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Part of the cast at Lake-Lehman Junior Senior High School that will perform a series of one-act plays.

## LAUGHTER

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But the students make it look otherwise. Boo Hoo, played by 16-year-old Raine Scott, of Sweet Valley, holds a receiving blanket for most of the play and, as her name would suggest, cries a lot.

"There's a tea party over here!" yells Pearson, who plays Tattle. "Can I come?" asks Boo Hoo.

"Only if you don't cry into the tea cups," says Tattle.

Boo Hoo buries her face in the blanket, relentlessly releasing grating cries of rejection.

It's a comedy of kid-sized proportions, and if anything, Major Ackerman says it will be entertaining for fellow classmates.

"I thought, 'How do we make the other kids laugh?'" she said.

Another play, "The Ever After" by Nathan Hartswick, has a more adult theme to it. Major Ackerman used the comparison of "The Jerry Springer Show."

The play is a talk show of sorts set in Las Vegas that offers a glance at what long-endured fairytale characters, such as Snow White and Cinderella, would say if they could confront their evildoer counterparts in public.

Evil stepsisters who are "beauty challenged" get to take shots at



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Acting like babies for their roles in a one-act play at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School are, from left, Tyler Pearson, Mikayla Orrson, Brittany Adams and Raine Scott.

Cinderella, even though she was presumed the winner at the end of the original story, while the show is narrated by a flashy host and punctuated by a loud and diverse studio audience.

Host Monterey Jack, played by 17-year-old Joshua Payne of Leh-

man, is the real star of the show - not just because of his acting skills, but also his memory. He's got about 230 lines to memorize for "The Ever After," plus however many he's got for the other two one-acts.

Major Ackerman said the

show, which was prepared in seven weeks, was meant to be easy on the students' brains in terms of memorization.

"It's tough, but I love it," said Payne.

"He's doing a beautiful job," Major Ackerman said.

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"It's more for families," she said. "It can be a way for patients to slow progression of the disease, too."

"Memories in the Making" began in 1988 in California, and soon the idea spread across the country. The program started in Northeast Pennsylvania earlier this year, and Killian hopes to create a large-scale program in the area. She said there are other versions of the program throughout the state, but they are smaller projects.

The project got off the ground locally due to a private donation from the Maslow Family Foundation.

Shavertown resident Allison

Maslow, who owns the Bluestone Studio and Gallery, has been involved with the Alzheimer's Association for years. As an artist and photographer, Maslow feels the "Memories in the Making" program fits her family's mission, and she was all too happy to donate money and space for the event.

The most beneficial part of the program is allowing victims of Alzheimer's disease to be seen as "human," Maslow says.

"The disease doesn't discriminate," she said. "It's so important because it shows people are still human beings."

She said the program is also another way to shed light on Alzheimer's disease, about which Maslow says there is still so much to learn.

"Every 70 seconds someone develops the disease," she said. "But there's hope."

### 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Below are some warning signs of the disease in honor of November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Information provided by the Alzheimer's Association website, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

- Memory loss that disrupts everyday life
- Challenges in planning or solving
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure
- Confusion with time or place
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- Decreased or poor judgment
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Changes in mood and personality

## DEBACLE

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are not currently active and that bullying is a major concern for the elementary children she works with daily.

Board members said they were not aware of this, and Galicki said he plans to further investigate the issue.

• The board approved \$20,822 in change orders for the high school construction project. Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates said the changes were for additional tile, fans and blower coils within the school.

• An unidentified male was suspended from the school for a period of one year due to possession of a weapon on district premises.

• The board approved the retirement of custodian Joseph Callahan from Wycallis Elementary School.

• The board approved the following hires within the maintenance department: Jeff Gallup as custodian at a rate of \$15.06 per hour, Brian Straub as groundskeeper at a rate of \$12.17 per hour, Jeanne Schukraft to housekeeper at a rate of \$12.12 per hour, George Elias as custodian at a rate of \$13.46 per hour and Thomas Pealer as custodian at a rate of \$11.24 per hour.

• The board adopted a new mission and vision statement for the district.

