

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Ferlenda on dean's list

Jessica M. Ferlenda of Dallas, was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Lebanon Valley College, Annville. Ferlenda is a senior majoring in elementary education. Dean's list students must maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or above on a 4-point scale.

PSU prof authors text

Dr. Charles D. Ghilani, Professor of Engineering at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, recently authored the 13th edition of "Elementary Surveying: An Introduction in Geomatics," published by Prentice Hall. This introductory text pre-



Ghilani

sents fundamental information on modern surveying practices and highlights current technological advances in the field of geomatics. Dr. Ghilani received his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1989 and has been involved as an educator for nearly 40 years, with the last 21 years at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Students complete certification exam

Back Mountain residents among nine Misericordia University medical imaging majors who completed the four-year program in December and recently passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification exam in radiograph are Autumn Ferris, Tunkhannock; Diana Thomas, Shavertown; and Laila Kazimi, Dallas. The class' 100-percent pass rate continues a 23-year tradition for the program which has routinely experienced higher pass rates than the national average.

Music Box will present 'Nunsense' in February, March

The Music Box Repertory Company presents Dan Goggin's hilarious musical "Nunsense" February 18-20, 24-27 and March 3-6 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Tickets are available for dinner and show and show-only. Discounts are available for senior citizens, students and children. Group rates are also available. For information and reservations, call 283-2195.

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Auditions slated

Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre announces auditions for its upcoming production of "Sweet Charity!" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23 and Monday, Jan. 24 at Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre, 537 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Those auditioning are asked to come prepared with sheet music to sing a song of their choice in the style of the show. An accompanist will be provided. Those auditioning for a role will be asked to read from the script.

Kiss Theatre to present 'Aida'

Kiss Theatre Company presents Elton John and Tim Rice's "AIDA: School Edition" at 7 p.m. on January 28 and 29 and at 2 p.m. on January 23 and 30 at the Kiss Theatre in the Wyoming Valley Mall. For reservations or additional information, contact the Kiss Theatre box office at 829-1901.

Ambulance Assn. slates meeting

The Franklin-Northmoreland Ambulance Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

Pig roast planned

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will hold its 50th Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, Feb 5 at the post

home, Route 309, Dallas. Serving will be from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A donation of \$8.50 for adults and \$6 for children will be appreciated. Tickets can be obtained at the Legion or from committee members. For further information, contact Clarence J. Michael at 675-0400.

Contra Dance planned

A New England Contra Dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore Society will feature the music of "Smash the Windows" and caller Hilton Baxter at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb 5 at the Church of Christ Uniting, Sprague Avenue, Kingston. No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$25 for families. For more information, call 333-4007.

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 Friday, Feb. 18 at Shad-owbrook 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. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. For tickets, call 836-7755.

DOGS

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"There was a man who could barely move, and he kept his hands on the arms of his wheelchair," she said. "Opus sat next to him and the man slowly walked his fingers to Opus' head. Opus just knew he couldn't move until the man was done petting him, and he stood there like a statue. It was nothing I did." Ide, who didn't volunteer very often before working with Kozmo, didn't expect her family pet would bring so much to the lives of hundreds of other people throughout the years. The furry volunteers visit nursing homes, schools, hospitals and even participate in library programs where children learn skills by reading to the dogs. "It's like a full-time job," said Ide. Ide said having a service dog has completely changed her ideas about the meaning of man's best friend. Having "just a pet" is a thing of the past. "That's boring," she said.



A resident of The Meadows Nursing Center pets Colleen, a yellow lab-golden retriever mix, from South Paws Therapy Dogs.

HEROES

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ing to participate may be less. The Lions are partnering with Frontier Communications for the project to utilize their telephone poles and crews to place the banners.

Berlew said towns with similar projects are able to use street lights for the banners, but to post the displays in Dallas Borough, telephone lines will need to be used. This also means that banners will need to be larger because they will be placed higher than those in other areas. While some of the details for the project are still in the works, Berlew just wants to

get the word out about honoring the Back Mountain's veteran community. "Freedom is not free, and they've been picking up the tab for many years," he said. "How can you thank them enough?" Berlew hopes the signs will be displayed in prominent areas in Dallas, such as on Main, Church and Lake streets, as well as Memorial

Highway, or Route 415. Berlew is still creating sponsorship forms, but the tentative form pick-up locations will be at the Dallas Borough Building on Main Street, the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road, American Legion Post 672 on Memorial Highway, Frontier Communications on CTE Drive and NAPA Auto Parts on Route 415.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Students plan trips to Sno Mountain

West Side Career & Technical Center and the Lake-Lehman Area Ski Club Association will go to Sno Mountain on several Thursdays this season. The charter bus will leave Lake-Lehman at 2:45 p.m. and West Side CTC at 3:20 p.m. It will return to West Side CTC at 10:30 p.m. and to Lake-Lehman at 10:45 p.m. Equipment storage will be available during the day. For information regarding discounts and payment arrangements, call Marian at 262-6725.

Winter concert set

The Wyoming Seminary music department will present the music of Elgar, Mozart, Prokofiev and other classical and contemporary composers at 3 p.m. today, Jan. 23 during its annual winter instrumental concert in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., just north of Kingston Corners. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2190.

BTE presents 'Macbeth'

The Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble will present William Shakespeare's great tragedy "Macbeth" at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Wyoming Seminary Upper School's Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Avenue, Kingston. The streamlined, 70-minute

production will include an opportunity to talk with the cast following the performance, which is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2190.

Winter dance set

The Back Mountain Junior High Youth Council invites all sixth, seventh and eight-grade students to its Winter Dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, at Gate of Heaven School gym, Machell Avenue, Dallas.

