

Science Olympiad to begin

Approximately 1,000 students from Northeast Pennsylvania will compete at the annual Northeast Regional Science Olympiad on March 8 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman Township.

The goal of the event is to stimulate interest in science through the excitement of competition, with both personal and team awards and medals.

Approximately 65 high schools and middle schools from as far as Lock Haven to the New York/New Jersey border will compete. Teams from the greater Back Mountain area include Dallas High School and Middle School, Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School, and Tunkhannock High School and Middle School.

The top six teams from Division B (middle schools) and the top seven teams from Division C (high schools) will advance to April's state competition at Juniata College in Huntingdon. The two top teams in each division from the state competition advance to the national competition.

There will be 23 events in each division. The events will include all areas of science and engineering. Some examples include rockets built from soda bottles will fly up into the air, deploying a parachute to see how long the team can keep their missile in flight; robots will be built to sort objects under a time limit; and students will analyze a crime-scene in forensics. Other events include insect identification, interpretation of satellite imagery and weather forecasting.

BACK MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS WIN FBLA AWARDS AT O'REILLY



Twelve members of the Bishop O'Reilly High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America who reside in the Back Mountain won awards during the recent Region 16 Leadership Conference held at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke. Pictured, first row, from left: Vito Balice, second place, Business Law; Conor Harrington, second place, Word Processing I; Serena Fulton, first place, Word Processing I; Allison Baur and Tara Shevock, fifth place team members, Entrepreneurship; Ms. Susan Dennen, principal. Second row: Kyle Gallagher, third place, International Business; Beth Ryan, fifth place, Business Communication; Kathleen Paley and Kathleen Garrity, fourth place team members, Emerging Business Issues; Erin Tanner, fourth place, Desktop Publishing and Annie Onzik, fifth place team member, Entrepreneurship. Absent from the photo were Meagan Simkulak, third place, Business Ethics.

HONOR ROLL

Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston recently announced its honor roll for the second quarter marking period. The following criteria must be met: distinguished honors, an average of 95 or above; first honors, an average of or above with no more than one grade between 90 and 85; second honors, an average of 85 or above with no more than one grade between 85 and 80. The following Back Mountain residents earned the academic honor:

Casey Judge.

First Honors: Seniors: Mary Balavage, Allison Baur, Laura DeCesaris, Maria Gialanella, Natalie Herron, Ann Onzik and Erin Tanner. Juniors: Keith Hinzny, Susan Krogulski, Kathleen Paley, Elizabeth Ryan and Stephen Zubko. Sophomores: Hillary Mosca and Benjamin Seybert. Freshmen: Linnae Aufiere, Patrick DeRojas, Serena Fulton, Thomas Mike, Michel Molecki, Susanna Parmelee, Gregory Sam, Carolyn Suhocki and Abbey Zurad.

Juniata. Juniors: Kyle Gallagher, Kathleen Garrity, Kevin Gilbertson, Sean McNealis, Sara Nardone, Elizabeth Seybert and Justin Sherin. Sophomores: Aaron Cusma, Bridget Knepp, Mathew Ruch and Leslie Serino.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors: Grade 7: Emily Halbing.

First Honors: Grade 8: Nikki Broody; Grade 7: Yuri Filak.

Second Honors: Grade 8: Amber Gollhardt, Sara Krogulski and Megan Ustynoski. Grade 7: Gerald Gostynski III and Kayla Menta.

HIGH SCHOOL

Distinguished Honors: Junior: Katie Manbachi. Freshmen:

DAISY

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A short time later, Daisy and Sandie were reunited.

"It was such a great sight," said Schaffer. "Daisy was kissing (Sandie) and she was crying. It made me feel very good. I was thrilled that I could help."

At the time, Schaffer didn't know the backdrop to the story. Thirteen years ago, Dave Swan had a battle with cancer that left the couple unable to have children.

"Our dogs have taken the place of the kids we can't have," said Sandie Swan. "We baby them. We spoil them the same way a parent would spoil their child. That's why we were so worried."

The 10 days without Daisy were gut-wrenching for Dave Swan.

"It was heartbreaking coming home after work every day and not having Daisy there," he said. "The dogs mean the world to me."

Carol Schaffer can appreciate that sentiment.

"I know all about the bond and what animals mean to people," she said. "They're a big part of your life. It could have been a tragic ending. With the cold weather and Daisy being only six months old, it must have been heartbreaking for them at night wondering what was going on."

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Who found Daisy, a 6-month old pet beagle, which was missing for 10 days

The Swans were overwhelmed by the support from the community. Calls poured in from Shavertown to Sweet Valley. Strangers volunteered to look. A retired man searched every day. Another person used his time off from work to look for Daisy.

"I am very lucky and proud to be part of a community with such great people," said Sandie, who has lived in the Back Mountain for eight years. Dave Swan was raised in Idetown. "They were incredible. Every day we went searching, we saw someone else searching. These were people we didn't even know."

Earlier this week, Sandie Swan brought photo of the dogs and a big bag of cat food to the Schaffer home. Carol Schaffer says the act of kindness wasn't necessary.

"She didn't have to do that," she said. "The gratification of seeing Daisy back with her family was more than enough reward. Any animal lover would have done what I did. It's a great story with a happy ending."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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CHILI

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Pittsburgh project where they said they filled 52 garbage bags with overgrown ivy from an elderly woman's yard.

"It was a lot of fun," Clark said. "At the same time, it was eye-opening and humbling. You went to people's houses and they didn't have much, but they were happy."

The cookoff, the brainchild of Andrea Frantz, was whipped up as a way to help raise money for youth from the Back Mountain church and the Church of Christ Uniting in Kingston to participate in the Pittsburgh Project.

The entry fees of \$30 paid by the 14 chili chefs and the \$5 admission fees of the tasters filtering into the church will pay for the trip in June. The amount raised this year was not available.



TIMES LEADER STAFF PHOTO/S. JOHN WILKIN

Tami Ketcher, second from right, reacts to Tami Kozlowski's hot and spicy chili as Kathy Margabage, far left, Jared Bryant, Mandy Roche, and Jeremy Fagaly look on. Proceeds from the contest will go towards the church's trip to the Pittsburgh Project.

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