

Clemson captures county crown

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Nicole Clemson, 17, of Dallas, was named the 2008 Luzerne County Fair Queen on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 23, in conjunction with the fair VIP/volunteer reception.

She received \$1,000 from the Carrie L. Martin Memorial Endowment, which is in memory of the 2003 Luzerne County Fair Queen who was murdered in May 2004 in her Larksville home. Clemson will compete for the title of State Queen at the State Queen Pageant in January 2009 at the State Fair Association Convention in Hershey.

The daughter of Paul and Trudy Clemson, of Dallas, Clemson is a senior at Dallas High School. She is a member of the school's varsity field hockey and girls' soccer teams, vice president of student council, Science Olympiad, the JETS team, ski club and is a peer mediator. Clemson is also a member of Wilkes-Barre Junior Leadership and will serve on the 2009 advisory committee, Hugh O'Brian Leadership alumni, a girl scout, a volunteer for the Back Mountain Memorial Library's haunted library, an ASP-CA volunteer and holds a black belt in Kenpo Karate.

"I was the youngest and the shortest, but it was an honor to be the fair queen this year," Clemson said. "The tiara was so shiny, I was amazed by it. I was really hoping to win and I was so excited to finally win. I am so excited to have this title and represent the fair as best as I can."

First runner-up Karlene Yozwiak, 20, of Larksville, won a \$500 United States Savings Bond. She is a junior at Misericordia University majoring in



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Karlene Yozwiak, left, of Larksville, was chosen as the first runner-up in the Luzerne County Fair Queen contest and Nicole Clemson, of Dallas, was named Fair Queen. For additional photos, visit www.mydallaspost.com.

business management. Yozwiak has been dancing since age 4 and playing the piano since age 5. She is an instructor at the Conservatory of Dance in Hanover Township and is the head coach for the Wyoming Valley West junior high cheerleading team.

"Yes, I was surprised," Yozwiak said of being selected first runner-up. "I thought my interview and speech went really well, but it was an honor to be chosen." Bryn Harvey, of Trucksville, was the 2007 Luzerne County Fair Queen.

Participants in the 2008 Luzerne County Fair Queen Contest had to be between 16 and 20 years of age by June 1, 2008, a resident of Pennsylvania and never married. Each contender submitted a portrait type color photograph, signed agreement and application and proof of age. Contestants had to write an essay titled, "What My Fair Means to My Community" in 300 words or less that was mailed in with

their application.

Prior to the contest, each participant had a private interview with the judges in which she was asked questions regarding the fair. During the queen competition, every contestant presented a three to five minute persuasive speech on the topic, "Why You Should Come to My Fair." Contestants were judged on their essay, speech, private interview, poise, appearance (in which a dress was required), neatness and ability to speak clearly.

Clemson was required to be present every day of the fair in which she interacted with fairgoers and volunteered at the Dallas Rotary, Dallas Kiwanis and Dallas Lions booths. On Wednesday morning, she taped the weather with Kristi Capel, of WBRE-TV, along with an Elvis impersonator.

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PEOPLE BRIEFS

Stankiewicz named to Dean's List

Eric Stankiewicz, son of Sandy and Jerry Stankiewicz of Jackson Township, has been named to the University of Pittsburgh Dean's Honor List for the spring 2008 semester.

A sophomore pre-pharmacy student, Stankiewicz was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars on September 7 at a ceremony in the university's Heinz Chapel.

Glicini named to Dean's List

Diana Glicini, daughter of Robert and Paula Glicini, of Dallas, has been named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

To qualify for this academic honor, students must attain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and complete a minimum of 15 credits hours, of which at least 12 are graded.

Radics graduates from Ithaca College

Aimee Radics, daughter of Robert and Molly Radics, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences.

Caruso at Clarion

Kayla Caruso, of Ryman Road, Dallas, recently attended an orientation session for incoming freshmen, transfer students and returning adult students at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

STEPHANIE KONEK WINS SPELLING BEE



The annual Sixth Grade Spelling Bee was recently held at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. At an Awards Day Ceremony held at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, a plaque was presented to Stephanie Konek, 2008 Spelling Bee Champ. From left, are Kristen Roberts, sixth grade teacher; Konek and Marilyn Glogowski, principal.

