

WALMART DONATES TO ROSS ELEMENTARY



Sixth-grade students at Ross Elementary School were given an assignment to write a persuasive essay to a local business in an attempt to persuade the business to donate materials to the school. Tammy Winkler, a student in Melissa Smigielski's classroom, chose to write to the Walmart in Tunkhannock. Walmart store manager Melissa Franey, along with Human Resource and Community Involvement Coordinator Karen Cosner, responded to the letter, visited the school and graciously donated several basketballs, soccer balls and footballs. They also provided the students with an assortment of healthy snacks. Sixth-graders are shown here with Walmart's donations.

STUDENTS HOLD THANKSGIVING RE-ENACTMENT



Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center's 4 and 5-year-old classes recently held their annual Thanksgiving re-enactment where the students portrayed Pilgrims and Native Americans. The Native Americans welcomed the Pilgrims to America and taught them how to hunt, fish and plant. Afterwards, the classes enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast together. From left, Jeffrey Ladamus, Julianna Sobocinski, Allison Vitavovec, Caroline Pitarra and Ella Kurovsky wait their turns to share something new with the Pilgrims.

PSU/WB STUDENTS HONORED AT DINNER



Penn State Wilkes-Barre recently held its annual scholarship dinner at Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates in Dallas, Pa. This event recognizes donors who have endowed scholarships and awards at Penn State Wilkes-Barre and brings those donors together with their respective scholarship and award recipients. This year more than 200 students received scholarships and awards totaling more than \$500,000. Students are selected for scholarships primarily based on academic excellence, service to the campus and community, and outstanding leadership.

From left, first row, Matthew Sharr, Avoca; Daniel Scatena, Pittston; Richard Dante, Hunlock Creek; Kristen Zukerman, Towanda; Vidur Ramlall, Dushore; Jennifer Naro, Larksville; Amy Polachek, Dallas; Laura Mann, Middletown; Shantelle Johnson, Effort; Lindsey Howell, Tunkhannock; Lauren Owazany, Nanticoke; Sherri Urena, Albrightsville; Kelsi Barchik, Huntington Mills; Suxia Chen, Kingston; Shannon Brace, Hunlock Creek; John Ulichney, West Nanticoke.

Second row, Sean Davis, Dallas; Alexa Frey, Hunlock Creek; Connor Haggerty, Forty Fort; Kianna Spencer, Dallas; Adam Supey, Dallas; Nikolas Decker, Great Bend; David Blackman, Lancaster; Kristen Finkler, Factoryville; Colleen Paddock, Swoyersville; Albert Levanavage, Pittston; Sean McMahon, Shavertown; Stacy De La Cruz, Pocono Summit; Garth Todd, West Pittston; Kevin Hoban, Pittston; Alexander Zagorsky, Plymouth; Yu Wei Xie, Archbald; Joshua Witmer, Lancaster; Sudan Chen, Kingston; Bradley Calaman, Carlisle; Ceili Jones, Wilkes-Barre; Bradford Lapansky, Plains; Sarah Stepanki, Sweet Valley; Latroya Knight, Wilkes-Barre Township; Derek Sanchez, Windale, N.Y.

Third row, Raymond DeArmitt, Harding; Michael Munzig, Dallas; Bradley Sherman, Dallas; Gregory Uber, Milford; John Wasilewski, Henryville; Matthew Pizano, Swoyersville; Eric Oshinski, Forty Fort; Ryan Ligi, Edwardsville; Justin Chopack, Hanover Township; Jonathan Casey, Old Forge; James Kovalik, Wilkes-Barre; Nathanael Fiscus, Atglen; Ashley Jacobowski, Hanover Township; Marika Merritt, Susquehanna; Vanessa Heeter, Wilkes-Barre; Jacob Horton, Towanda; Michael Rogan, Dushore.

Fourth row, Chad La Bar, Dallas; Aaron Grisham, Shickshinny; Shane Wildoner, Hunlock Creek; Zachary Hill, Pittston; Paras Patel, Pittston; Kameron Keene, Kingston; Jacob Schultz, West Pittston; Brian Miller, Wilkes-Barre; Kristopher Marconi, Kingston; Corey Timek, Wyoming; Nicholas Martin, Exeter; Peter Kelly, Tunkhannock; Matthew Booser New Bethlehem.

Fifth row, Jason Oliver, Nanticoke; Shane Cooney, Shickshinny; Cody Bruns, Towanda; Robert Stitzer, Forty Fort; Kyle Forry, Codorus; Zachery St Germain, Bensalem; Ryan Enste, Kunkletown; Aaron Blockus, Wilkes-Barre; Andrew Dymond, Wyoming; Joseph Shafer, Laffin; Donovan Schwartz, State College.

