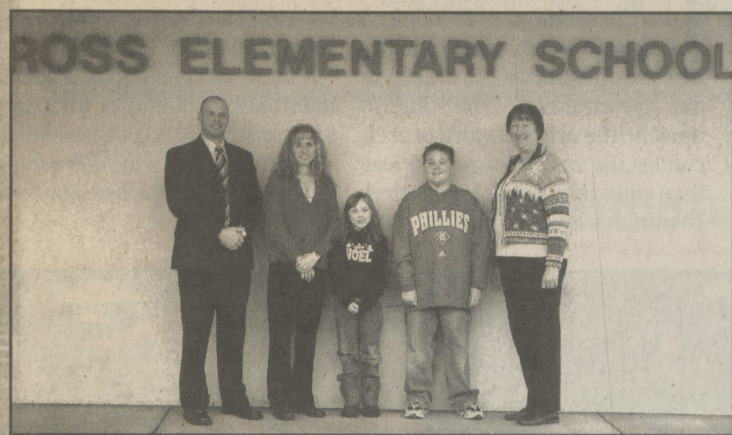


### ROSS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECEIVE AWARDS



Students Holly Banta (primary) and Joshua Davenport (intermediate) were recently honored as Ross Elementary School's Students of the Building for December. Nominees were also honored. Winners, nominees and school representatives, from left, first row are Chloe VanGorder, John Labatch, Corrine Nevel, Andrew Leahy, Rielly Sutliff and Banta. Second row: principal Donald James, teacher Shannon Kreidler, Corey Kinney, Shay Honeywell, Sela Fine, Grant Calkins, Zack Manganello, Ryan Hoyt, Davenport, Kyle Romanofski, and teacher Carle' Welter.

### Spaces available for African trip

Wilkes University anthropologist Jim Merryman will be leading a trip to Uganda on June 15-26.

A group of approximately 20 people are expected to make the trip.

Merryman speaks Swahili and has lived and worked in East Africa for 12 years. The cost of the all-inclusive trip is \$4,750.

The group will travel by 4-wheel drive vehicles to some of the most beautiful and exotic locations imaginable.

Group members will experience abundant wildlife close-up, as well as the chance to interact with a culturally diverse range of Uganda's hospitable peoples.

The group will stay in a number of upscale lodges and tented camps overlooking spectacular scenery.

The lodges have full amenities including pools. Trip highlights also include:

- A gorilla trek in the rainforest, more than 7,500 feet high, to spend an hour with the last of the mountain gorillas.
- A Nile cruise for three hours to its source, Murchison Falls, where the Nile dramatically spills forth from Lake Victoria. This section of the Nile is teeming with crocodiles, hippos and elephants.
- There will be a picnic at the top of the falls.
- A wildlife safari giving you the chance to photograph, from up-close, Africa's amazing diversity of wildlife.

On Lake Edward, the group will take a boat trip through the Kizinga Channel to witness the world's largest concentration of hippos (30,000) with the dramatic backdrop of the glaciated Rwenzoris (Mountains of the Moon) on the Congo side of the lake.

Registration should be made as soon as possible.

To register, or to receive for more information, call Merryman at 570-408-4043.

You may also reach him by e-mail at [merryman@wilkes.edu](mailto:merryman@wilkes.edu).

### Kindergarten readiness program slated

The Lake-Lehman School District will hold the third installment of its Kindergarten Readiness Program for parents and preschool children Feb. 6-8 at the district's three elementary schools.

The program is open to children who will be 5 years old before Sept. 1 and who are planning to enter kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year.

The focus of the program will be nutrition and health. The program will be held at 9 a.m. Feb. 6 at Lake-Noxen Elementary School; 9 a.m. Feb. 7 at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School; and 9 a.m. Feb. 8 at Ross Elementary School.

Faculty from each building will conduct the program. It will include an explanation of proper nutrition for children and will also include screening procedures for kindergarten registration in March. Separate activities will be held for the children. Parents and children are invited for lunch in the cafeteria following the presentation. The school district is kindly requesting that younger siblings do not attend.

To register for the program, parents should call their respective elementary school. The phone numbers are Ross Elementary School, 477-5050 or 256-7897; Lake-Noxen Elementary School, 639-1129; and Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, 675-2165.

