

## Quilt raffle will benefit Dallas students

The Dallas School District is raffling off a quilt for the Community Help Fund. The quilt was made and donated by Nurse O'Malley of DHS fame and all funds raised will benefit Dallas students during the holiday season. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Mr. Swithers will visit each school building with tickets.



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This quilt will be raffled off to help needed Dallas school families.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Ethics Institute honors CEO

The Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Misericordia University recently presented the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) its Sister Siena Finley Ethics Award during its 16th annual dinner at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Plains Township, on Thursday, Oct. 25.

The institute bestows the award upon a person or organization that has demonstrated exemplary ethical behavior in their personal, civic and/or professional life. The theme for this year's dinner was ethical leadership in community service and outreach.

### Misericordia plans Nursing Open House

Misericordia University will host a Graduate Nursing Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Please register for open house by contacting the Center for Adult and Continuing Education at 674-6451 or toll free at 1-866-262-6363 (option 1 then 4) or conted@miseriordia.edu.

### Madrigal Singers plan choral concert

The Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers and Chorale will present their annual Christmas Choral Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Avenue, just north of

Kingston Corners.

The program, conducted by John Vaida, will feature "Gloria" by John Rutter and Handels "Messiah," Part I.

Mark Laubach, music director of St. Stephen's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, and soloists Rachel Ackerman, Judy Curtis, Ellen Rutkowski, Gabriel Gargari and Jonathan Hayes will join the Chorale and Madrigal Singers in this free concert.

For more information, call 270-2190.

### Pam Roberts is named to program

Pam Roberts, of Shavertown, a student at Misericordia University, has been selected to take part in the Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania (SISPA) corps for the 2007-08 academic year. The program is a statewide outreach effort to build quality service programs, enhance campus and community collaborations and offer state college students the opportunity to serve others in the greater community.

The program also allows students to perform volunteer work for two consecutive years. By performing 900 hours of community service, students can earn \$2,500 that can be applied to any legitimate educational expense. The program requires participants to commit to an ongoing weekly service project where they will do about 10 hours a week of service. The students are allowed to work on multiple projects and earn a large portion of their hours during the summer months.

### Wyoming Seminary plans Open House

Parents of students who will be entering pre-school through

high school next year and are interested in learning more about Wyoming Seminary, are invited to experience Sem by attending an Open House at both Lower and Upper Schools from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9 on Sem's Forty Fort and Kingston campuses.

At Lower School, families may tour classrooms from pre-school to eighth grade. The admissions staff and the deans of both primary and middle school will be available to answer any questions regarding curriculum, the admission process or the upcoming Middle-School Merit Exam on Feb. 2, 2008.

The Upper School Open House will feature tours of the campus, opportunities to meet teachers and students, and information on admission and financial aid. Visitors are invited to come to the Admission Office in the Stettler Learning Resource Center on North Sprague Avenue to begin their tours and receive information.

### December concert planned at Seminary

The Wyoming Seminary/PAI Civic Symphony, conducted by Jerome Campbell, will present its annual December concert at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Avenue, just north of Kingston Corners, and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Houlihan-McLean Center, University of Scranton.

The concert is free and open to the public.

## Diana Smith is a 'Commended Student' in National Merit Scholarship Program

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Seventeen-year-old Diana Smith of Breeze Way in Shavertown took the Preliminary Scholarship Aptitude Test (PSAT) in October 2006 and forgot about it.

Then in April of this year, she was notified that she had been named a "Commended Student" in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Commended students are those who place in the top five percent of over 1.4 million students who take the 2006 PSAT.

"I guess I was pretty excited," said Smith, a well-spoken Dallas High School senior. "I wasn't expecting it."

Smith began her education at Westmoreland Elementary School until it closed and then attended Wycallis Elementary School and Dallas Middle School.

She took the SAT three times and did the Biology, Math I and Literature subject tests as most of the 12 schools she applied to, including Yale, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago, require her to complete at least two subjects.

"I'm really lucky because my parents said, 'you worked so hard' and they'll allow me to go to the best school I could get into," Smith said of her parents, David and Ellen Smith.

Smith enjoys writing, English and speech. She is interested in journalism and advertising and plans to pursue a degree in the communications field.

"I like to be creative in arts and poetry and dance and do choreography," she said.

This semester, her favorite classes are Sociology/Psychology and Advanced Placement Calculus.

At school, Smith is involved with the school literary magazine, Writing Contest Club, Key Club, the Math Club, Peer Helpers, Diversity/Amnesty Club, National Honor Society and is a peer tutor. She was elected as a freshman to be a Peer Helper where she works with the school guidance department and assists the student body. Being a member of the Diversity/Amnesty Club, of which she has been president and is currently serving as secretary, is also important because of her Jewish faith.

"I'm a strong believer in tolerance and acceptance of other people," she said. Last year, Smith was a member of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre (JLWB), a leadership training program for students from 18 local high schools that addresses issues such as diversity and government. As a sophomore, she was selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program at Millersville University and started an alumni club for it in which she is active.

In the summer of 2007, Smith traveled to Costa Rica on an excursion by Rustic Pathways, an international travel organization that runs trips for high school and college students and families. She went on the trip alone, but she met students her age from all over the country. She stayed in the middle of the rainforest next to a volcano where she taught English to children and helped build a school library.

"It was so eye-opening," Smith said. "The people were really poor there. It really made me appreciate what we have here, not just plumbing and that kind of stuff but education and the economic status we have here."

Smith was surprised that people she spoke to would often grab her hand.

"I guess it was really nice to see how friendly everyone was and how helpful they were when we went to help them," she added.

Since she was just 4 years old, Smith has been training in ballet with Kristen Degnan at the Degnan Ballet Center and Ballet Northeast and in December, will alternate roles of Snow Queen and Mouse King in Ballet Northeast's production of "The Nutcracker."

For the past four summers, Smith has participated in the Wyoming Seminary Performing Arts Institute that requires her to spend eight hours a day, five days a week for four weeks dancing. Prior to the Performing Arts Institute, Smith never took a formal dance class in a style other than ballet.

"It really helped me a lot because before then I was just a ballerina...it kind of pushed me out of my comfort zone," she said, referring to the new types of dance and physical demands of the program.

In addition to ballet, Smith also studies jazz and modern dance. She enjoys choreography and once choreographed a piece performed by the Young Dancers' Repertoire of Ballet Northeast.

At last year's productions of "The Nutcracker," Smith held a food drive called "Cans for Klara" (named for the main character in "The Nutcracker") for the Commission on Economic Opportunity as her senior project. She raised 240 pounds of food and \$110. The response was so great she plans to have the drive again at this year's performances.

Smith played softball and field hockey before high school but has given up sports to focus on dance. She also plays the guitar and enjoys alternative and classic rock music and attending rock concerts.

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