

They 'DARE' to resist drugs

Ninety-six fifth-grade students from Wycallis Elementary School graduated from the DARE (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) program at the school. The program, formerly funded by the state, is now sponsored by Kingston Township.



Abigail Noone receives a DARE tee-shirt for graduating from the fifth-grade DARE class at Wycallis Elementary School.



Ninety-six students from four fifth-grade classes at Wycallis Elementary School pledge their rejection of drugs during a DARE program at the school. The program, once funded by the state, is now sponsored by Kingston Township.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Applications available for theater academy

Applications are now being taken for the Music Box Theatre Academy, a musical theatre workshop for students ages 13 to 18, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swyersville.

Tuition is \$275 per person and sessions begin April 27. Students will perform Disney's "High School Musical 2" on June 18, 19, and 20. Call 283-2195 for information and enrollment forms.

Education Center holds registration

Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center (formerly Trucksville Nursery School) is currently registering students for the 2010-11 school year. The center offers classes for children ages 2 to 6 years old.

The center offers morning and afternoon programs, as well as a Kindergarten Extension Program for morning kindergarten students in the Dallas School District.

Families may call 696-3899 for an appointment to tour the center. Walk-ins are also welcome at any time.

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 "Precious" at 3 and 8 p.m. today, Feb. 7; and "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" at 3 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 14.

Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with ID and \$2 for the general public.

For more information, call 674-6411.

Lock-In fundraiser at Friendly's

The Dallas Lock-In Committee will hold a fundraiser at Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday Feb. 10.

A percentage of eat-in and take-out sales from that night will be donated to the Lock-In.

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 Admission Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School

Admissions Office at 270-2160.

DHS Lock-In Committee will meet

The Dallas High School 2010 Graduation Lock-In Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Dallas High School Library.

Grocery certificates for Mr. Z's and Thomas' Family Market will be sold in increments of \$50 at this meeting. Students are now being asked to e-mail a baby or toddler photo and a photo from senior year to lockinpics@comcast.net for the Lock-In video. Photos will be returned the night of the Lock-In.

Schoenberg Festival at Seminary

Wyoming Seminary Upper School will present a special Schoenberg Festival, offering instrumental and vocal music by Arnold Schoenberg, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., just north of Kingston Corners.

The Saturday concert will present Schoenberg's piano trio "Verklaerte Nacht" and several short pieces by Schoenberg's student Anton von Webern; the Tuesday performance will feature Schoenberg's melodrama "Pierrot Lunaire."

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

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.

Lock-In fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday's

Back Mountain residents are asked to support the Dallas High School Grad Lock-In by eating in or taking food out at T.G.I. Friday's in Wilkes-Barre any Wednesday or Thursday until May 20, 2010.

A portion of sales will be donated to the Lock-In and coupons must be presented to servers. Coupons can be printed from the Dallas School District Web site.



Chris Butler handily serves up desserts.



Behind the cafeteria counter, Adrienne Box distributes take-out dinners.

Serving up spaghetti for THON

Toby Diltz, a chef from Eagles Mere Inn, was a guest at a fundraiser spaghetti dinner held last week by Dallas High School Mini-THON at the Dallas Middle School cafeteria.

All proceeds raised at the event will go towards conquering childhood cancer at the Penn state Hershey Children's Hospital through the Four Diamonds Fund.

At PSU each year, a 489-hour dance marathon called THON is held in order to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

THON, the largest student run-philanthropy in the world, has raised over \$30 million for the children.

Dallas High School students have been involved with Mini-THON since 2005 and raised over \$13,000 last year.



Eagles Mere chef Toby Diltz advises Adrienne Box, left, and Stephanie Dosiak on culinary techniques while in the kitchen.

Locals named to University of Scranton dean's list

The University of Scranton has announced its dean's list, which recognizes students for academic excellence during the 2009 fall semester. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list.

The list includes students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Kania School of Management, the Panuska

College of Professional Studies and the College of Graduate and Continuing Education. More than 1,300 students were named to the Jesuit university's dean's list.

The following Back Mountain residents have been named to the list:

Elyse C. Benoit, Shavertown; Brendan M. Bradford, Shavertown; Nicole E. Clemson, Dallas; Emily L. Deubler,

Dallas; Alison R. Grant, Dallas; Elena M. Habersky, Dallas; Christine E. Marley, Dallas; Michael R. Moleski, Dallas; Sara E. Nardone, Shavertown; Emily R. Popson, Shavertown; Stephanie R. Pugh, Luzerne; Krystal A. Robinson, Shavertown; Rosemary A. Shaver, Shavertown; Edward S. Stredny, Dallas; and Lauren Weaver, Shavertown.

Play offers laughs

"How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons on NOT Being a Grownup" will be presented at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, in the Amato Auditorium at the Lower School, 1560 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. An encore performance will also be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13.

This production is open to the public; donations will be taken at the door and all proceeds will benefit the Wyoming Valley Children's Association.