

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Local students make Seminary honor roll

The Wyoming Seminary Middle School recently announced its Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the first trimester of the 2006-07 academic year.

The following Back Mountain students earned the academic honor:

High Honor Roll
Grade 6: Emma Betram, Harveys Lake; Amanda Sedor, Wyoming.

Grade 7: Joseph Kapolka, Dallas; Alex Kolessar, Shavertown; Joseph Ridilla, Shavertown; Emma Spath, Shavertown.

Grade 8: Caroline Meuser, Shavertown; Alyxandria Stephens, Dallas.

Honor Roll

Grade 6: Melissa Flack, Dallas; Anita Ghosh, Dallas; Tyler Harvey, Trucksville; Alaina Schukraft, Dallas.

Grade 7: Margaret Rupp, Dallas.

Grade 8: Catherine Clements, Shavertown; James Curtis, Dallas; Jessica DeMuro, Shavertown; Omeed Firouzi, Shavertown; Bijoy Ghosh, Dallas; Evan Leas, Shavertown; Jezza Malik, Shavertown.

Gate of Heaven sets informational night

Gate of Heaven School will hold an informational night at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the school, 40 Machell Avenue, Dallas.

For more information, call the school at 675-6566.

Dallas students aid food pantry

Students from the Dallas High School and Middle School recently held food drives to help the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Enough food was raised to provide more than 150 Thanksgiving dinner baskets for Back Mountain residents.

The students at the middle school brought in 3,000 pounds of food and \$1,200, while high school students brought in more than 1,200 pounds of food.

CM Open House for adult learners

College Misericordia will host an adult learner Open House from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 in Kennedy Lounge at the Banks Student Life Center on the college campus.

The snow date is Monday, Jan. 8.

The event is open to adult learners interested in obtaining more information about College Misericordia's undergraduate and graduate programs. It is also open to people who have general questions about entering or returning to college. Guests may arrive at their convenience and speak with representatives from admissions, adult education, financial aid and College Misericordia's faculty.

Common topics include equitable credit transfer, credit for life experiences, financial aid eligibility, evening and weekend class schedules, accelerated formats (Expressway), certificate programs and online courses.

For more information about the adult learner Open House, contact Larree Brown, coordinator of adult education at

674-6451 or by e-mail at lbrown@misericordia.edu. Registration is not required to attend the event.

Friedman Observatory open Monday nights

Ever wonder what Neptune looks like? Has the controversy over Pluto piqued your interest in the solar system?

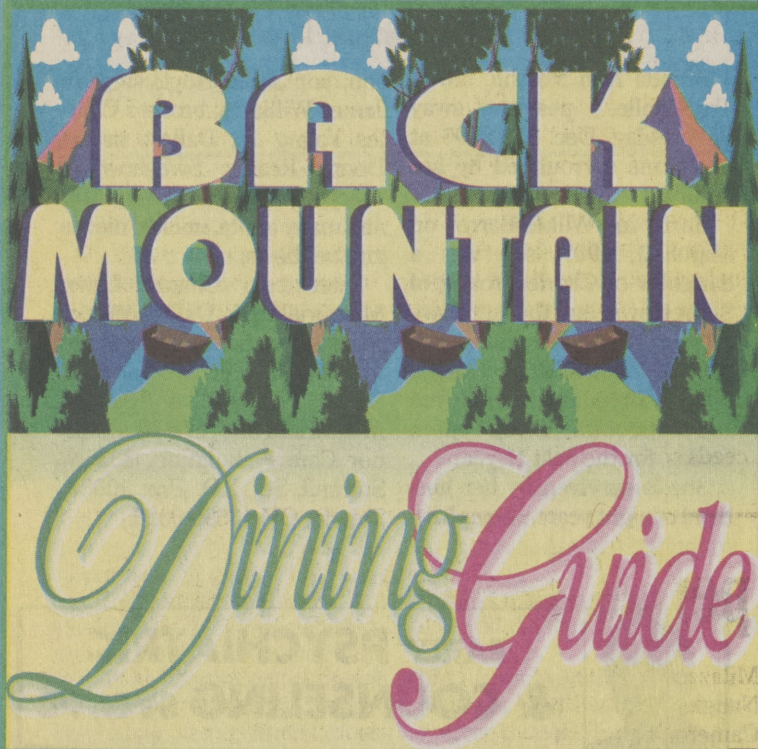
The Friedman Observatory at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township offers opportunities to view the night sky through a computerized 16-inch Meade telescope. The observatory is open to the public starting one hour after sunset on clear Mondays. If Monday is not clear, the observatory will be open Tuesday at the same time.

John Rovnak, acting director of the observatory, and her assistants will be on hand to

answer questions. Rovnak is an 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; and Rovnak at 925-2561 or jer32@psu.edu. Information is also available on college's Web site at www.wb.psu.edu. Go to the quick links for the Friedman Observatory.



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