### CLASSICAL MUSIC TO BE FEATURED AT WYOMING SEMINARY CONCERT



The Wyoming Seminary music department will present the music of Mozart, Ravel, Stravinsky and other classical and contemporary composers during its annual winter instrumental concert. The event will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Avenue in Kingston. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. The orchestra and chamber ensembles will be under the direction of conductor Anthony J. Kubasek. For more information, call 270-2190.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Horticulture course offered at PSU/W-B

The Penn State Cooperative Extension is accepting registrations for a horticulture short course, which will be held each Thursday from Feb. 9 through March 9 at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township.

The lecture/hands-on series will explore plant science, soils, integrated pest management, entomology, woody plant biology, pruning woody plants, pesticides and pesticide safety, lawn care, plant pathology, and herbaceous plants.

The registration fee is \$200 for the series or \$30 per class. Students may register for the entire series or pick and choose classes to attend.

For more information about the course, including the time of the classes, call Donna Grey or Mary Pat Appel at 825-1701.

#### Madrigal Singers holding concert

The Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers will present a special benefit concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 in the Great Hall, 228 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

The Madrigals will perform a variety of choral works of European and American origin. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will be used to fund the Madrigal's Asian tour in March.

For more information, call the school at 270-2190.

#### Scholarship exams at Wyo. Seminary

Local students in fourth through seventh grade who do not attend Wyoming Seminary Lower School may register for the school's Middle School

Merit Scholarship Exam, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at the school's campus in Forty Fort. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the exam will conclude at 11 a.m.

Up to five half-tuition scholarships will be awarded to students who display outstanding performance on the competitive exam. Need-based financial aid is also available beyond the award. Scholarship winners who remain in good academic standing will receive the same amount each year through the eighth grade.

Students in eighth and ninth grade who do not attend Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School in Kingston may register for the annual Trustee Academic Scholarship Exam, which will be given at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 4 at the school's Kingston campus.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Students must complete an application no later than Friday, Jan. 27. There is no registration fee.

For more information about the exams, call the school's office of admission at 718-6610. For more information about the school, visit the Web site [www.wyomingseminary.org](http://www.wyomingseminary.org).

#### Language Institute offers knitting class

The Language Institute will hold the class "Knitting in the Andes" - the first of a series of cultural enrichment classes - from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Monday from Jan. 23 through Feb. 20 at Wilkes University.

The 10-hour course will introduce students to the countries that make up the western regions of South America, the

indigenous people who inhabit the area, and the methods, patterns, garments, and history of knitting in this area.

Students will complete a knitting project by the end of the course, using native patterns and designs.

The class is open to knitters of all skill levels.

Prior knowledge of Spanish is not required.

For more information, call coordinator Jenny Blanchard at 408-4240.

You may also e-mail her at [blanchar@wilkes.edu](mailto:blanchar@wilkes.edu).

#### Dallas yearbooks in high school office

The 2005 yearbooks for Dallas High School recently arrived in the main office.

The yearbooks may be picked up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays in the main office. Receipts are helpful, but not necessary.

A limited number of yearbooks are available for purchase for anyone who did not place an order.

The yearbooks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call the high school at 675-5201.

#### L-L yearbooks ready for pickup

The 2005 Lake-Lehman High School yearbooks are available for pick up from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays in the high school's main office.

Anyone who did not order a yearbook last year may purchase one for \$75.

#### Lethal weapons class begins Jan. 30

Luzerne County Community College is offering PA Act 235 lethal weapons training courses.

The basic certification class will begin Monday, Jan. 30 and the recertification class begins Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Applicants must meet certain requirements for acceptance into the course before registering at LCCC.

Applications must be printed from the Pennsylvania State Police Web site at [www.lethalweapons.state.pa.us](http://www.lethalweapons.state.pa.us) and submitted to the state police in Harrisburg.

Once an applicant is approved, he or she will receive a letter from the state police indicating they are eligible to enroll in a basic certification course. The approval letter must be provided to LCCC upon registration.

For more information, call the LCCC Public Safety Training Institute at 740-0521.

#### LCCC offers career program

The New Choices/New Options career development program at Luzerne County Community College is accepting applications for the spring 2006 semester.

The program assists single parents, displaced homemakers, and men and women pursuing non-traditional careers with tuition, books and career development plans.

For more information, call Ann Zgagowski at 740-0606 or 1-800-377-5222, ext. 606.

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