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## Kids enjoy egg hunt

**M**ore than 240 children and their families participated in the Misericordia University Alumni Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny on campus.

The annual event also features golden and silver eggs among the others that are placed on the Banks lawn.

Alexandra Strobel, of Franklin Township, Wyoming, found the golden egg and received a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us, while Trevor Brdaric, of Shavertown, found the silver egg and received a \$15 gift card to Toys R Us.



Trevor Brdaric, of Shavertown, poses with the Easter Bunny at the Misericordia University Alumni Association's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny after finding the silver egg.

## Basketball's Walton speaker at VOA dinner

Basketball legend Bill Walton will be the guest speaker at Volunteers of America's seventh annual celebrity dinner on Wednesday, May 12, at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes-Barre.

Walton was a three-time National Player of the Year and won two national championships for John Wooden's UCLA Bruins. He went on to a Hall of Fame career in the NBA during which he won national championships with the Trailblazers and the Celtics and was the league Most Valuable Player in 1977.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of Volunteers of America's "Spirit of Youth" award. This is the agency's highest honor given locally. This year's honorees are Jack and Cece McCarthy, former Back Mountain residents who now live in Kingston, and Attorney Lee Piatt, of Dallas.

Jack McCarthy is the chairman of the board of the McCarthy Tire Company and Cece McCarthy serves as the corporate secretary.

The McCarthys have served on numerous boards and committees throughout the Wyoming Valley. Jack's affiliations include the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, PA American Water, Blue Cross of NEPA, the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority, Little Flower Manor and others. Cece has served the United Way, CYC, John Heinz Rehab Institute, the Red Cross, St. Vincent's DePaul Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and others.



Cece and Jack McCarthy

Piatt is partner and chairman of the business and finance department of Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, LLP where he has practiced business law for 27 years.

He has also served on numerous community boards, including the United Way of the Greater Wyoming Valley. He is very active in his church, Fellowship

Evangelical Free Church as an elder, secretary and teacher. Piatt has been a board member of Volunteers of America for more than 23 years and has helped the organization grow through multiple statewide mergers. He has served twice as board chair and is currently the chair of the Northeast PA Regional Council. The event will begin at 6 p.m.



Atty. Lee Piatt

with a silent auction of sports memorabilia, including items signed by Walton, John Wooden, Larry Bird, Joe Montana, Peyton Manning, Hank Aaron, Pete Rose, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Joe Paterno and others.

Major sponsors for the dinner include McCarthy Tire Company, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Sundance Vacations, Dr. Patrick Kerrigan, WBRE-TV and FOX-56.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to support Volunteers of America's services in the community. Locally, Volunteers of America offers a number of programs that serve at-risk youth, low-income families, individuals with disabilities, the elderly and homeless young adults.

Price for the dinner tickets is \$100 for adults and \$50 for students under 18 when accompanied by an adult. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Volunteers of America at 825-5261.

## GOH STUDENTS AID VICTIMS OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE



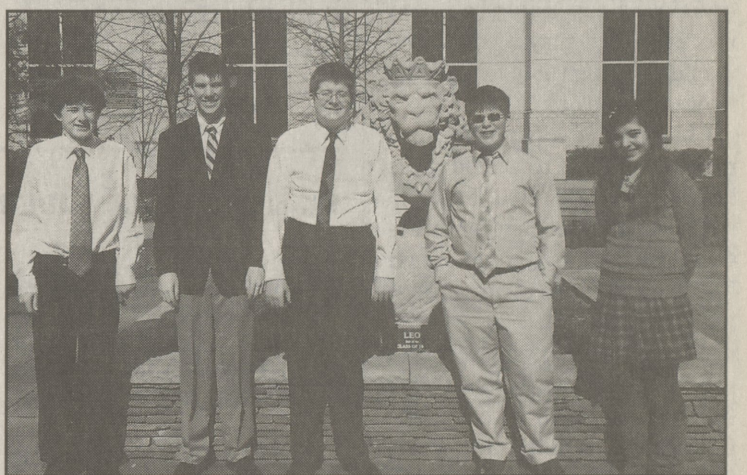
During Catholic Schools Week in the 2009-2010 school year, students at Gate of Heaven School conducted a service project to benefit the people of Haiti following the devastation of the earthquake. Each day, a different denomination of coin was collected. Students contributed 'Pennies for Haiti' on Monday, Tuesday was 'Nickels for Haiti,' Wednesday became 'Dimes for Haiti,' followed by 'Quarters for Haiti' on Thursday. Friday, the final day of the project, was billed 'Donations for Haiti' and students were able to contribute any amount they desired. When the final tally of coins, bills, and checks was counted, a grand total of \$1,400 was raised by the students. Some of those who participated in the project are, from left, first row, Joseph Waslin, Ava Rose Fino, Morgan Patla and Sean Boland. Second row, Alexandra Nockley, Christopher Banas, Jake Adonizio and Vanessa Ryan. Third row, Sr. Maureen McCabe, Sr. Miriam Butz, Lynn Jones, Mission Moderator.

## GOH SEVENTH-GRADER DONATES CAKE TO CARNIVAL



Cristina McFarlane, a seventh-grader at Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, volunteered to make and decorate a cake that was donated to the school's carnival on March 27. McFarlane used skills learned from taking a Wilton cake decorating class to decorate the cake with flowers and ladybugs. The cake was used as a prize and was won by the school's very own first-grade teacher, Kaye Gilbert.

## GATE OF HEAVEN PLACES FIRST IN SCIENCE CONTEST



Seventh and eighth-grade students from Gate of Heaven School participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at King's College on Saturday, March 6, and won first place. They will present their experiments at Penn State, University Park, in May. From left, are Michael Gatusky, John Kane, David Tomaszewski, Patrick Serino and Maria Khoudary.

## SPELLING BEE HELD AT GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL



Gate of Heaven School in Dallas recently held its annual Spelling Bee with students in grades five and six competing. Shelby Smith, a fifth-grade student, came in first place, and Nicole Cavanaugh, also a fifth-grader, finished second. The first-place winner will compete at the diocesan level. The top 10 semi-finalists are, from left, first row, Nicole Cavanaugh, Olivia Carichner, Laura Buckman and Shelby Smith. Second row, Justin Marshall, Anthony Khoudary, Chris Mennig, Zack Ouladelhadjamed, Liam Frederick and Cameron Brennan.