

Kerry Freeman offers a hanging plant to diners at the annual pre-library auction dinner.

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Prepping for the library auction

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction season kicked off on June 7 at Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates when the annual kickoff dinner was held. The 64th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held on July 8, 9, 10 and 11 on the library grounds on Huntsville Road, Dallas. Auction-goers may park on the Dallas Highway next to Senator Lisa Baker's office and hop a free shuttle bus to the grounds.

For complete information about this year's auction, see the official Back Mountain Library Auction tab in the July 4 issue of The Dallas Post.



Nancy Brown holds a crystal piece she successfully bid on at the annual Back Mountain Library Auction Dinner.



Successful bidder Bruce Rosenthal holds a ceramic chicken soup tureen he and his wife Beth purchased at the annual Back Mountain Library Auction Dinner.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Two named to dean's list at Widener

Shauna Phillips and Amy Vodzak, both of Dallas, have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester at Widener University in Chester. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who earned a grade point average of 3.50 and above for the semester. Phillips is a psychology major and Vodzak is a management major.

Santarelli named to dean's list

Nina Santarelli, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the spring 2010 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Locals named to U of S dean's list

The following Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at The University of Scranton for the 2010 spring semester: 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; Krystal A. Robinson, Shavertown; Elizabeth M. Ryan, Dallas; Rosemary A. Shaver, Shavertown; Edward S. Stredny, Dallas; and Lauren Weaver, Shavertown. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to be named to the dean's list.

Davidowitz honored at Bryant

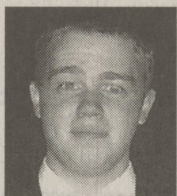
Samuel Davidowitz, of Shavertown, has been named to the dean's list and the president's list at Bryant University for the spring 2010 semester. President's list is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers with the student earning a semester G.P.A. of 4.0. A junior, Davidowitz is majoring in International Business in Management.

Locals are LCCC nursing graduates

Back Mountain residents among members of the 2010 nursing class at Luzerne County Community College who recently completed their studies are: Christina Benedict, Tunkhannock; Emily Lucas, Dallas; Melissa Partington, Tunkhannock; Stacey Kehler, Shavertown; Patricia Peters, Tunkhannock; Tori Spencer, Sweet Valley; Kimberly Tripp, Dallas; Shannon Thomas, Dallas; Jennifer Cronauer, Benton.

Savoy travels to Tennessee

Samuel Savoy, a junior at Dallas High School, will travel to Nashville, Tenn. to compete at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference July 12-19.



Savoy

The son of Rick Savoy, of Centermoreland, and Susan Reavy, of Trucksville, Savoy will compete in Network Design.

Luksh receives bachelor's degree

Michelle Luksh, of Dallas, graduated from the University of the Arts with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication from University's College of Media and Communication at the institution's 132nd commencement on May 20. A member of the university's largest graduating class, Luksh is a 2005 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Considine receives leadership award

Wyoming Seminary graduate Allison Considine, of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Considine, received the Samuel Stephen Popky Leadership Award during the school's 166th Commencement, in recognition of her service to the school and her concern for her fellow students. She also received the Michael Ellis Drama Prize for excellence in theater.



Considine

Aciekewicz on PSU dean's list

Joshua Aciekewicz, of Trucksville, a junior at Penn State's University Park campus majoring in Chemical Engineering, was recently named to the dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester. To achieve dean's list distinction, students must be full-time and earn at least a 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 grade point average. Aciekewicz is the son of John and Beth Aciekewicz, of Trucksville.

Locals graduate from PA Cyber School

Four Back Mountain residents have graduated from PA Cyber School. They are Carolyn Arnold and Kevin Mills, of Harveys Lake; and Jillian Ogradnick and Randall Welsh, of Hunlock Creek.

O'Connell named to dean's list

Charis O'Connell, of Harveys Lake, has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Mansfield University. To be named to the dean's list, a student must attend the university full-time and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Dallas woman receives award

Linda A. Scherer, of Dallas, was among the 57 students who received awards from The University of Scranton during its undergraduate Class Night ceremony. Scherer is the recipient of the Outstanding Associate Degree Award. She received an associate in science in counseling and human services. Scherer was employed in health care for 15 years before working at The University of Scranton where she is currently office manager in the Office of Planning and Information Resources. She is active in many campus and community organizations, including Campus Ministry, Friends of the Poor, the Association for the Blind, St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and the Humane Society.



Scherer

Bielecki earns doctor

of pharmacy degree

Kerin Marie Bielecki, of Dallas, graduated from University of the Sciences in Philadelphia during a ceremony on Wednesday, May 26, as part of the University's 189th Commencement celebration in Philadelphia. The daughter of Laura Cadwalader, Bielecki graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree. She was a member of Delta Phi Epsilon and the American Pharmacists Association.

Three locals named to dean's list

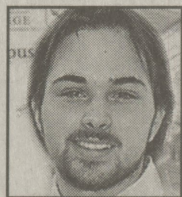
Three Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester at Salve Regina University. They are Olivia Marquart, of Dallas, a sophomore; Stephanie Wallace, a member of the Class of 2010; and Marie Foti, of Shavertown, a sophomore.

Brown named to dean's list

Christina Brown, of Shavertown, was named to the dean's list at Fairfield University for the spring 2010 semester. She is a junior studying in the College of Arts and Sciences. To be selected for the dean's list, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5, of a possible 4.0.

Handel presents research paper

Andrew Handel, of Dallas, a King's College history majors, recently presented a history research paper at the 2010 Phi Alpha Theta Eastern Pennsylvania/New Jersey Regional Conference at Bloomsburg University. A resident of Dallas, Handel is a senior history and education major. His research paper is titled "Roosevelt: The Moralizer." He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Alpha Theta, the Education Club and the History Society. Phi Alpha Theta is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians.



Handel



Taylor Hodle, of Dallas, performs at Weill Recital Hall, one of the three stages at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Dallas teen pianist plays at Weill Recital Hall in NY

Taylor Hodle, of Dallas, performed at Weill Recital Hall, one of the three stages at Carnegie Hall in New York City, on Saturday, April 24. Chosen from an audition held at Marywood University in January and sponsored by the NE Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association, Hodle joined a select group of music students. Hodle has received superior ratings in the National Guild of Piano Students auditions, first place in competitions at the Performance Arts Alliance in King of Prussia and has performed in many recitals. In addition to her piano studies, she is an honor student entering 10th-grade at Dallas Senior High School, is a member of the Praise Ringers Bell Choir at the Shavertown United Methodist Church and dances at the Back Mountain Dance Studio. The daughter of Richard and Karen Hodle, she has been a piano student of Deborah Kelleher since 2004.

Locals named to dean's list at Wilkes

Wilkes University Provost Reynold Verret announces the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year. Back Mountain students named to the dean's list are: Katie Ambrose, Harveys Lake; Kelsey Augustine, Shavertown; John Brady, Shavertown; Sean Deats, Shavertown; Sarah Decesaris, Shavertown; Matthew Duffy, Shavertown; Anna Dunlap, Harveys Lake; Laura Eckman, Shavertown; Brittani Giampietro, Dallas; Michael Gionfriddo, Shavertown; Kyla Halsor, Dallas. Also, Marissa Harrison, Shavertown; Beth Karwaski, Trucks-