Sixth row, Eric Coolbaugh, Dalton; Phil Trowbridge, Meshoppen; Eric Bogumil, Mountaintop; Kyle Casterline, Shickshinny; David Buckley, Wilkes-Barre; Matthew Hontz, Shickshinny.

Seventh row, Kieran Holland, Mechanicsburg; Michael Cefalo, Exeter; Eric Bella, Shavertown; Daniel Dymond, Tunkhannock.

SADD CLUB PARTICIPATES IN SMOKEOUT



Members of Holy Redeemer High School's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club recently participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by promoting awareness of the dangers of smoking. Students made posters and distributed written materials about the health risks associated with smoking, the health benefits of not smoking, ways to quit, and advice that the best way to quit is not to start smoking. Holy Redeemer's SADD Club promotes the mission of the national SADD, which is to provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving, and other destructive decisions. The club plans a number of additional activities on other issues throughout the school year. Holy Redeemer High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club members who participated in the smoking awareness project, are, from left, first row, Samantha Pierce, Kingston; Selina Malacari, Wilkes-Barre; Rachel Sowinski, Mountaintop; Kate McGraw, Hunlock Creek; Beth DeMichele, Wilkes-Barre; Ann Kotch, Plymouth; Krista Heller, Wilkes-Barre; John Jablowski, Wilkes-Barre Township. Second row, Sarah Warnagiris, Hunlock Creek; Leanne Tabit, Plains; Christina Springer, Nanticoke; Kaitlyn Stochla, Larksville; Emily Becker, Shickshinny; Kelsey Crossin, Plains; Christine Betar, Mountaintop; Therese Roughsedge, Pittston; Tara Stephens, Shavertown. Third row, Olivia Zurad, Shavertown; Sarah Altemose, Exeter; Stephanie Amendola, Mountaintop; David Wert, Wilkes-Barre; Nick McCarroll, Dallas; Matthew Sipsky, Hunlock Creek; Leah Santucci, Laffin. Fourth row, Mrs. Sandy Sipsky advisor; Cody Tsevdos, Glen Lyon; Sarina Hall, Larksville; Jordan Cadwalader, Kingston; Elizabeth Eaton, West Wyoming; Laura Cornell, Pittston; Kelly Grebeck, Swoyersville; Rachael Vito, Swoyersville.

CONTRIBUTING TO 'COMFORTS OF HOME' DRIVE



The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross recently picked up items collected from the project, 'Comforts from Home' at Dallas High School. 'Comforts from Home' was a partnership between the Wyoming Valley Chapter and local school districts to collect various comfort items to be sent to our brave men and women overseas who are putting their lives on the line in order to protect our country. The Wyoming Valley Chapter provided donation boxes for a variety of items that were acceptable for donation. These 'comfort packages' will be shipped to American military bases all over the world to be distributed to our Armed Forces. The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross thanks Dallas National Honor Society for its efforts in the excellent collection of items for the brave servicemen and women who are overseas.

EDUCATION CENTER STUDENTS DONATE FOOD



The children and families of Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center donated Thanksgiving dinner items to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The collection was a huge success, helping to provide meals for many families. The Creative Kids Kindergarten Extension class assisted in the sorting of items at the food pantry. Here, Dusty Shaver and Jordan Bond sort canned goods.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Chamber plans fundraising event

The Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual fundraiser, "Kentucky Derby with a Bit of Vegas" presented by Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation from 6 to 11 p.m. on February 18, 2011 at Shadowbrook Inn & Resort, Route 6, Tunkhannock.

In addition to horse racing and gaming, there will be Kentucky Derby style food, desserts, silent auction items, fireworks display and a live band. The WYCCC is especially grateful to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation for serving as Presenting Sponsor of the event.

Participants must be 21 years of age or older. For tickets, call 836-7755.

Noxen School will hold 50/50 Bingo

A 50/50 Bingo will be held Saturday, January 15 at the Noxen School, School Street, Noxen, from 6 to 9 p.m. Food and beverages will be served. Patrons pay per card.

All proceeds benefit the Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen's Club. For more info call 298-2052.

NHCA will sponsor dance

The Noxen Historical Community Association will sponsor a dance Friday, January 21 at the Noxen School from 7 to 10 p.m. Music for all provided by D&D DJs. There will be door prizes, food and refreshments available. Come join the fun.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$5 students, \$3. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

or more info call 298-2052. All proceeds benefit the Noxen School building project.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword — **Go Figure!** — **Super Crossword**

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CIDER	HOUSE	RULES	
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