

**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Local celebrities featured at Penn State/WB**

A little bit of Hollywood comes to the Wilkes-Barre campus as West Coast movie stars who live in Northeastern Pennsylvania will be highlighted at a University film series. The educational film series will kick-off at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, in lecture hall Science Center 101 with Jack Steblinski, a native of Forty Fort now living in Mountain Top. Steblinski has starred along side Academy Award winner Daniel Day-Lewis in the "Last of the Mohicans." He also has been involved with behind-the-scenes work as Prop Master in movies like "Glory," "Gettysburg," "Taking Liberty" and "One Man's Hero." The local actor will be on hand to open the film series with artifacts from the "Last of the Mohicans."

Stebinski will host a discussion with the public, students and faculty immediately following the screening of the movie.

Cost of the program is \$12 per person, \$8 with valid college ID. Refreshments will be served.

For movie series and ticket information, contact Penn State Wilkes-Barre at 675-9219.

**Misericordia University schedules open houses for students, parents**

Misericordia University 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, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 27.

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 university's Alternative Learner's Project for students with learning disabilities.

For more information, please contact the Misericordia University Admissions Office at (570) 675-4449, or toll free at 1-866-262-6363, or by e-mail at [admiss@miseriordia.edu](mailto:admiss@miseriordia.edu).

Students can also visit Misericordia University online at [miseriordia.edu](http://miseriordia.edu).

**Dallas grads volunteer at Susquehanna**

Brittney Allan and Amanda Nichols, both graduates of Dallas Senior High School, experienced the value of helping others during their first week on campus at Susquehanna University.

On August 25, 580 students, faculty and staff participated at one of 36 volunteer project sites serving 34 communities agencies in Selinsgrove and the surrounding communities. SU G.I.V.E. (Susquehanna

University Gets Into Volunteer Experiences) introduces first-year students to Susquehanna's long-standing tradition of service and leadership. It also provides them the opportunity to connect with other students and faculty in a meaningful way during their first week on campus.

Allan is the daughter of Richard Allan and Donna Allan, both of Dallas. Nichols is the daughter of George and Eileen Nichols.

**Jamie Flack of Dallas named to Dean's List**

Jamie Flack of Dallas has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester at Saint Joseph's University.

Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes and complete at least 15 credits to earn Dean's List status for the semester.

Flack is currently majoring in undecided business.

**TITLE**

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teacher at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas who introduced her to the scholarship program. At first, her parents were unsure about the contest but Stamer really wanted to participate.

Stamer is in the eighth grade and attends Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green. She is a grade ahead because she became academically bored in preschool and was pushed up to kindergarten early. She loves math and is thinking about attending Scranton Prep next year to prepare for college.

A variety of activities keeps Stamer occupied when she is not in class. She plays softball, tennis and the piano. She is also a Pointe ballerina, a tap and jazz dancer; a Girl Scout, a Junior National Honor Society member and a participant of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science.

Since Stamer will turn 13 in October, she will be too old for next year's pre-teen program but she's

already looking into the National Teenager Scholarship Pageant.

Barbara Stamer says the contest can be costly, requiring \$325 to enter at the state level and \$395 for nationals. Stamer's fee for nationals will be waived since she is the state senior titleholder.

As the Preteen Pennsylvania senior titleholder, Stamer can visit other state's competitions with the Pennsylvania junior titleholder, Savannah Eklund. The two can also make special appearances at events such as parades, but they must make the arrangements themselves.

Eklund, of Leola, PA, and Stamer are getting to know each other and are developing a friendship and Stamer refers to her new friend as "little sis." Eklund recently turned 10 and Stamer sent her a Build-A-Bear wearing a mini version of Eklund's banner.

"The pre-teen program, it gives you courage to do things you could never do before," said Stamer. Prior to competing, Stamer felt nervous in front of large audiences or crowds but she is more comfortable now with public speaking and talking to new people.

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