• The board approved the hiring of the following professional and non-professional employees: Melinda Gordon, Rebecca Oley, Victoria Weiss, Cristina Bellard and Elsie Ryan.

• Erin Moreck, middle school science teacher, and Sarah Kashatus, senior high school English teacher, were approved for leaves of absence.

• Lesley Plank was approved as a long-term substitute at Dallas Elementary School at a salary of \$37,165.

• Michael Labaugh was appointed as the boys' volleyball head coach with a stipend of \$2,045, and Nick Diaco was appointed as the boys' volleyball assistant coach with a stipend of \$664.

• Joseph Granahan was appointed as a bus driver for the 2010-11 school year.

The next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting of the Dallas School Board will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6 in the administration building next to Wycallis Elementary School.

### Tree lighting set

A Tree Lighting Gala and Coloring Contest will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 16-24 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

The event is open to the public and is presented by Pizza Perfect and The Back Mountain Creamery to kick off the holiday season and decorate the entrance to the Back Mountain.

For more information, contact Carl J. Peterlin Jr. at 855-3487.

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## Misericordia Players will present 'Curious Savage'

The Misericordia Players Theater will present "The Curious Savage," a comedic play about money and greed on 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 in the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall on the campus of Misericordia University.

Tickets are available at the door for \$3 for seniors and students and \$5 for adults.

"The Curious Savage," written by John Patrick, explores what it really means to be family. Widowed by her husband, the eccentric Ethel Savage hopes to make the best use of her inherited millions while keeping it away from her greedy stepchildren.

Much to the sibling's chagrin, Mrs. Savage decides to use the money to help others realize their hopes and dreams.

The stepchildren commit her to a sanitarium to bring her to her senses.

There, she meets a group of quirky and endearing characters who need exactly the kind of help Mrs. Savage

can provide. With her new-found friends, Mrs. Savage leads her stepchildren on a wild chase.

This heartfelt comedy reminds the audience that the virtues of kindness and affection can sometimes be found in the least likely of places.

Directed by Don Hopkins, the cast includes Aimee DiLucida, Collingdale, as Mrs. Savage; Kaila Augustine, Kulpmont, as Lily Belle; Sam Corey, Union Dale, as Samuel; David Baker, Luzerne, as Titus; Mary Scarpa, Tunkhannock, as Mrs. Paddy; Gene Touseull, Lackawaxen, as Jeffrey; Bernadette Siudock, Port Orange, Fla., as Fairy May; John Lipka, Wyoming, as Hannibal; Katie O'Hearn, Scranton, as Florence; Shana Weinstock, Dallas, as Miss Wilhelmina; Jeff Kelly, Dallas, as Dr. Emmett; Matt Buckman, Dallas, as stage manager; and Matthew Cebrosky, Lehigh, as assistant stage manager.

For more information, call 674-6400.

## DMS notes Education Week

Dallas Middle School will celebrate American Education Week November 15-19.

The week will kick off with the national theatrical group, Hampstead Players, performing "A Christmas Carol" for all students in the auditorium.

Parent classroom visitations are scheduled as follows:

**Monday, Nov. 15** - Sixth-grade parents are invited to

visit from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16** - Seventh and eighth-grade parents are invited to visit from 9 to 10:15 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 18** - Eighth-grade students will travel to the high school to see a production of "The Very Great Grandson of Sherlock Holmes."

### CIVIC BRIEFS

#### Dallas Rotary, Friendly's join forces

The Dallas Rotary Club and Friendly's in Dallas will join forces to host a tasty fundraising event from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Monies raised will benefit the annual Rotary Christmas Shopping Spree for 45 less fortunate children in the Back Mountain area.

Friendly's will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the shopping spree event. Take-out and gift card purchases are also included.

#### Vendors sought for Red Cross craft show

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross announces its 17th Annual Holiday Craft Show to be held Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 28 at the Kingston Armory.

Those wishing to apply can contact the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross at 823-7161 x348. They may also send at least three clear photos of their work and all contact information to American Red Cross Craft Show Committee, 256 N. Sherman St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

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