

## GATE HOUSE STUDENTS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY



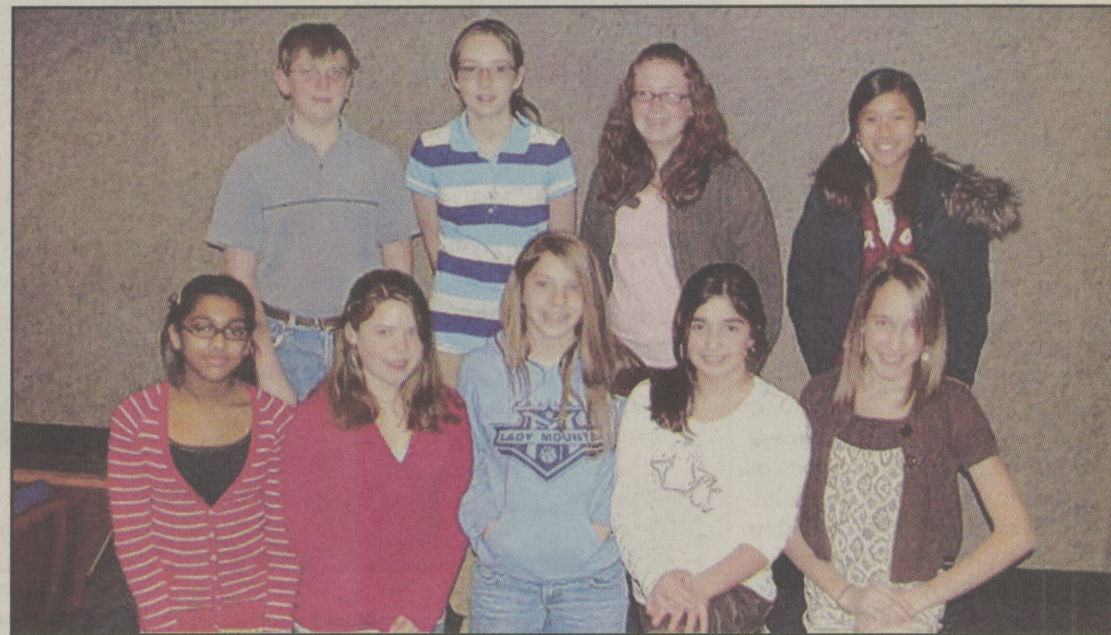
Students at the Gate House Preschool, Dallas, recently celebrated Valentine's Day during Letter V week. The students completed special crafts and celebrated with a party that included a Valentine exchange. Members of the morning class are, from left, first row, Aiden Waslin, Giana Antonello, Drey Ogurkis, Jacob Valkenburg, Mia Grace Fino, Anna Brennan and Alexandra Pehala. Second row, Mrs. Debbie Grundowski, aide; Michael Fino, Zachary Crahall, Willow Walter, Karl Kopczyński, Collin Bradbury, Joseph Shiskowski and Mrs. Amy Layaou, teacher.

## DALLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL PREPARES FOR RED FRIDAYS



As a means of showing support for troops fighting the war on global terrorism, Dallas Middle School students are selling Red Friday t-shirts to students and their families. The act of wearing red on Fridays demonstrates support for our troops. All middle school students have received order forms for the sale which ends on March 20. Students and faculty will be encouraged to wear their shirts on Fridays in May. From left, are Mr. Matthew Barrett, assistant principal; Walter Doroski and Colleen Gavin, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Haley Haddle, Allyson Sebolka, Mallory Faux, Lindsey Jacobs, Abby Downs, Brittany Weinstein, Emily Banta, Frank Hullihen, Lindsay Oremus, Student Council representatives; Mr. Thomas Duffy, principal; and Mrs. Joan Rakowski, Student Council advisor.

## DMS STUDENTS COMPETE AT MATHCOUNTS



Nine Dallas Middle School students competed in the MathCounts competition at Luzerne County Community College on Saturday, Feb. 14. The team, coached by Kathy Dolan, competed against 85 students from 13 Luzerne County schools. It placed sixth and Danielle Spencer placed seventh overall in the individual competition. The competition is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. Those who participated are, from left, first row, Krishani Patel, Taryn Weaver, Michelle Thompson, Luby Kiriakidi and Bethany Dennis. Second row, Peter Kuritz, Danielle Spencer, Megan Fleming and Maggie Fannick.

## SEM STUDENTS TAKE 'WE LOVE READING' CHALLENGE

In January, Wyoming Seminary Lower School Librarian Lucy Shick posed a challenge to her primary school students: take the "We Love Reading" challenge and read at least 214 books by Valentine's Day. The children were invited to read any book they liked and then write their name and the book title on a red, pink or white paper heart, which was then placed on the reading tree standing in the library. According to Shick, the students quickly surpassed the challenge of 214 books and told her, "We love books more than chocolate!" Teachers and staff members, as well as several middle school students, also participated in the challenge, which fosters independent pleasurable reading. Some of the fourth-grade students who helped the primary school meet the "We Love Reading" challenge are, from left, kneeling, Alexandra Geyfman, Scranton; Avery Conyngham, Shavertown; and Spencer Stirewalt, Shavertown. Standing, Sarah Schulman, Shavertown; and Ariana Michak, Shavertown.



## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Lock-In committee meets

The Dallas High School 2009 Graduation Lock-In committee will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, in the high school library.

Grocery certificates in increments of \$50 for Mr. Z's and Thomas' Markets will be available for purchase to support the Lock-In.

Seniors are reminded to submit pictures for the Lock-In video as soon as possible. A senior picture and a baby or toddler picture are requested. All pictures will be returned.

### Quartet visits

### Misericordia

The Misericordia University Fine Arts Department will begin a series of performances with a concert by the renowned Brunell String Quartet at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13, in Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall. The musical performance is open free to the public.

### Professor will discuss fantasy television

Dr. David Wright Jr., Ph.D., associate professor and History Department chair at Misericordia University, will discuss "The History of Science and Fantasy Television" at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Bevevino Library as part of the Spring Speaker

Series. For more information, call 674-6231.

### Craft show benefits LL Marching Band

A Spring Holiday Craft Show to benefit the Lake-Lehman High School Marching Band will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, at the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School, Old Route 115,

Lehman.

Admission is free to the show where approximately 100 crafters will display their unique items and a Chinese Auction will be held.

For more information, call 574-6325 or visit [www.lake-lehmanband.com](http://www.lake-lehmanband.com). Businesses wishing to donate a basket or gift card for the Chinese Auction are asked to call 696-3988.

### MU professor to

### present lecture

Angela Asirvatham, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology at Misericordia University, will present "Support in the Nervous System: Conversations Between Schwann Cells and Neurons" at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, April 17, in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Bevevino Library as part of the Spring Speaker Series. For more information, call 674-6231.

### Open House planned at Misericordia

Misericordia University invites high school students and their parents to an Open House program at the Back Mountain campus from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 25.

For more information, contact the Misericordia University Admissions Office at 675-4449.

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