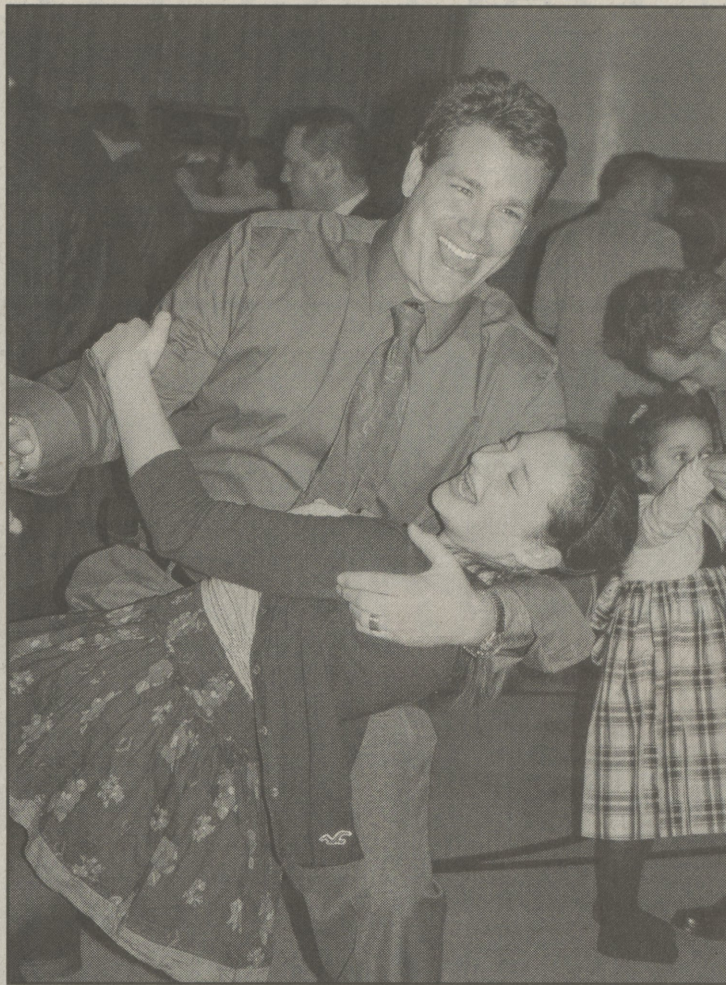
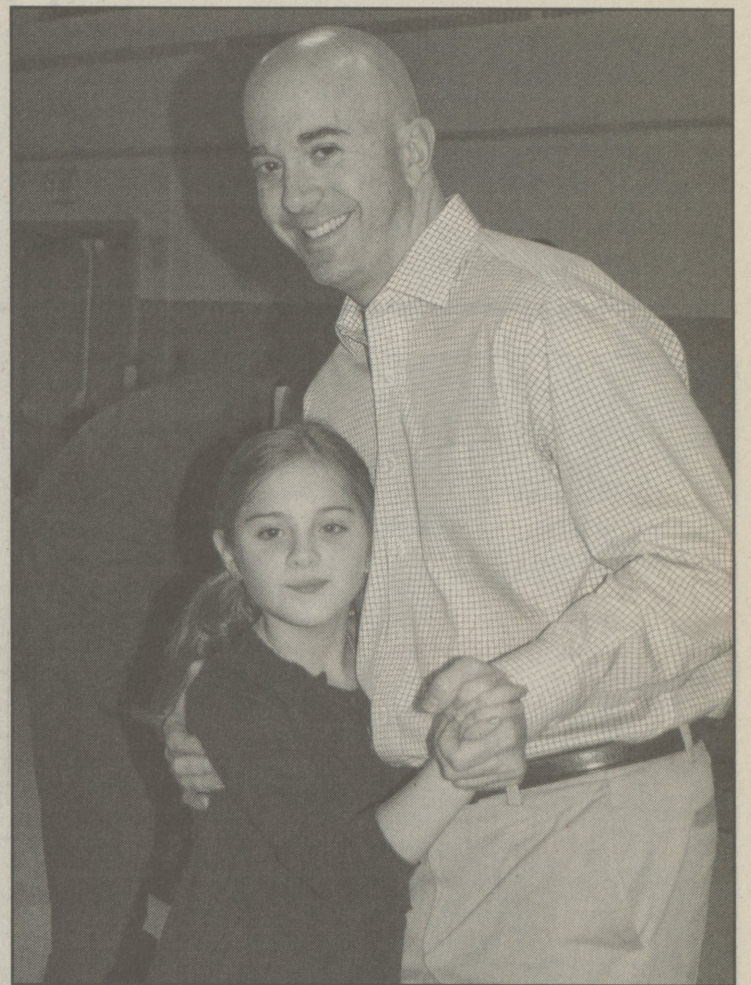




