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## Saluting red, white and blue

First grade students of Miss Dente, Mrs. Palmatier and Mrs. Spaciano at Wycallis Elementary School participated in the annual patriotic concert to celebrate Presidents Day. Teachers Karen Arnaud and Deb Pike used the opportunity of the concert to teach the students patriotic songs which they will know and use all their lives.

In addition to the Pledge of Allegiance, songs performed were "Let's Make Music, America," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue," "The Flag Song," "Yankee Doodle," "America," "America the Beautiful," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "This Land is Your Land" and "God Bless America."



**ABOVE:** First graders at Wycallis Elementary School, Dallas, really get into a patriotic program of song presented for Presidents Day.

**LEFT:** Abraham Lincoln makes an appearance at the Presidents Day program at Wycallis Elementary School.

## SHAVERTOWN YOUTH WINS SEM CONTEST

Omeed Firouzi, a Wyoming Seminary freshman from Shavertown, won the school's 2008 Oratorical Contest held recently on the Upper School campus.

Firouzi's speech, presented to the entire student body, questioned the continued relevance and usefulness of the Electoral College as the mechanism for electing the president of a democratic United States, calling for its abolition in favor of a true popular election process.

Junior Paige Narins of Kingston and senior Maxwell Anthony of Kingston also competed in the contest. Narins presented a poignant look at the pressures exerted by many parents today, whose interest in helping their children seize every advantage in maximizing their potential for college and career have helped create a generation of children robbed of their childhood. Anthony argued that the Federal Reserve is both unconstitutional and disruptive to the normal economic forces necessary for a true capitalist economy to function as it should.

The three students were chosen as finalists from a field of six students who responded to the invitation to prepare 10-minute persuasive speeches under the direction of Dr. William Summerhill, Sem Chaplain and public speaking teacher. A team of four faculty judges scored the students on their delivery, stage presence, logic in argumentation



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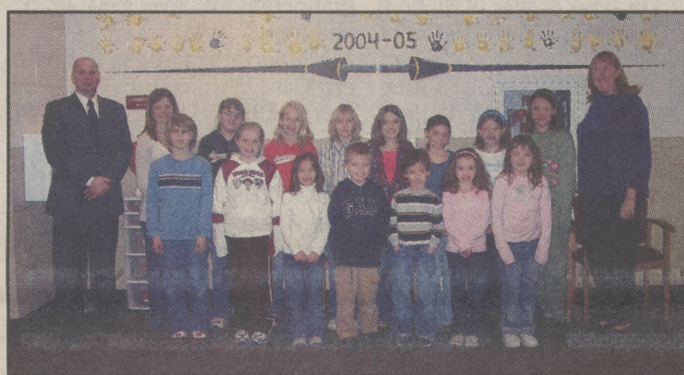
Shavertown resident Omeed Firouzi, a freshman at Wyoming Seminary, won the 2008 Wyoming Seminary Oratorical Contest. Shown following the contest are, from left, Firouzi, contest winner; Dr. William Summerhill, Sem contest organizer and public speaking teacher; and junior Paige Narins, Kingston, contest runner-up. Absent at the time of the photo was senior Max Anthony, Kingston, contest runner-up.

and strength of supportive evidence.

Sem has held the Oratorical Contest for more than 100

years. The annual competition tests students' abilities to research and argue an issue with reason and conviction.

## ROSS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE BUILDING NAMED



Students of the Building at Ross Elementary School for the month of January are, from left, first row, Peter Hummel, Courtney Henninger, Jaedyn Kolb, Matthew Dunbar, Luke Kreller, Keara Gallagher and Tesla Baker. Second row, Donald James, principal; Jamie Hallowich, teacher; Felecia Nevel, Brinley Williams, Courtney Carey, Shauna Leahy, Mikayla Weston, Kayla Carrera, Kirsten Howell and Carle Welter, teacher.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Michigan concert to perform at Seminary

The Spring Arbor University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert of sacred music at 4 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 16, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

Prior to its 4 p.m. performance, the Concert Choir will participate in the 10 a.m. service of the First Presbyterian Church, 97 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

### DHS Lock-In meeting

The Dallas High School 2008 Graduation Lock-In committee will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday March 6, in the high school library.

Seniors are reminded to submit their senior picture and a baby or toddler picture for the Lock-in video. All pictures will be returned.

### DEAN'S LIST

The following Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at Penn State University for the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year:

#### HARVEYS LAKE

Sara E. Farrey, Mark C. Kornoski, Eric C. Kytte, Christopher A. Moses, Loren E. Roderick, John M. Saviano, Justin M. Sherin, Richard A. Soback and Adam C. Sutliff.

#### DALLAS

Kevin J. Arnaud, Ryan A. Beberus, Adam J. Besecker, Neil J. Buckman, Jeremy W. Corbett, Jeffrey S. Dickson, Michael D. English, Mia E. Esopi, Daniel W. Fuhr, Scott E. Gay, Christopher Grieves, Alexander K. Harding, Gregory J. Jerzak, Amanda A. Kamarunas, Connor J. Lenahan, Joseph A. Liparela, Lauren A. Noreika, Cory A. Patton, Michael D. Pelleschi, Robert H. Phillips, Megan A. Preuss, Amanda E. Touey, Ryan L. Walp and John S. Rave.

#### SHAVERTOWN

Alicia N. Evans, Kristen E. Evans, Jeremy B. Gillis, Allen F. Gonczol, Michael D. Harostock, Kathryn Junta, Ryan F. Marascio, Nicole A. Pisacano, Laura A. Raczowski, Carla C. Reino, Leslie K. Rosenbaum, Robert J. Schobert, Matthew B. Smith, Kyle A. Smyth, Crystal D. Tillery, Jessica L. Wysocki, Michael G. Zaleskas and Matthew R. Poremba.

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