

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Messersmith enrolls at Amherst College

Megan F. Messersmith, daughter of Michael F. Messersmith and Lucy F. Messersmith, of Dallas, has enrolled as a first-year student at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass.

A graduate of Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Messersmith is one of 475 new students entering the independent liberal arts college in western New England this fall.

MU professor will offer talk on old age

James Siberski, M.S., assistant professor, Geriatric-Care Manager Certificate Program Director and coordinator of the Gerontology Education Center at Misericordia University, will speak at the Moses Taylor Senior Medical Mental Health program, "The Amazing Race: Making it to Old Age with Dignity & Grace," on Wednesday, Oct. 17, in Dickson City.

Siberski will be among three speakers who will address registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing assistants, social workers, activity therapists and other health care providers at the day-long conference. The program is also eligible for continuing education credits.

Siberski's lecture, "Novel Approaches on the Horizon for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease," will address new approaches in the area of prevention and identify disease modifying strategies and therapy goals and new therapies and its effects on cognitive functions.

Misericordia honors longtime trustees

Misericordia University recently recognized the contributions of three longtime members of the Board of Trustees who served the institution for a combined 37 years.

Charles "Chip" Koehl, III, of Trucksville; Kathleen Dorris-Reese, '50, of Nanticoke; and Mary Beth Sullivan, '71, of New York City were presented with gifts in recognition of their years of service to the institution.

Koehl diligently served eight years on the Board of Trustees, beginning in 1999. He served on the financial stability and college definition committees, and also dedicated a significant amount of time to the progressive Women with Children Program at Misericordia. He has also served on the board of directors for The Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre and chaired a capital campaign for the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Named to Dean's List at Penn State Univ.

The following Back Mountain residents have been named to the Dean's List at Penn State University:

Cynthia L. Baum, Dallas;

Alexander K. Harding, Dallas; and Ralph W. Wysocki, Shavertown.

Residents graduate from Penn State

The following Back Mountain residents recently received degrees from Penn State University:

Shane C. Shrader, Trucksville, BS, Administration of Justice; Jonathan W. Carroll, Dallas, BS, Environmental Engineering; Kevin A. Gula, Dallas, BS, Information Sciences and Technology; Eric J. Petrow, Dallas, BS, Information Sciences and Technology; Charles C. Besteder, Harveys Lake, BS, Forest Science; David M. Lamoreux, Harveys Lake, BS, Administration of Justice.

LCCC graduates listed

Luzerne County Community College recently awarded degrees to students who completed requirements for their field of study in August. Back Mountain residents among those graduates are:

Associate in Applied Science - Olga Vladyslavivna Dukinas, Dallas; Ashley Sarah Hoover, Trucksville; Joseph Sean Sima, Hunlock Creek; and Daniel Julius Tasselmyer, Shavertown. Associate in Science - Sage Price, Dallas; Michael Matthew Weaver, Harveys Lake; and Scott L. Wentzel, Dallas.

PSU/WB students attend conference

Penn State Wilkes-Barre recently sent seven students to attend a three-day Summer Leadership Conference in Harrisburg, PA. Over 200 students representing the Commonwealth College Campuses and University Park attended this dynamic Leadership Conference. Students participating were Bobby Cragle (Engineering Club), Jonathan Williams (SGA VP), Aaron Slaff (SGA Senator), Jamie Carey (Lion Ambassadors), Paula Perez (Business Club), Amber Kaminiski (SGA President) and Jaquana Windsor (Honor Society).

Harry Potter reading group set for PSU

A Harry Potter reading group will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Hayfield House Room 105 on the campus of Penn State University/ Wilkes-Barre. All Potter fans ages 16 and up are encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Bookstore at 570.675.9230.

Class plans 50th anniversary reunion

Dallas-Franklin-Monroe High School class of 1957 will hold its 50th anniversary class reunion Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Sun Room at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

For further information, contact Lloyd Ryman at rymannlw@hotmail.com or 674-9758.

Gate of Heaven celebrates Feast of St Peter Claver

"Feasting with the Saints" is a special program at Gate of Heaven School where the life of a particular saint is highlighted each month. On the feast day of the saint, the students are treated to a special item on the lunch menu. The Feast of St. Peter Claver, who is considered the patron of missionary work among black people and of the country of Colombia, is celebrated on September 8. On September 26, students with the name Peter were honored with crosses during the mass celebration. From left, first row, are Matthew Peter Wrubel, Peter Khoudary, Peter Newhart, Peter Konnick. Second row, Father James Shimsky and Principal Mary Jane Kozick.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fourth and fifth-grade students receive new laptops

As part of its ongoing initiative to incorporate technology into the classroom, Wyoming Seminary Lower School recently received 18 new laptop computers for its fourth and fifth grade classrooms.

The purchase of the laptops was made possible by joint fundraising efforts of both the Lower School and Upper School Parents Associations, which contributed \$25,000 of auction proceeds toward the computers.

As part of other technology initiatives, Sem third graders will soon become "Web pals" with students at Fox Chapel Country Day

School near Pittsburgh.

According to Lower School Dean of Primary Claire Hornung, primary faculty members are also piloting a "Professional Learning Community" model in which teachers meet after school to discuss new ways of teaching and innovative ways to incorporate technology into the classroom.

According to Hornung, "Tech Tuesdays," now in its second year, presents another after-school opportunity for Lower School teachers to learn about Smart Boards, I-movies, I-pods and other technology tools.



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Pictured while composing poems on their new Apple laptops in Kristine McCarthy's fourth grade classroom at Wyoming Seminary Lower School are, from left, Isabella Cordaro, Moscow; McCarthy; Michelle Leonard, Dallas; Claire Hornung, Dean of Primary; and Courtney Sminkey, Kingston.

Congressman honors hunters' commitment to safety with resolution

Congressman Christopher P. Carney's bipartisan resolution to honor hunters for their commitment to safety passed recently in the House of Representatives with a vote of 385 - 0.

"This resolution honors our hunters for their commitment to safety and stewardship of the environment. Hunting is a beloved tradition; it is something I enjoy, both with my father growing up and my own children now. But as any avid sportsman knows, hunters must have a commitment to safety. We recognize that this sport requires maturity and responsibility," said Congressman Carney.

Pennsylvania hunters set a safety record in 2006.

Nationwide, there were over 16,000,000 hunters in the United States, of which only .0013 percent incurred an injury.

State fish and game agencies began offering hunter safety programs in 1949. Since then, more than 35,000,000 people have been certified.

"This low injury rate demonstrates a clear commitment to safety, personal responsibility and education," said Carney.

"I was proud to introduce

legislation that thanks hunters for their commitment to safety and honor those who teach hunting safety. Hunters have shown that they can proudly represent the

sport and put safety first, and that is something that I am proud to support. I wish good luck and a safe hunt to all the Pennsylvania hunters this hunting season."



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