



Students at Gate of Heaven School recently participated in the school's annual Geography Bee. From left, are Bridget Occhiato, fifth-grade teacher; Michael Boland, winner; Cassandra Konopicki, runner-up; Lynn Jones, fourth-grade teacher.



Semi-finalists in the annual Geography Bee at Gate of Heaven School are, from left, first row, Noah Mirro, Justin Marshall, Shelby Smith, Cassandra Konopki, Emily Blum, Jake Adonizio, Liam Frederick. Second row, Mrs. Bridget Occhiato, teacher; Maria Khoudary, Michael Boland, Tyler Kukosky, Michael Gatusky, Anna Layaou and Mrs. Lynn Jones, teacher.

## Seventy four students take part in Gate of Heaven Geography Bee

Gate of Heaven School in Dallas held its annual National Geographic Geography Bee recently with 74 students, ranging from grades four through eight, participating. The 12 semi-finalists were Michael Boland, Cassandra Konopki, Emily Blum, Jake Adonizio, Maria Khoudary, Justin Marshall, Shelby Smith, Liam Frederick, Michael Gatusky, Noah Mirro, Anna Layaou and Tyler Kukosky. The first-place winner was Michael Boland, eighth grade; and the second-place winner was Cassandra Konopki, fourth grade.

### GOH STUDENTS TAKE PART IN PROJECT



The students in the Gate of Heaven Middle School participated in a Christmas Giving Project through Catholic Social Services of the Scranton Diocese. The students, their families and the Middle School faculty members demonstrated the spirit of giving by donating Christmas gifts to four area children. Filling "wish lists" provided by Catholic Social Services, the Middle School students and teachers made Christmas extra special by purchasing, wrapping and delivering the holiday gifts to the children. Representing the Gate of Heaven School Middle School are several students who helped with the Christmas project. From left, first row, are Christopher Huntington, Monica Morrison, Kurtis Carichner and Brendan Danella. Second row, Summer Love, David Tomaszewski, Christine Scavone and Maria Khoudary.

### HAMPSEY WINS GOH SPELLING BEE



Gate of Heaven School seventh-grade student Molly Hampsey, and sixth-grade student Lauren Slavoski finished in first and second place, respectively, in the Gate of Heaven School Spelling Bee on January 6. Hampsey will represent the school in the regional bee in the Scripps Spelling Bee sponsored by The Times Leader at The Woodlands Inn and Resort on Sunday, March 7. Finalists included fifth-grade students Anthony Khoudary, Nicole Cavanaugh, Shelby Smith; sixth-grade students Lauren Slavoski, Olivia Mennig; seventh grade-student Maria Khoudary; and eighth-grade students Brian Banas and Michele Fromel. From left, are Anthony Khoudary, Maria Khoudary, Nicole Cavanaugh, Michele Fromel, Shelby Smith, Brian Banas, Lauren Slavoski, Molly Hampsey, David Tomaszewski and Olivia Mennig.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### MU sets Movie Night

The Misericordia University Student Activities Department has announced the campus will begin to offer movies in the recently renovated Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

The schedule includes "Couples Retreat" today, Jan. 24; "Precious" on Feb. 7; and "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" on March 14.

All movies will be shown at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with ID and \$2 for the general public.

For more information, call 674-6411.

#### Winter Instrumental Concert scheduled

The Wyoming Seminary Music Department will present its annual Winter Instrumental Concert at 4 p.m. today, Jan. 24, in the Great Hall, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

The program is free and open to the public. For more informa-

tion, call 270-2190.

#### Center schedules Open House

Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center (formerly Trucksville Nursery School), 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville, will hold an Open House Week the week of January 25-30.

Families are welcome to tour the center between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center will also be open from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Participants are asked to call 696-3899 for an appointment.

#### Financial Aid Night set for Dallas HS

Dallas Area Senior High School will host a Financial Aid Night presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28, in the high school auditorium.

This is a very informative

night for college-bound students. The Dallas guidance staff invites interested parents to attend to learn about financial assistance for post-secondary planning.

#### Seminary schools host Visitation Day

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston and Lower School in Forty Fort are

offering a Visitation Day for area elementary, middle and high school students and their families on Monday, Feb. 15.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Lower School and at 8:30 a.m. at the Upper School. Visiting students will attend classes, tour campus and have lunch. Parent tours also will be available.

For more information or to

schedule a visit, call the Lower School Admissions Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School Admissions Office at 270-2160.

#### Program addresses elder abuse

The Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force of Pennsylvania will host two free elder financial abuse education programs, "Protecting Yourself

from Elder Financial Fraud: Don't Become a Victim!" from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 8, in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University.

To register, call 822-1158. Lunch will be served following the noon workshop and light refreshments will be available at the evening program. Deadline for registration is March 1.

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