

Helping a needy family

For the past few weeks and up until Christmas, Gate of Heaven students have been collecting money to give to a needy family in the area. Instead of exchanging gifts with other students, they decided to give the money to a family to enable that family to buy gifts for their children.



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to eighth grades collected particular items and money for the Little Sisters of the Poor. The collection was a great success. The students collected a truck full of items and \$289 for the Little Sisters.

Christmas production
The students in pre-k, kindergarten and first grades per-

formed their annual Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. The Pre-K sang many Christmas songs onstage. The kindergarten presented "The ABC's of Christmas" in full costume. The first grade thoughtfully presented the Nativity. Everyone enjoyed the students and the program.

The sacrament of Reconciliation

All students in third grade through eighth grades were provided the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare their hearts for Christmas.

Saints Liturgy

The Gate of Heaven School Community will celebrate the Liturgy at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 21. The celebrant will be Rev. James J. Paisley of St. Therese Church, Shavertown.

Holy Redeemer High School concert set for Dec. 18

Some seventh and eighth grade students from Gate of Heaven School will participate in a concert at Holy Redeemer High School. This is an instrumental concert which will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert and enjoy the holiday music being performed for the community.

Little Sisters of the Poor

All the students in pre-school

Our juniors took 4-sight tests



On December 12, and 13, the Lake-Lehman juniors took their 4-sight tests on December 12

and 13. The 4 Sight testing took place electronically through a website. (<http://www.successforall.net>) The student selects the state in which the school is located and then takes the test from there. This testing is used to estimate how well students will perform on the PSSA test during the school year.

Scholastic Scrimmage

Four students from the Lake-Lehman High School recently completed in the WVIA Scholastic Scrimmage. The four students were Neil Deiroff, Mike Caffrey, Nicole Attanasio and Curtis Scharding-Taras. The competition was a series of

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questions and answers against 29 other schools. The first round consisted of Hanover, Tunkhannock and Meyers. These schools answered questions left and right.

On November 5, Lake-Lehman faced Scranton, the current champion for the Scholastic Scrimmage title. Scranton was tough, but Lake-Lehman won, 440-360. If you watch WVIA Sunday nights, you can watch Lake-Lehman compete in the Scholastic Scrimmage. The times vary, so be sure to check the website.

Senior projects

First submission of senior

projects was December 10. Research papers, works cited and a copy of the sources needed to be included.

The final submissions of all revised research papers are due on January 7. The research papers, works cited and a copy of the sources should be handed in to your English teacher. If the paper is not in on time, the student must write a new 4-6 page paper chosen by the Graduation Project Committee.

Class officers

Congratulations to all the class officers.

Freshmen: Erin Hohol, president; Tyler Pearson, vice-president; Henry Judson, secretary; and Jeffrey Heath, treasurer. Sophomores: Kaitlyn Dawsey, president; Dan Herrick, vice-president; Theresa Restaino, secretary; and Mariah Raspen, treasurer.

LOCAL STUDENTS PERFORM IN 'OKLAHOMA!'



Several Back Mountain residents took part in Holy Redeemer High School's presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "OKLAHOMA!" on November 16 and 17 in the McCarthy Auditorium of the high school. Back Mountain students who participated are, from left, first row, Students Leslie Serino and Thomas Mike. Second row, Sarah Moga, Tara Gwilliam, Rebecca Spenser, Colleen Burns and Jessica Szczechowicz. Third row, Louis Oley, Olivia Davison, Nathan Albrecht, Santina Wesolowski and John Petroski. Fourth row, Devon Albrecht, Mindy Moga, Matthew Ruch, Hillary Mosca, and Matthew Alfano.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

MU professor featured in U.S. News

Stevan L. Davies, of Dallas, a professor of religious studies at Misericordia University, is featured in U.S. News & World Report's special collector's edition, "Mysteries of Faith:

Secrets of Christianity," that is available at newsstands through March 2008.

In U.S. News & World Report's article, "The Miracle Worker," Dr. Davies discusses Jesus's most common recorded miracles — his healing powers.

Dr. Davies has a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a doctorate in philosophy

from Temple University.

He has taught religion at Misericordia University for 29 years. During that time, he has published six books, including "The Secret Book of John Annotated and Explained."

He has appeared on the Discovery Channel's "Ancient Evidence" series and was featured in a one-hour documentary, "The Miracles of Jesus," that was produced by the BBC. National Geographic utilized his expertise for a documentary that delved into Jesus's medical techniques after Dr. Davies published, "Jesus the Healer: Possession, Trance, and the Origins of Christianity," in 1995.

The cable network, Arts & Entertainment, had him appear twice to discuss Jesus's disciples and offer insight into Satan as he is depicted in The

New Testament.

Dr. Brenda Hage discusses research

Brenda Hage, Ph.D., C.R.N.P., of Dallas, assistant professor of nursing at Misericordia, discussed clinical uses of research in the nursing field at a recent Research Day program hosted by the Department of Nursing at Misericordia University at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Plains Township.

Dr. Hage's presentation, "An Exploration of the Relationships Among Health Literacy, Social Support, and Patient Activation in Community Residing Older Adults," examined factors that impact on older adults' ability to successfully manage their health as chronic disease becomes more prevalent in our aging society.

STUDENTS OF BUILDING NAMED AT ROSS ELEMENTARY



Students of the Building for November at Ross Elementary School are, from left, first row, Kate Roberts, Karen Marchakitus, Morgan Weaver, Nicole Wojciechowski, Zachary Gray and Amanda May. Second row, Caitlyn Henning, Tyler Burke, Meghan Maccarone, Ashley Rood, Emily Johns, Clayton Vasey and Emily Carey. Third row, Jennifer Bernick, fifth grade teacher; Melissa Sorber, sixth grade teacher; Tracey Long, kindergarten teacher; and Donald James, principal.

DALLAS PRINCIPAL RECOGNIZED



Thomas Duffy, assistant principal at Dallas Middle School, was recently recognized for completing the Principal Leadership Induction Program (PLI). PLI, sponsored by the PA Academy for the Profession of Teaching and Learning and the PA Department of Education, matches new principals with experienced school administrators to mentor them as they continue to meet the responsibilities of school administration. The program focuses on developing excellent instructional leaders within the profession of teaching and learning. Pictured with Duffy are Dallas Middle School Principal, Mr. Anthony Martinelli, and his PLI Mentor, Dr. Gil Griffiths.

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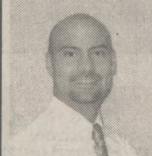
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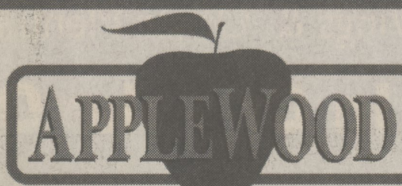
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