

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

## Local students graduate from F&amp;M

Three students from the Back Mountain were recently among the 442 students who graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster.

Dallas resident Aaron Louis Gitlin graduated with a major in history and an art minor. The son of Dr. Paul and Geri Gitlin was an honors list student and a Presidential Scholar. He received the Charles I. Landis Award in History and the William Toth Memorial Prize in History. Gitlin is a 2002 graduate of Wyoming Seminary.

Dallas resident Elizabeth Eby graduated with a major in mathematics. The daughter of Barry and Judy Eby was a dean's list student and a counselor of Chi Omega sorority. The 2002 Dallas High School graduate was active in many organizations at F&M.

Trucksville resident Erica Koehl graduated with a major in government. The daughter of Charles and Kimberly Koehl was an honors student and a member of the Chi Omega sorority and the College Senate. The 2002 Wyoming Seminary graduate was also active in many organizations.

## 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, followed by classroom breakouts, introducing parents to their student's classroom, homeroom teacher, and upcoming academic pursuits. Parents of all students – including those in the preschool, 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.

## 'Kiss the Pig' ballots available

The Dallas Harvest Festival Committee is holding its fourth annual "Kiss the Pig" contest during the Dallas Harvest Festival.

The festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 17 on Main Street. The chiefs of five Back Mountain volunteer fire departments are participating in the friendly "Kiss the Pig" competition.

The contestants are Harry Vivian, Dallas; Jack Dodson, Kunkle; Dennis Bonning, Lehman Township; Gary Beisel, Shavertown; and Bill Eck, Trucksville.

Bright pink labeled ballot jars and posters are located at locations throughout the Back Mountain, specifically stores and businesses along routes 309, 415, 118. Local residents may purchase as many \$1 ballots as they wish through Sept. 17. Ballot jars will also be available during the festival.

The identity of the winning "kisser" will be announced at the festival district magistrate James Tupper, who will witness the kissing of "Rocco Rooter," a potbelly pig owned by 4-H educator Marge Bart of Dallas.

Half of the money collected will be donated to the winning chief's fire department, while the other half will be used to defray the cost of next year's festival. Last year's winner was State Sen. Charles Lemmond.

## CIVIC BRIEFS

## Local blood drives being held in August

The American Red Cross will conduct three blood drives in the Back Mountain area during the month of August. The first drive will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Harveys Lake.

The second drive will be held from 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas. Anyone who donated at the country club in June is eligible to donate.

The double-red unit will be at this drive, and all prior double-red donors with at least 112 days since their last donation are eligible to donate.

A blood drive will also be held from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Church of Christ in Sweet Valley. Anyone who donated in June is eligible to donate.

All donors during August will be registered for a drawing for \$50 of gas. There will be three winners. There also will be drawings for three plasma televisions.

Blood supplies are dangerously low and the flood in late June made supplies even lower. A scheduled appointment can be made to reduce the time needed for donating. To schedule an appointment, call 823-7164, ext. 2150.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and their Red Cross Blood card. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health are eligible to donate.

## Choral Society plans auditions

The College Misericordia Choral Society will hold auditions for openings in all parts from Aug. 29 to Sept. 19.

The Choral Society is one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's premiere arts organizations. Its membership includes Misericordia students and faculty, and community members of all ages.

The Choral Society welcomes new singers with music-reading ability and a dedication to singing great choral music.

Rehearsals are held from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Banks Student Life Center's Kennedy Lounge.

New singers may register for an audition by coming to any of the first four rehearsals, beginning Aug. 29.

The Choral Society will perform Mozart's delightful "Sparrow" Mass, as well as a selection of Christmas favorites this fall. For more information, contact the choral society director John Curtis at 674-6739 or jc Curtis@misericordia.edu.

## L-L Class of '77 planning reunion

Members of the Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1977 will hold a reunion meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at Grotto Pizza in Harveys Lake. All members of the class are encouraged to attend.

