

## NURSING STUDENTS PERFORM PROGRAM AT DALLAS ELEMENTARY



The Luzerne County Community College nursing forum recently held a drug and alcohol prevention program for first grade students at Dallas Elementary School. Among the nursing students were three residents of the Back Mountain. The students presented educational materials provided by Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services. Members of the nursing forum who attended the program, from left, are Gloria Zbikowski; Rebecca Ktytor; Susan Bilbow, Sweet Valley; Melissa McFadden; Abigail Myers; D'Andra Lindbuchler, Dallas; Peggy Sosnak, adviser; Josh Rosentel; Kristin Prokopchak, Dallas; and Ann Jones.

## LEHMAN-JACKSON PTA HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The Lehman Jackson Parent-Teacher Association recently held its annual membership drive. The PTA awards prizes to the classes that obtain the most memberships. The top class in each grade received a movie party, while the top class in the school also earned a pizza party. This year's overall winner was the fifth grade class of teacher Shelene James. Members of the class, from left, first row are Lara Shirey, Emily Sutton, Brooke O'Brien, Anna James and Courtney McMonagle. Second row: Tyler Renken, Matt Covert, Peter Groblewski, Brandon Abney, Josh Bevan, Brittany Acevedo, Amber Kelley, Alyssa Talacka, Rene' Rismondo, Megan Spencer. Third row: Alisa Kanios, Cody Paraschak, John Sudimak, Victoria DeCesaris, Dustin Jones, Alex Hoyt, Danielle Belcher and James. Lindsay Williams is also a member of the class.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Dallas resident named to CM post



Conrad

Dallas resident Virginia Conrad was recently named the assistant director of alumni, community and donor relations in the division of Institutional Advancement at College Misericordia. Conrad will plan, coordinate and execute alumni events, including alumni weekends, homecoming, regional events, and personal and group visits, and be the steward of all volunteer activities, including recruitment, training and recognition. She will also manage Cougar Connect, the college's online alumni community.

Conrad most recently was the executive secretary to the vice president of student affairs at College Misericordia. Conrad and her husband, Phil, reside in Dallas. They have four children, Jaelyn, Colin, Carissa and Cory.

Also at the school, Pittston Township resident Larry Pellegrini was recently named director of government, corporate and foundation

Relations in the division of Institutional Advancement. He will develop and implement a solicitation plan that increases government, corporate and foundation support. He will also research, develop and plan programs for grant applications and proposals in concert with faculty and administration.

### Kindergarten students to register at GOH

Gate of Heaven School will hold a kindergarten registration and Open House from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the school, 40 Machell Avenue, Dallas. Parents of children who will be in kindergarten during the 2007-08 school year are invited to attend the event and meet the school's teachers and teacher aides.

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

### 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 star-gazing 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.

## GOH STUDENTS LEARNING ABOUT FINE ARTS



Fifth grade students in the class of teacher Joan Keating at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas have been learning about the culture of American Indians of Northeastern Pennsylvania with a variety of art medias. The learning is part of the project being undertaken for the school's Middle States recertification. A school-wide project, Flirting with the Fine Arts, has been taking place since the start of this year. Each of the classes from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade is working with a theme relating to the Fine Arts. Above, students in Keating's class show examples of ideograph in stone, talking sticks, a leaf wreath imprint, and applique design.

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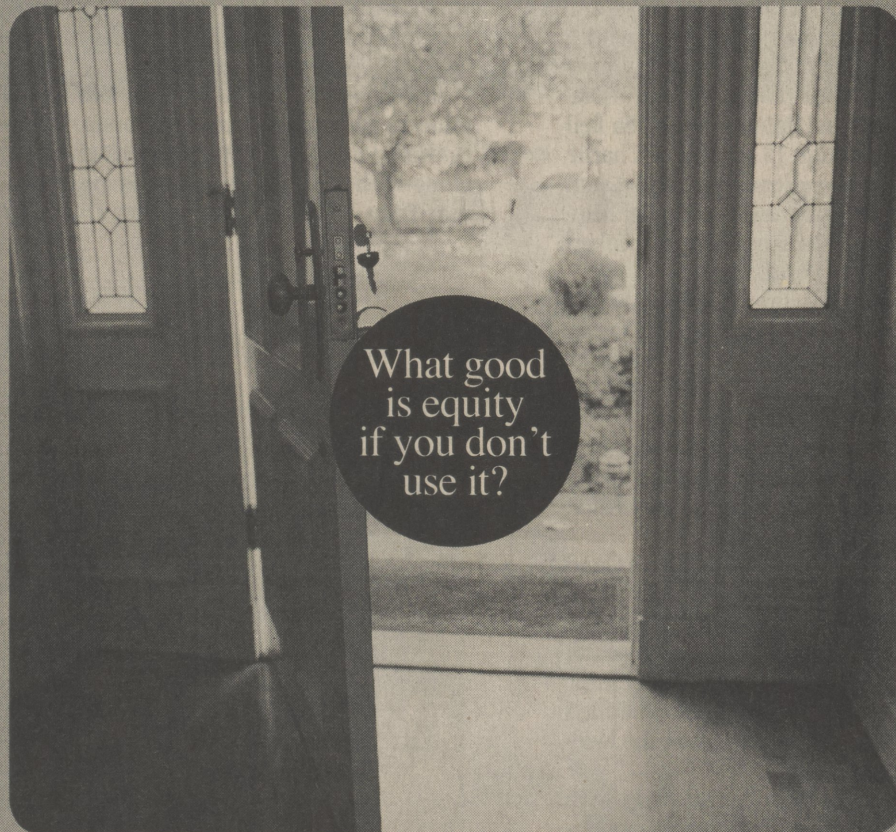
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