Music will be provided by Mark "Mr. DJ" Jones. Cost is \$3 and one canned good to be donated to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Novelist will lecture at Misericordia

Misericordia University, in conjunction with the College of Arts and Sciences, is presenting the lecture, "Writing in My Pajamas: Thoughts on the Writing Life," by best-selling Latina novelist Sandra Cisneros at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 31 in Walsh Hall at Misericordia University's Lemmond Theater. General admission tickets for the lecture are \$15 for the public and \$5 for students. Tickets are available from the Misericordia University Box Office at 674-6719.

Seminary lower school will hold exam

Current fourth- through sev-

enth-graders not already enrolled at Wyoming Seminary Lower School are encouraged to register for Sem's Middle-School Merit Scholarship Exam to be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at the school's Forty Fort campus. Exam registration will be at 8:15 a.m. and the exam will be given at 8:30 a.m., ending at 11 a.m. Parents are invited to stay for a presentation including financial aid information, tour and refreshments.

For more information about the Wyoming Seminary Middle School Merit Scholarship Exam or to register for the exam, call the Admission Office at 718-6610.

Sem upper school to offer scholarships

Area eighth- and ninth-graders not already enrolled at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School are encouraged to register for the Wyoming Seminary Scholarship Exam to be held Saturday, Feb. 5 at the school's Kingston campus. Registration will be at 9 a.m. and the exam will be given at 9:30 a.m. at the Upper School campus. During the exam, parents are encouraged to attend a discussion led by Harvie Ruggles, Wyoming Seminary's Director of College Guidance, on how to maximize their students' chances for college opportunities. For more information regarding the exam and to request an application, call the Office of Admission at 270-2160.

Sem presents concerts

Wyoming Seminary Upper School will present a special Schnittke Festival, offering in-

strumental and vocal music by Alfred Schnittke, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., just north of Kingston Corners. The Saturday concert will present Schnittke's piano trio, quartet and quintet; the Sunday performance will feature solo pieces for violin and cello, Schnittke's Concerto Grosso No. 6 and "Three Sacred Hymns," featuring the Sem Madrigal Singers.

Both concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2190.

Zen Meditation program slated

An introduction to Zen Meditation will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Mercy Center on the campus of Misericordia University, Dallas. The program includes an explanation of Zen meditation, a brief practice period and time for questions. A free will offering will be taken. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, call Sr. Barbara Craig at 675-1872.

MU Alumni plan Valentine Dance

The Misericordia University Alumni Association will host its Fourth Annual Valentine Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 12 in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on the campus in Dallas. Open to the public, the event will begin with a marriage blessing for couples in the Misericordia University Chapel at 4 p.m. A cocktail hour will start at

5 p.m. The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. with dancing to follow. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$60 per couple and are available by contacting the Alumni Box Office by phone at 674-6768 or by email laugust@misericordia.edu. Alumni are welcome to register online at www.cougarconnect.misericordia.edu. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 7.

Lecture planned

The Department of Psychology and Honors Program at Misericordia University are presenting the lecture, "Understanding Relationship Violence: Perpetrators & Victims," by Wind Goodfriend, Ph.D., principal investigator for the Institute for the Prevention of Relationship Violence and an associate professor of psychology at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, from noon to 1:15 p.m. on Friday, March 18 in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library. The lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations are required for the presentation because seating is limited. To make a reservation, contact Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Misericordia University, at 674-8008.

THS Class of 1961 plans reunion

The Tunkhannock High School Class of 1961 is planning its 50th anniversary reunion to be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Triton Fire Company with a mixer at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. For more information, call Allan Kinsman at 674-9882.

Auction committee seeks items

The Nearly Olde Committee of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is asking for donations from the community for the very popular Nearly Olde Booth, Jewelry Booth, Gazebo and Cottage Keepers furniture booth. This year, committee members are asking for donations of new, used, old, or broken jewelry, dresser sets, jewelry boxes, small leather goods, fountain pens, compacts and toiletry items for the Jewelry Booth. The Gazebo needs primitives, wood items, train sets, old tools and vintage clothing. Nearly Olde is asking for Snoopy items, sports and col-

lectible cards, barware, old bottles, complete sets of china and stemware, old sheet music, vintage kitchen utensils, ice buckets and pink glass of all kind. Small furniture items and lamps are needed for the Cottage Keepers furniture tent. No large upholstered items will be accepted. Donors are asked to designate to which booth they are making their donations toward. All items are tax deductible. Items may be taken to the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Locals are on Seminary HR

Mary T. Kolessar, Dean of Wyoming Seminary Middle School, has announced the Back Mountain students named to the Academic High Honor Roll and Academic Honor Roll for the first trimester of the 2010-2011 academic year.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

- Grade 6**
Avery Conyngham, Shavertown; Andrew Kim, Dallas; Michael Kim, Dallas; David Nape, Shavertown; Andrew Schukraft, Dallas; Dominic Wright, Dallas.
- Grade 7**
Gabrielle Grossman, Shavertown; Jake Kolessar, Shavertown; Elijah Miller, Dallas; Megha Sarada, Dallas.
- Grade 8**
Madison Nardone, Shavertown; Adam Rinehouse, Shavertown.

HONOR ROLL

- Grade 6**
Carly Clemente, Dallas; Payton McCormick, Dallas; Gabriella Soper, Shavertown.
- Grade 7**
Dominique Coslett, Harveys Lake; Alexandra Cuddy, Shavertown; Jacqueline Meuser, Shavertown; Leana Pande, Shavertown; Jacob Riddilla, Shavertown.
- Grade 8**
Corinne Conyngham, Shavertown; Nathalie Joanlanne, Dallas; Emily Mackesy, Shavertown; Courtney McCarthy, Dallas; Alexis Quick, Shavertown.