

GOH PRE-SCHOOLERS ENJOY FIELD DAY



Gate of Heaven's Pre-School Field Day was held on Thursday, May 3, where pre-school students had the opportunity to make a visor, complete a mural and participate in different games at the fifth annual field day. Students who participated are, from left, first row, Lauren Glickert, Gina Kerrick, Marigrace Huntington, Dalton Soper, Lauren Ungvarsky, Emily Williams, Colin Marshall, Madison Dewees and Nicole Joanlanne. Second row, Caitlin Blum, Jake Pizzolatte, Morgan Patla, Colin Zeiss, Ryan Maloney, AJ Bednar, Carly Cavanaugh, Owen Fasulka and Rachel Strazdus. Third row, Jacob Brennan, Hunter Love, Michael Starbuck, Christian Diana, Sean Boland, Blake Evelock, Brooke Evelock, Karisa Brunges and Samuel Santangelo.

YANKEES THIRD BASEMAN READS TO THIRD GRADERS



Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Yankees third baseman Chris Basak recently visited Wyoming Seminary Lower School, where he read a story about Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers to third graders in the school's Sordoni Library. Basak was presented with Yankees posters designed by his third-grade fans. The Joliet, Ill. native told students about his background in baseball, as well as his role as a third baseman. Here, Basak is joined by Wyoming Seminary Lower School third graders during his recent visit to the school. From left, first row, are Richard Hughes, Mountain Top; Jake Kolesar, Shavertown; Basak; Jacob Schall, Hunlock Creek; and Robbie Mericle, Wilkes-Barre. Second row, Gabrielle Grossman, Kingston; Chantel McCarty, Forty Fort; Jacqueline Meuser, Shavertown; Louis DeNaples, Moscow; Samuel Parente, Tunkhannock; and Joseph Gaudino, Kingston.

GOH THIRD GRADERS DISPLAY PAINTINGS



Gate of Heaven third graders show off their paintings from an art class taught by Mr. Earl Lehman. Mr. Lehman shared his expertise with these third grade students while he served as the Artist in Residence for Gate of Heaven School. Students participating in the program are, from left, first row, Anthony Serino and Danielle Caputo. Second row, Christopher Mennig, Abby Spencer, Zach Corey, Bria Polachek, Sean Andres and Jillian Ambrose. Third row, Amanda Miller and Cameron Brennan. Fourth row, Tyler Dragon, Robert Martin, Caroline Banas and Lauren Slavoski

Join the Relay for Life to defeat cancer

In its fourth year, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of the Back Mountain will feature walkers who will go around the clock in the battle against cancer.

This year's Relay is dedicated to the memory of Rita Masley, Back Mountain resident and long time, beloved employee of the Dallas School District.

Teams will gather at College Misericordia's Mangelsdorf Field at 5 p.m. on June 1 for an overnight relay against cancer. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities off the track. Teams can include co-workers, club members, family and friends and have gathered donations prior to the event.

The returning sponsors for the event are: The Callahan Family, Frontier Communications, InterMetro, and Offset Paperback Manufacturers.

The 2007 Back Mountain Relay For Life will have a Hollywood theme. Participants can dress as their favorite Hollywood star and decorate their tents in Hollywood style. There will be activities throughout the event, food, refreshments, and fun for everyone.

The public is also invited to attend the Luminaria Ceremony, which will take place after sundown on June 1. To honor

the community's cancer survivors and to remember those lost to the disease, participants will circle the track rimming with glowing luminarias while the names of those being honored are read aloud.

Luminarias can be purchased for a donation of your choosing by calling the American Cancer Society at 1-888-227-5445 or 570-383-4701. They may also be purchased from 5 to 7 p.m. the day of the event.

Funds raised at Relay For Life will enable the American Cancer Society to support local services and resources for cancer patients and their families. Funds also support

critical cancer research and community education programs designed to teach people how to reduce their risk of developing cancer.

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. To locate a Relay For Life event and find out how you can get involved, please call 1.800.ACS.2345, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or visit www.cancer.org.

Area students receive degrees from PSU/WB

Commencement ceremonies were held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre on Saturday, May 19, for students who have earned associate and baccalaureate degrees. Students who earned their degrees at the end of the fall 2006 semester and those who will earn their degrees at the end of the summer 2007 semester were also invited to participate in the ceremony.

The ceremony began at 10 a.m. in the Athletics & Recreation Building. Anna Cervnek, chair of the campus advisory board, delivered the welcoming address.

Class speaker was Melissa Gulima. Steven Perzia, president of the campus Alumni Constituent Society, inducted graduates into the Penn State Alumni Society.

Dr. Joyce M. Van Eck delivered the commencement address. Dr. Van Eck is a Penn State Wilkes-Barre alumna and lead biogenetic researcher at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Cornell University. A nationally recognized biogeneticist, Dr. Eck has been a part of the International Tomato Genome sequencing project, a consortium of 10 different countries working towards the goal of producing a genetically better tomato.

A reception for graduates and their families immediately followed the ceremony.

Back Mountain residents who received degrees are: Dallas: Gina Chocallo, B.S. Biology and B.S. Secondary Education; Jason W. Harabin, Surveying; Jim Kaminski, B.S. Organizational Leadership; Richard D. Kapson, B.S. Ad-

ministration of Justice; Patrick Lyons, B.S. Administration of Justice; Ryan E. Mc Grady, B.S. Administration of Justice; Kevin J. Tanner, A.S. Business Administration; Christopher P. Teetsel, B.S. Administration of Justice.

Also, Derek Traver, B.S. Information Sciences and Technology; Harveys Lake: David Lamoreux, B.S. Administration of Justice; Hunlock Creek: William H. Evans, B.S. Business; Shavertown: Brian P. Gula, B.S. Information Sciences and Technology; Kevin A. Gula, B.S. Information Sciences and Technology; Keri A. McDermott, B.S. Business.

Also, Jennifer A. Malak, B.S. Administration of Justice;

Matthew J. Morgan, B.S. Information Sciences and Technology; Kerri Stephens, B.S. Business; Ralph W. Wysocki, A.S. Business Administration; Sweet Valley: Brian C. Stempian, A.E.T. Electrical Engineering Technology; Michael G. Hoprich, B.S. Business; Trucksville: Paul R. Wisnieski, B.S. Business.

Meshoppen: Collin K. Lunger, A.S. Business Administration; S. Montrose: Andrew Honeychuck, B.A. International Politics; Tunkhannock: Michael T. Gozdiskowski, B.S. Information Sciences & Technology; Jennifer Higgins, B.S. Business; Jere P. Pallis, B.S. Industrial Health & Safety, A.S. Business Administration.



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