midler, Burt Bacharach, Muddy Waters, Stevie Wonder, Kurt Vonnegut and Willie Nelson. He also has written music for "Dora the Explorer" on Nickelodeon, "Sesame Street," the Academy Award-winning movie "Dear Diary," and several television movies and shows.

His accomplishments extend beyond composing. He also is a vocalist and arranger whose musical genres include jazz, classical, world music, avant-garde, pop-music, and rock. Schwimmer is one of the few Theremin virtuosos in the world.

For more information, call the College Misericordia box office at 674-6719, or visit the Web site www.miseriordia.edu.

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