## Harveys Lake plans celebration

Harveys Lake will host several Homecoming festivities during its annual celebration Sunday, Aug. 13 at the Sandy Beach Club.

There will be numerous activities, including the "Lake Marketplace" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors, arts and crafts, white elephant booths and face paint-

ing by Aniela Coveleski will be featured, while disc jockey Jamie Strazdus will play music throughout the day. Vendor information is available by calling Shirley Javer at 639-1754 or Marsha Hogan at 639-2072.

There will also be a fruit pie-baking contest open to all residents in surrounding communities.

The event will take place at 3 p.m. at the Sandy Beach Club. Pre-registration is required and may be made by contacting Marsha at 639-2072 or Shirley at 639-1754. The Bake Shoppe is the sponsor of the contest and will award a \$50 prize to the winner.

A "Little Miss Harveys Lake" pageant for girls ages four to six will be held at 11a.m. Applications are available at the Harveys Lake borough building or by calling Hogan. All applications are due by Aug. 1.

The event is being sponsored by Rich and Charlotte Williams.

## Harvest Festival needs volunteers

The Dallas Harvest Festival committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the event, which will be held from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17 in downtown Dallas. Anyone interested in helping should attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 at the Dallas municipal building on Main Street.

## Special T-shirt benefits autism fund

PT Boutique will be selling a limited edition T-shirt to benefit the local Earthly Angels Autism Fund during the FUNDRIVE 4 A CAUSE, which will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at Grotto Pizza in Harveys Lake.

The shirts, which will be available in all sizes, are \$12. For each shirt sold, \$3 will be donated to the local chapter of Earthly Angels Autism Fund.

The highlight of FUNDRIVE 4 A CAUSE will be a PT Cruiser caravan from Luzerne to Harveys Lake.

In addition to the grand finale from 2-4 p.m., an awards presentation will be held at 3 p.m. There is no admission charge to the event.

## Farmers Market open at library

The annual Farmers Market at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Sept. 16 on the library grounds, Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Among the features at the Farmers Market are locally-grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, gourmet international cheeses, fresh baked goods and dairy ice cream. Local vendors include Brace's Orchard, Dymond's Farm Market and Bakery, I Gourmet, Creekside, Emma's Bakery and the Lands at Hillside Farms.

Vendor stalls will be set up on the pavement of the library parking lot. Patrons are asked to park on the lawn behind the library. There is no street parking on Huntsville Road or Franklin Street.

## Food pantry in need of items

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has a significant need for the following items – flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans.

Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Meth-

odist Church.

Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

## American Legion kitchen is open

The kitchen at the Harveys Lake American Legion is open under new management. The kitchen hours are 5-10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; and 3-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Legion has two halls available to be rented for any occasion and catering is available. For more information, call 639-2122.

## Ultrasound society seeks new members

The Northeastern Society of Ultrasound is now accepting new members for the 2006-07 year.

The nonprofit local society consists of more than 65 ultrasound professionals and has been in existence for more than 15.

Our members have a variety of experience in the specialties of general, OB/GYN, vascular and cardiac sonography. Five meetings are planned for this year starting with a dinner meeting in September. Meetings also include an

educational session with informational presentations and SDMS approved continuing education credits.

The organization has many professional and personal benefits. For more information, call 690-2956.

## Friendly's to benefit Multiple Sclerosis Society

Friendly's Restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas will donate 10 percent of its receipts from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The money will be used for MS research.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

## King Crossword

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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## Welcome Dr. Kilduff



## to the Back Mountain

## New patients welcome!

The Back Mountain welcomes Dr. Patrick C. Kilduff to the InterMountain Twin Stacks Center in Dallas. You are invited to meet Dr. Kilduff and the entire staff. Find out how the professionals at InterMountain Medical Group can make your life healthier and happier. Come join us!



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## what's inside

**Traditional Student Open House**  
Saturday, August 19

**see for yourself**

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College Misericordia invites you and your parents to experience our campus, meet our students, and visit with professors, admissions counselors and staff by attending our open house. Spend the day with us and see for yourself what's inside.

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