

PRATER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC AWARD

Dallas resident John Prater recently received the Paderewski Gold Medal from the American College of Musicians. The 15-year-old received the award for playing a 10-piece program in the National Piano playing auditions for 10 consecutive years. Prater has been a participant in the Pennsylvania Music Teachers National Association, as well as local and state festivals for 10 years. He has received superior ratings. The Dallas High School sophomore has also participated in the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival at the local and state levels. Prater has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The son of Dr. and Mrs. John N. Prater of Dallas is shown with his music teacher, Michele Millington.



SCHOOL BRIEFS

Student drivers to register at L-L

Lake-Lehman High School will hold registration for student drivers for the 2006-07 school year from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1 and noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 in the lobby of the high school on Old Route 115 in Lehman Township.

Student drivers are reminded they are to have their driver licenses with them at registration, along with the \$3 parking permit. Registration forms must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian before registration.

Parent-Teacher group set events at GOH

The Gate of Heaven Parent Teacher Group will hold two back-to-school events for the 2006-07 school year. Family members of all registered students are invited to attend "Back to School Night" on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the school on Machell Avenue in Dallas. The time of the event will be

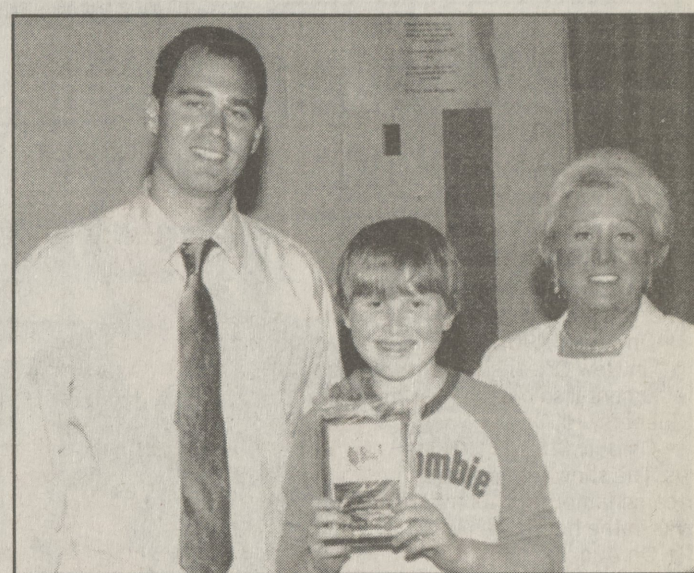
announced at a later date.

The event will begin with a PTG meeting, then proceed into classroom breakouts, introducing parents to their student's classroom, homeroom teacher, and upcoming academic pursuits. Parents of all students – including those in the pre-school, elementary and middle school – are encouraged to attend.

An ice cream social will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 at the school. The event is open to current and prospective students and families. Teachers, staff and parents will be on hand to scoop ice cream and greet families. Children's activities are also being planned.

All parents of Gate of Heaven students, teachers and staff are automatically members of the Gate of Heaven PTG. Members interested in helping in the event planning are encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21 at the middle school.

KUSTRIN WINS GEOGRAPHY BEE AT LEHMAN-JACKSON



Sixth grade student Noah Kustrin recently took first place in the geography bee at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. Kustrin received a plaque during the school's annual awards day program. Attending the program, from left, are teacher Michael Adamshick, Kustrin and principal Marilyn Glogowski.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Syracuse students make dean's list

Two Back Mountain students were named to the dean's list at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University for the spring 2006 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a minimum 3.4 grade-point average.

Iarius Pakrooh of Shavertown, a junior finance major, and Shavertown's Lindsay Ronanowski, a senior majoring in marketing management and retailing, were named to the dean's list.

Sweet Valley students attend national convention

Sweet Valley resident Adam Cappucci recently took second place in the spelling competition at the Accelerated Christian Education's International Student Convention at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. Cappucci was one of four students from Sweet Valley Christian Academy who attended the convention. He is a freshman at the school.

The other students attending the weeklong event were Aaron Cappucci, Zack Chamberlain and Charity Cummings. The Cappucci brothers are the sons of Tim and Miralie Cappucci of Sweet Valley. Chamberlain is the son of Scott and Myrtle Chamberlain of Lehman Township and Cummings is the daughter of Jim and Lydia Cummings of Wilkes-Barre. More than 4,000 students

from more than five countries attended the convention. Aaron Cappucci, a senior at SWCA, competed in the 1600-meter run and poetry recitation. In addition to spelling, Adam Cappucci competed in table tennis and the 800-meter run. Chamberlain, a freshman, competed in table tennis, wood-working and poetry recitation. Cummings, also a freshman, competed in dramatic monologue, poetry recitation, illustrated storytelling, and numerous art categories.

Gloria Davis, principal of SVCA, served as the sponsor for the four students. In addition to chaperoning the students, Davis served as a judge during several music events.

Kern graduates from Lycoming

Lake-Lehman High School graduate Danielle Kern was recently graduated from Ly-

coming College in WilliamSPORT. The Lehman Township resident earned a degree in psychology. Kern was one of 337 students who graduated during the school's 158th commencement.

Students earn honors at Franklin & Marshall

Three students from the Back Mountain recently earned academic honors at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. Aaron Gitlin of Dallas and Trucksville's Erica Koehl were named to the honor's list for earning a minimum 3.7 grade-point average. Gitlin is a senior history major and the son of Dr. Paul and Geri Gitlin of Dallas. He is a 2002 graduate of Wyoming Seminary. Koehl is a senior government major and a 2002 graduate of Wyoming Seminary. She is the daughter of Kimberly and Charles Koehl of Trucksville.

Dallas resident Elizabeth Eby was named to the dean's list for earning a minimum 3.25 grade-point average. The daughter of Judy and Barry Eby of Dallas is a senior mathematics major. She is a 2002 graduate of Dallas High School.

Camp selected to summer program

Dallas resident William Camp was recently selected to participate in a summer program sponsored by the University of Denver and the National Science Foundation. The symposium will involve the impact of human behavior on the ecological system. The participants will work at the university, as well as on the foot of 14,000-foot Mt. Evans.

Camp is a professor of sociology at Luzerne County Community College. He resides in Dallas with his wife Ann.

OSTROWSKI WINS DES SPELLING BEE



The second grade classes of Dallas Elementary School recently held their annual spelling bee. After five preliminary contests held in each of the six second grade classrooms, the 30 daily winners came together for the final contest on the last day of school. This year's winners were Marlena Ostrowski, first place; Catherine Dillon, second place; and Danielle Walsh, third place. Each of the 30 daily winners received a certificate, while the three finalists also received prizes. The spelling bee finalists, from left, are Walsh, Ostrowski and Dillon.

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