### SABOL WINS **CALENDAR** CONTEST

amantha Sabol recently Took first place a calendar cover contest sponsored by the Lehman-Jackson Parent-Teacher Association. The annual event allows students from fourth and fifth grade to submit artwork to be judged and selected for the following school year's calendar cover. n addition to her artwork appearing on the cover, Sabol also received a cash prize. Attending the award presentation, from left, are Renee Raspen, PTA president; Samantha Sabol, winner; and Marilyn Glogowski, principal.



## LEVANDOSKI, MESSERSMITH NAMED SEMIFINALISTS



 $\mathbf{T}$  wo Dallas residents have been named semifinalists in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship competition. Wyoming Seminary Upper School seniors Stephen Levandoski and Megan Messersmith will continue in the competition for approximately 8,200 Merit Scholarship Awards - worth \$33 million - that will be offered next spring. More than 1.4 million students in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2007 Merit Program when they were juniors by taking the PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship qualify ing test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Fewer than one percent of the nation's high school seniors were named semifinalists on a state representational basis. To become a finalist, students must have an outstanding high school academic record, be endorsed and recommended by their school principal, and submit SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. From left are Levandoski and Mess-

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Kindergarten readiness gram by calling Ross Elemenprogram at Lake-Lehman

The Lake-Lehman School District will be holding a kindergarten readiness program for children planning to enter kindergarten next fall. There will be four presentations throughout the school year. The first presentation will focus on Reading Readiness. Faculty from each building will conduct the presentation.

The programs will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Ross Elementary School; 9 a.m. ednesday, Oct. 18 at Lakeoxen Elementary School; and 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at

Parents may register for the

Lehman-Jackson Elementary

tary School at 477-4050 or 256-7897; Lake-Noxen Elementary at 639-1129; and Lehman-Jackson Elementary at 675-2165. The program is for children who answer questions. Rovnak is an will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2007 and are planning to enter kindergarten for the 2007-08 school year.

#### Friedman Observatory open Monday nights

Ever wonder what Neptune looks like? Has the controversy over Pluto piqued your interest in the solar system? The Friedman Observatory at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township offers opportunities to view the night sky through a computerized 16-inch Meade telescope. The observing one hour after sunset on clear Mondays. If Monday is not at 925-2561 or jer32@psu.edu. clear, the observatory will be open Tuesday at the same time.

John Rovnak, acting director of the observatory, and her assistants will be on hand to amateur astronomer, retired aerospace engineer, and Penn State graduate. Small groups are welcome on public nights. Larger groups, such as Girl and Boy Scout troops, are invited to call for a private session.

The Observatory opened in 1990 and the computerized Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope is the only one of its kind in the region. The rural setting provides a perfect opportunity for stargazing away from city lights.

For more information regarding viewing opportunities, contact Thomas Winter at 675-9278

or txw2@psu.edu; John Rovnak Information is also available on college's Web site at www.wb.psu.edu. Go to the quick links for the Friedman Observatory.

#### Penn State W-B offering class

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is offering a course designed to improve communications and cultural understanding with the Latino population.

Practical Spanish Level I is a series of classes designed for anyone seeking basic conversational Spanish skills for use in their daily communications with Spanish-speaking individuals. The class will be held from 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday beginning Oct. 10 and continuing through Nov. 14 at the Northeastern PA Industrial Resource Center on Middle Road in Hanover Township.

The classes will give students basic grammar skills and a general understanding of some aspects of Hispanic culture. The workshop will cover vocabulary and phrases that are practical in nature, including the ABCs, names, dates, time, weather,

The cost of the class is \$199 and students are required to purchase their own English to Spanish and Spanish to English

For more information or to register, contact Ellen Gregorio by phone at 675-9220 or by e-mail at epg10@psu.edu.



# DALLAS STUDENTS JOIN DIABETES WALK

tudents at Dallas Middle School recently participated in The Walk for Diabetes at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre. Joan Rakowski is the student council adviser. Participating in the event, from left, first row are Rachel Olszewski, Amber Young, Katie Markovich, Mary Kate Osick, Cameron Ferdinand, Alicia Kaiser, Sara Kohli and Jen Walton. Second row: Ethan Pensak, Samantha Martin, Lauren Rosen, Meghan Gallis and Brooke Evans: Third row: Kathy Snyder, Vanessa Wells, Stephen Zapoticky, Sara Kneal, Scot Riccetti and David Pierce. Fourth row: Samantha Casto, Chris Clemson, Andrew Nakkache, Spencer Youngman, Drew Schaub, Demetra Szatkowski and Kelsey Maas. Fifth row: Gary Anderson, Kevin Hine and Ryan Hertel. Sixth row: Rakowski, Ronald McHale and Lauren Wiley.







