DALLAS ADVANCES THREE TO MATHCOUNTS STATE COMPETITION

The Dallas Middle School MathCounts team recently captured third place in the regional competition at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township. Thirteen schools and 106 students competed in the event. Dallas students who qualified for the state competition are Drew Schaub, third place; Pat Touhey, fifth place; and Brain Wise, seventh place. Members of the Dallas Middle School MathCounts team, from left, first row are Tim Reinert, Andrew Santora, Dave Pierce, Brian Wise and Jess Adams. Second row: Brandon Harding, Drew Schaub, Pat Touhey, and coach Michael Rother.

BOZINSKI TAKES FIRST PLACE AT WYCALLIS GEOGRAPHY BEE

Fourth grade student Madalyn Bozinski recently took first place in the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee at Wycallis Elementary School. Fellow student Emma Niznik took second place. At the school-level event, students answer oral questions about geography. Bozinski advances to the second round of the 19th annual National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The national winner receives a $25,000 college scholarship. Participating in the geography bee at Wycallis Elementary School are Niznik and Bozinski.

SHAVERTOWN STUDENT WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST

Shavertown resident Jonathan Fendler, a junior at Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School, recently took first place in the school's annual Oratorical Contest. His speech, which was presented to the student body, traced some of the recent history of substance abuse in professional and amateur sports while recognizing the tension between athletic success and the lure of cheating by athletes to gain unfair advantage over their opponents. Fendler also questioned whether steroid use should be tolerated in American athletic culture. Juniors Sarah Vencloski of Shickshinny and Maxwell Anthony of Kingston were runners-up in the competition. A team of three faculty judges scored the students on their delivery, stage presence, logic in argumentation and strength of supportive evidence. The competition has been held at Wyoming Seminary for more than 100 years. Participating in the event, from left, are Anthony, Vencloski, contest organizer and academic dean William Summerhill, and Fendler.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

L-L kindergarten sets registration

The Lake-Lehman School District will hold kindergarten registration and screening for eligible kindergarten students Feb. 26-28. District policy states that a child must be 5 years of age before Sept. 1 and fully immunized in accordance with the latest regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health in order to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten in the Lake-Lehman School District is an all-day program.

Registration at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School will be held Monday, Feb. 26; Lake-Noxen Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 27; and Ross Elementary School on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The following time schedule will be used at each school, using the alphabetical order of the students' last name: 8:30 a.m., A-E; 9:30 a.m., F-J; 10:30 a.m., K-O; 12:30 p.m., P-S; and 1:30 p.m., T-Z.

Parents or guardians must accompany the student during the registration process and present a birth certificate, proof of residency (driver's license or utility bill with address on it), and immunization record for the child. Immunizations required are the three doses of hepatitis B, three doses of polio, four doses of DTP (fourth dose after the fourth birthday), two doses of measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or date of disease.

For more information, call Lehman-Jackson at 675-2165, Lake-Noxen at 639-1129, and Ross Elementary at 477-5050.

Art, science show to be held March 29

I'm Big Now preschool-kindergarten will hold its annual art and science show from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29 at the school on N. Memorial Highway in Dallas. The theme for this year's show is March Madness. Student-created art and science projects will be on display. For more information, call 675-1220.

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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