

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Regina Martin is honored at Misericordia

College Misericordia recently presented Regina Martin, of Dallas, the Grace Andrews Award at the institution's annual Honors Award Banquet at the Banks Student Life Center.

Martin graduated summa cum laude May 19 with a bachelor's degree in management. The award is given to the outstanding non-traditional student who demonstrates enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Misericordia honors Sarah Martin

College Misericordia recently recognized the academic accomplishments of teacher education Sarah Martin of Dallas during the institution's annual Honors and Awards Banquet at the Banks Student Life Center.

The K. Monica Kruger Award was presented to Martin, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. The award is present-

ed to an outstanding adult learner in the teacher education department.

Edith Pillarella honored by Wyoming Seminary

Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston recently presented its annual Joseph C. Donchess Distinguished Service Award to Edith Pillarella, of Dallas, class of 1965, for exceptional service to the community and Wyoming Seminary.

Pillarella, a retired nursery teacher and librarian at Wyoming Seminary Lower School, taught for 23 years and received the Maslow Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1984.

She is an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas, which her late husband, the Rev. Andrew Pillarella founded in 1961, and she established the church's nursery school. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English and library science from Bloomfield College and Pratt Institute.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the Wyoming Seminary Board of Trustees on behalf of everyone associated

with the school. It expresses appreciation for the life and example, sacrifices and devotion of those who are honored.

Students compete for scholarships

Five talented middle and high school performers will light up the floorboards of the Wyoming Seminary Buckingham Performing Arts Center on North Sprague Avenue in Kingston on Sunday, June 3 as they compete for three scholarships to attend Sem's summer Performing Arts Institute (PAI).

Courtney Sowinski of Mountain Top, Evan Frase of Plymouth, Bryn Harvey of Trucksville, Kyle Segarra of Honesdale and Anne Berkowitz of Chester Springs will compete for one full scholarship for PAI; a second-place, \$1,000 scholarship; or a third-place, \$500 scholarship.

These five performers were among more than 25 young artists who auditioned for an opportunity to perform in the Musical Theater Scholarship Gala Benefit on June 3.

The gala performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door and are \$50

for adults and \$25 for students. Proceeds will benefit PAI's Musical Theater Program and will help to fund this year's William T. Pfeiffer Memorial Performance Scholarships, rewarding three serious students of musical theater.

DHS Class of '67 plans reunion

The Dallas High Class of 1967 will hold a reunion picnic from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Castle Inn. Food and soft drinks will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

Cost is \$15 per person and reservations are required. Send payment to Donald Dennis, P. O. Box 325, 1321 Durham Road, Pineville, PA 18946.

For further information, call Bob Kelley at 1-800-775-8975.

Friedman Observatory open Monday nights

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 observ-

atory will be open Tuesday at the same time.

John Rovnak, acting director of the observatory, and his 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.

Families sought for exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local host families for

boys and girls from a variety of countries around the world. These students are 15 to 18 years of age, and are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year or semester. These personable and academically select exchange students have good English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about the USA by living as part of your family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with you.

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To become a host family or find out more about ASSE and its programs, please call Sue 1-732-251-1517 or 1-800-677-2773. Or visit us at www.asse.com.

COMMITTEE PLANNING FOR 61ST LIBRARY AUCTION



The Back Mountain Memorial Library's 61st Annual Antiques & New Goods Auction will be held this year on July 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the library grounds in Dallas. Committee members gathered recently to discuss the upcoming fundraiser. From left, seated, are Nadine Young, Auction Advisory & "Nearly Olde"; Lou Ellen Zekas, "Nearly Olde"; Leslie Horoshko, antiques chairperson; Diane Holtje, plants; Neela Patel, basket raffle; Karen Shuster, auction treasurer. Standing: Jim Reese, electrician; Karen Atanasio, bid-time events; Carol Eytette, new goods chair; Carol Sweeney, auction chairperson; Ron Moran, auction advisory; Joe Stager, auction advisory; Ernie Ashbridge, auctioneer and advisory; John Rhoades, Rotary Club Food Booth; and Clarence Michael, auction co-chairman. Anyone who would like to volunteer this year may stop by the library and sign up or call 675-1182.

JENNIFER YENCHA WINS GIRL SCOUT COMPETITION



Jennifer Yencha, of Wyoming, created the winning logo design for Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA). A merger of Penn's Woods, Scranton Pocono, Hemlock and Penn Laurel Girl Scout Councils, GSHPA will serve 45,000 girls throughout northeast and central Pennsylvania.

Jennifer, age 7 1/2, attends Wycallis Elementary School in Dallas and is a member of Brownie Troop 2694.

"Her design really captured the essence of the new council," explained Catherine Schafer, CEO of CDS Creative Inc., who oversaw the competition.

Over 200 logo designs were submitted by girls, ages 7 to 17. The professional marketing staff at CDS Creative selected the five finalists.

"Girl Scouts from 30 counties then voted on these logos and Jennifer's design received the most votes," added Schafer.

The new Girl Scout logo is featured on a variety of merchandise, including t-shirts, backpacks and teddy bears. Jennifer and her family were a guests of honor at the "Joining our Hearts Together Celebration" held May 5 at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds.

WYCALLIS STUDENTS DESIGN YEARBOOK COVER



The Wycallis Elementary School recently held a contest to design the cover of the 2006-2007 school yearbook. The contest was open to all Wycallis fifth grade students and the winning designs were chosen by Wycallis art teacher Mrs. Caprice Ryman and principal Kathleen McCarthy. The winning design, which will be featured on the front cover of the yearbook, was submitted by Madison Ziemba. Four additional designs, submitted by Maria Lombard, Kayla Wanek, Emma Niznik, and Khadayah Whitaker, were chosen to be featured on the back cover. Proudly displaying the winning designs are, from left, Mrs. Ryman, Lombard, Wanek, Niznik, Ziemba, and Whitaker.

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL • May 30 • Rated PG-13; 92 Minutes
 Two women, caught up in a drama of need and betrayal, are at the heart of this psychological thriller. The twists and turns of the story are noted in the acerbic diary of Barbara Covert (Dame Judi Dench), a domineering and solitary teacher. Her world changes when the school's new art teacher (Cate Blanchett) arrives and they soon become friends. Their relationship takes an ominous turn when Barbara discovers art teacher, Sheba, is having an incendiary affair with one of her young students. As Barbara threatens to expose Sheba, her own secrets tumble out, exposing the deceptions at the core of each of the woman's lives.
miss potter • June 6 • Rated PG; 92 Minutes
 Academy-award winner Renee Zellweger stars as the plucky heroine Beatrix Potter in this charming biography about the much-loved children's author. Set in Edwardian England, the story begins just as Beatrix is on the cusp of becoming a celebrity with the publication of her first book. She falls in love with publisher (Ewan McGregor) and becomes engaged to the dismay of her parents. Persuaded to delay her wedding and leave London, these actions prove disastrous and change Beatrix's life forever. After facing tragedy and loneliness, she returns home an independent woman with strong views. Even though she became a successful writer, prize-winning farmer, and entrepreneur, Beatrix Potter's first, abandoned love held an important spot in her life.
THE ITALIAN • June 13 • Rated PG-13; 92 Minutes
 Based on a true story, six-year old Vanya, living in a state-run orphanage in contemporary Russia must choose between adoption by an affluent Italian family or running away to find the mother who abandoned him. Nicknamed "The Italian" by the other orphans, Vanya steals his birth records and his mother's address, and escapes. This initiates an intense pursuit by the adoption broker and the head of the orphanage. Find the runaway child or lose a very lucrative deal.
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