

SCHOOL BRIEFS

**Stephanie Pollock awarded juris doctor**

Stephanie Pollock, of Dallas, was among 185 students who were awarded juris doctor degrees at the 90th commencement ceremony of The Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Richard Thornburg, formerly attorney general of the United States and governor of Pennsylvania, gave the commencement address.

**Megan Riley earns honors at Skidmore**

Megan Riley, a member of the Skidmore College Class of 2007, earned honors for the spring semester. She is the daughter of Robert and Sherry Riley of Shavertown.

Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more from a possible 4.0. Honors are awarded for a grade point ratio of 3.4 to 3.669.

**Lake-Lehman holds student driver registration**

Lake-Lehman High School will hold registration for student drivers for the 2007-2008 school year as follows: Wednesday, July 25, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Students are to report to the high school office for registration. All student drivers are reminded they are to have their driver licenses with them the day of registration along with \$3.00 for the parking permit. All registration forms must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian before registration.

**Locals graduate from Sem Lower School**

Wyoming Seminary Lower School held graduation ceremonies for its class of 50 eighth-grade students on June 1.

Back Mountain residents who graduated are, Catherine Clements, Shavertown; Laura Strzeletz, Dallas; Jezza Malik, Shavertown; Jessica DeMuro, Shavertown; Hannah Corcoran, Dallas; Katrina Wallace, Dallas; Mia Medico, Shavertown; Evan Leas, Shavertown; Louise Lumia, Dallas; Alyxandria Stephens, Dallas; Caroline Meuser, Shavertown; James Curtis, Dallas; Ronald Rose, Shavertown; Brian Fendler, Shavertown; Omeed Firouzi, Shavertown; Zachary Harvey, Trucks-ville; and Bijoy Ghosh, Dallas.

**Misericordia slates Open House**

College Misericordia invites high school students and their parents to the Summer Open House programs at its Back Mountain campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Misericordia offers students an opportunity to spend a fun and informative day touring the facilities, meeting Misericordia students, faculty and coaches, and talking with admissions and financial aid counselors.

The open house schedule includes registration, refreshments, campus tours, a faculty session, and lunch and meetings with representatives of student services, athletics and student government, as well as a session on financial aid. For those interested, a session will also be held on the college's Alternative Learner's Project for students with learning disabilities.

For more information, please contact the College Misericordia Admissions Office at (570) 675-4449, or toll free at 1-866-262-6363, or by e-mail at [admiss@misericordia.edu](mailto:admiss@misericordia.edu). Students can also visit College Misericordia online at [misericordia.edu](http://misericordia.edu).

Dallas-Franklin-Monroe High School class of 1957 will hold their 50th class reunion Saturday October 13, 2007 in the Sun Room at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, Pa. For further information contact Lloyd Ryman at [rymanlw@hotmail.com](mailto:rymanlw@hotmail.com) or 6749758.

**Lake-Noxen alumni plan picnic**

Lake-Noxen High School alumni will hold a reunion at the Harvey's Lake Beach Club Picnic Pavilion (formerly Old Sandy Bottom Beach) starting at noon on Saturday, August 11.

Participants are asked to bring their favorite covered dish

to share with six to eight people. Lunch will be held at 1 p.m. so all food should arrive by that time.

Lake-Noxen High School graduating classes were 1952 through 1959 but everyone who attended Lake-Noxen School is welcome to attend the picnic.

For more information, contact Tanya (Kocher) Christ at 945-5874 or Carlene (Kocher) McCaffrey at 639-5308.

**Lehman Class of 1967 plans reunion**

The Lake-Lehman Class of 1967 will hold its 40th anniversary class reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas.

The committee is asking for help in locating the following classmates: Sharon Pudim Grant, Robert Vandermark, Linda McCarty Jacoby, Arthur Lamoreaux, Irving Lee King, Breck Miller and Susan Jones.

Anyone with information on these classmates is asked to contact the committee at [LLHSCCLASSOF1967@YA-HOO.COM](mailto:LLHSCCLASSOF1967@YA-HOO.COM).

**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 observatory 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](mailto:txw2@psu.edu); and Rovnak at 925-2561 or [jer32@psu.edu](mailto:jer32@psu.edu). Information is also available on college's Web site at [www.wb.psu.edu](http://www.wb.psu.edu). Go to the quick links for the Friedman Observatory.

**Boy Scout assists Meadows**

Residents of the Meadows Nursing Center were part of a special gardening project, thanks to Michael Kretchmer.

Kretchmer, of Boy Scout Troop 155 in Trucks-ville, is a Life Scout working on his Eagle Scout badge. He is the son of Dr. Donald Kretchmer, Scoutmaster.

Members of the Meadows Activity Staff, as well as residents, took part in making the project extra special. The residents participated in planting flowers in wheelchair accessible flower boxes as part of Kretchmer's Eagle project. The residents enjoy spending time on the patio and the flower boxes enhance the atmosphere that much more.

Kretchmer would like to thank the following for helping to make this project a success: Luzerne Lumber, Darling's Nursery, O'Malia's Nursery, Sheetz, McDonald's, fellow Scouts, residents and staff members of the Meadows Nursing Center.



Michael Kretchmer, shown here with his father, Dr. Donald Kretchmer, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 155 in Trucks-ville, recently completed a special gardening project at The Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas as part of work toward his Eagle Scout badge.



Residents of The Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas participated in an Eagle Scout project with Boy Scout Michael Kretchmer.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND EARNS 'EXCELLENT' RATING**



The Dallas Middle School Jazz Band recently performed at the "Music in the Parks" Festival site, Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. An "excellent" rating and trophy was awarded to the band for its performance directed by band director Lou Piazza. Jazz Band members are, from left, first row, Janara Koehler and Kelsey Maas. Second row, Jessica Hiscox, Brian DeLuca, Alyx Koehler, Lauren Skudalski, Adrienne Box, Kassondra Michno, Logan May, Ryan Hogan, Amanda Kornak. Third row, Tom Tidey, Chelsea Martin, Elizabeth Hoover, Alyssa Menzel, Meghan Macarty, Harry Parkhurst, V.E. Paul Sgroi, Brandon Harding, Drew Schaub, Christopher Tamanini, Andrew Santora, Katherine Moran, Dana Jolley. Fourth row, Eric Noroski, Lou Piazza, band director; Kelly Monaghan, Alyssa Monaghan, Lindsey Kelly, Christine McCarthy, David Martindale, Christopher Clemson, Kevin Muldoon.

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