

**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**SAT review course offered**

The Penn State/Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township will host a review class for the new Scholastic Aptitude Test from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday for eight weeks beginning Feb. 4. The course will cover preparation for the critical reading/writing and math exams and will include a sample essay for the writing component.

This course is designed to provide information about the current format of the SAT and provide students with test-taking techniques to help them realize their full potential on the test. Topics will address increased reading comprehension and strategies for sentence completion for the critical reading section. The writing component will cover grammar and mechanics, as well as effective essay writing.

Students will be introduced to a math grid and learn when to use a calculator on the test. Instructors will also cover the advantages and disadvantages of

guessing.

The cost of the course is \$249 for both classes, critical reading/writing and math. The cost is \$149 for either the critical reading/writing or math. For more information or to register, call Janet Rosenbaum 675-9102 or e-mail her at [jqr8@psu.edu](mailto:jqr8@psu.edu).

**Local students make dean's list**

Three Back Mountain residents were recently named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the fall semester of the 2005-06 academic year. Dean's list students must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Local students named to the list were Dallas residents Conor Judge, Dustin Kapson and Megan Vodzak.

Judge, son of Michael and Anne Judge, is a 2005 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School. Kapson, son of David and Gail Kapson, is a 2003 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. And Vodzak, daughter of Joseph and Susan Vodzak, is a 2005 graduate of Dallas High School.

**Boyer named to dean's list**

Justin Boyer, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, was named to the dean's list following his sophomore year at the school. The University of Pennsylvania lists dean's list students at the end of academic years, not at the end of semesters. The son of Charles and Ellen Boyer of Shickshinny is a 2003 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, where he was the class salutatorian.

**Tunkhannock library hosting wine tasting**

The Tunkhannock Public Library will hold its third annual wine tasting "Life is a Cabernet" from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the library on West Tioga Street in Tunkhannock. The event will feature wine, nonalcoholic beverages, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, coffee, a silent auction, a raffle and door prizes.

The cost is \$30 per person and proceeds benefit the library. A limited number of tickets are available. For tickets or more

information, call the library at 836-1677.

**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 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).

**Lethal weapons class begins Jan. 30**

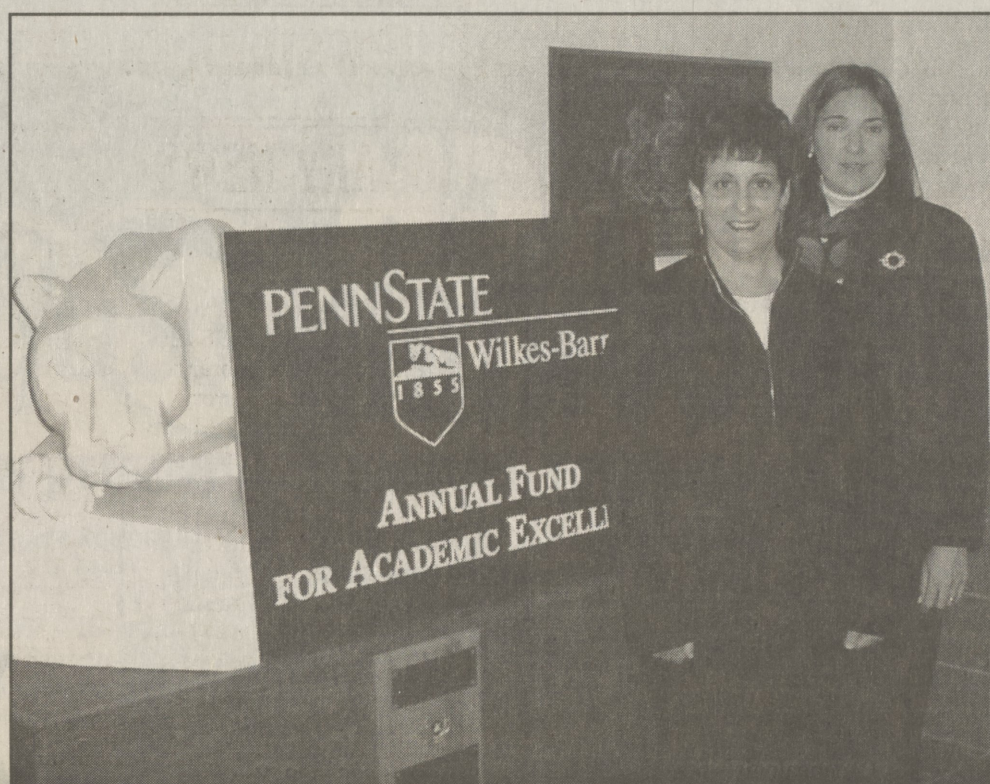
Luzerne County Community College is offering PA Act 235 lethal weapons training courses. The basic certification class will begin Monday, Jan. 30 and the recertification class begins Tuesday, Jan. 31.

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.leadweapons.state.pa.us](http://www.leadweapons.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.

**PENN STATE/WILKES-BARRE BEGINS FUND DRIVE**

Penn State/Wilkes-Barre will launch the community phase of its 2005-06 annual Fund for Academic Excellence on Feb. 1. Under the leadership of Jill Schwartz, vice president of Fortune Fabrics, and Tara Wilson, president of Power Mechanical Corp., this year's goal is \$172,500. The fund directly supports scholarships and awards, and enhances academic programs such as engineering, administration of justice, and information sciences and technology. It also supports and co-curricular programs, such as athletics, and maintains faculty and staff development activities. For 2005-06, Penn State/Wilkes-Barre awarded more than \$220,000 in scholarships and awards to local students. Donors may show their support at different giving levels: Lion's Pride, \$200-\$349; Old Willow, \$350-\$699; Penn State Partners, \$700-\$999; President's Associates, \$1,000-\$2,499; President's Club, \$2,500-\$4,999; and President's Circle, \$5,000 or more. For more information or to make a donation, call Kelley Hopa, alumni and development specialist at 675-9202. You may also e-mail her at [kaf165@psu.edu](mailto:kaf165@psu.edu). Co-chairwomen for the annual fund, from left, are Schwartz and Wilson.



**Lake-Lehman schools set kindergarten program**

The Lake-Lehman School District will hold the third installment of its Kindergarten Readiness Program for parents and pre-school 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.

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