Music Box to hold auditions

The Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, has scheduled auditions for its upcoming productions.

Auditions for "Hansel and Gretel's Fright Night," a children's musical, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Roles are open for singing ghosts, Headless Horsewoman, Frankenstein, Dracula, Werewolf and others.

Anyone age 16 and over may audition and all those auditioning will be asked to sing a song of their choice and read from the script.

Performance dates are October 24, 25, 26. School day shows are at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on October 24 and 29.

Auditions for "Murder," an audience participation murder mystery, will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Anyone age 18 and over may audition and all those auditioning will be asked to read from the script.

Performance dates are October 10, 11 and 12.

For more information, call the Music Box at 283-2195.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Music Box to perform "Sweeney Todd"

The Music Box Players present "Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a musical thriller by Stephen Sondheim, September 14, 18 to 21, and 25 to 28 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Dinner and show and show only tickets now on sale. Thursdays through Saturdays, curtain is 8 p.m. and on Sundays, curtain is at 3 p.m. A buffet dinner is served 90 minutes before curtain.

Call 283-2195 for reservations. There will be a special show-only price for students.

Dallas Harvest Festival returns

The Sixth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, on a portion of Main Street, Dallas, between the Route 415 intersection and Huntsville Road.

For more information, call the Dallas Harvest Festival Hotline at 675-1950.

Art exhibit planned

A one-day art exhibit at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main St., Dallas, will coincide with the Dallas Harvest Festival on from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14.

Gallery owner Sue Hand will display her paintings featuring local college and private school campuses.

Meeting on property taxes slated

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) will host a town hall meeting on property taxes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Dallas Area Middle School, 2000 Conyngham Ave., Dallas.

Rep. Sam Rohrer (R-Berks), author of House Bill 1275, known as the School Property Tax Elimination Act, will be a special guest at the meeting to

explain his property tax plan for Pennsylvania.

For more information, call 836-4777.

Scout registration slated

Lehman Cub Scout Pack 241 will register new Scouts from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Lehman-Ide-town United Methodist Church, Mountainview Drive, across from the post office.

Any boy in grades first through fifth may join. Lehman Troop 241 will also register any new Scout who has moved to the area during that time.

For more information, contact Cubmaster Don Ide at 639-3233.

Irem Ladies plan craft show

More than 50 vendors are expected to participate in the Arts, Crafts & Collectibles Show which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Irem Country Club Pavilion, Dallas.

In addition to crafts, there will be a light lunch available, baked goods and super door prizes. There is ample parking and the pavilion is handicapped accessible.

The event is sponsored by the Irem Ladies with Laura Warman as chairlady.

Zen Meditation program offered

An Introduction to Zen Meditation will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Mercy Center on the campus of Misericordia University. The program includes a description of the Zen method of meditation, a brief practice session and time for questions.

A free will offering will be taken. Pre registration required. Call Sr. Barbara Craig at 675-1872

Vendors sought for fall craft show

The Auxiliary at Geisinger

Wyoming Valley is hosting its second annual fall craft and gift show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, St. Joseph's Oblates, Highway 315 in Pittston.

Anyone interested in being a vendor for this event should call Judy Carter at 819-5745 or 655-8860 for more information.

Soccer Booster Club Craft Show set

The Dallas Boys Soccer Booster Club Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Dallas Senior High School. Over 100 vendors from PA, NY and NJ with homemade candy, fudge, candles, jewelry, decorative Fall and Christmas items, wreaths, wooden decor, doll clothes and much more will be on hand.

There will also be a homemade lunch menu, bake sale, cash raffle, 50/50 and Chinese Auction.

For more information, call 675-0138.

Flu shots available

Flu shots will be provided by CareWorks Convenient Healthcare from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Mr. Z's, 495 Memorial Hwy., Route 415, Dallas. Cost is \$25 per person.

Bridge group in need of substitute players

The Shriner's Hospital for Children Marathon Bridge Group is in need of substitute players for its next game at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 17, at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas. The game is all ages and mixed gender.

Although the group is not associated with the Shriner's Hospital, it donates money raised from member fees to the organization. There is no fee for substitute players.

The group plays at 10:30 a.m. on the third Friday of each month from October through June at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas.

For more information, contact Ellie at 675-8346.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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