Gracie Huntington and her father, Richie, enjoy the dance.



Mark Broody dips her daughter, Jade.



Sophia Answini shares a dance with her father, Scott.

DANCING WITH DADDY

Gate of Heaven School held a Father-Daughter Dance for girls in grades PreK through eighth grade at the school on Machell Avenue in Dallas on January 9. Gate of Heaven fathers and their daughters enjoyed a DJ, raffle and lots of fun at the annual event.



Whooping it up at the Father-Daughter Dance at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas are, from left, Julie Adonizio, Adriana Wesolowski, Jade Broody, Jen Ringsdorf, Jamie Carty, Victoria Fulton and Maria Khoudary.



Penn State Wilkes-Barre THON Dancers Bob Veneskey, left, of Carrolltown, Dara Rose, center, of Wilkes-Barre and Penn State Wilkes-Barre THON Committee Chair Amy Parry, of Harding.

Students take part in THON

Beginning Friday, Feb. 18, Penn State Wilkes-Barre students Dara Rose and Bob Veneskey will spend 46 straight hours awake and on their feet, participating in the 2011 Penn State Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON). Since 1977, (THON) has raised more than \$69 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Children's Hospital. The Four Diamonds Fund, established in 1972, aids families battling pediatric cancer by providing innovative cancer research and treatment as well as support for the families. THON, a 46-hour no

sitting, no sleeping dance marathon, is the culmination of a year-long fundraising effort by students at Penn State. THON allows the students and families to come together and celebrate the victories, both large and small, that THON and the Four Diamonds Fund have achieved. THON 2011 will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18 and conclude at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20. For more information, contact Melissa Gunshannon, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Public Information Coordinator, at melisag@psu.edu or 675-9269.

Locals on Wilkes dean's list

The following Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at Wilkes University for the fall 2010 semester. They are: Katie Ambrose, Harveys Lake; Kelsey Augustine, Shavertown; Miranda Baur, Dallas; Aleona Chinikaylo, Dallas; Cory Conrad, Dallas; Eric Danko, Dallas; Lindsey Davenport, Dallas; Chelsea Fufaro, Dallas; Michael Gionfriddo, Shavertown; Kyla Halsor, Dallas; Marissa Harrison, Shavertown; Britney Hazleton, Dallas;

Alison Kasper, Shavertown; Alexandra Madaya, Shavertown. Also, Courtney Matus, Harveys Lake; Thomas Mike, Shavertown; Noelle Miller, Trucksville; Beth Morgan, Dallas; Jason Neare, Dallas; Alyson Paulauskas, Shavertown; Bridgette Petro, Harveys Lake. Also, Matthew Ruch, Dallas; Joshua Shaver, Trucksville; Aubrielle Smith, Dallas; Morgan Thomas, Dallas; Bethany Yarrick, Dallas; Anne Yoskoski, Dallas; Ashley Zerfoss, Shavertown.

Lake-Lehman kindergarten registration slated

The Lake-Lehman School District announces kindergarten registration and screening for eligible kindergarten students on February 22, 23 and 24. The school district policy states that a child must be 5 years of age before September 1, 2011 and fully immunized in accordance with the latest regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health in order to

register for kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. Kindergarten in the Lake-Lehman School District is an all-day program. Parents or guardians must accompany the student during the registration process and present a birth certificate, two proofs of residency (driver's license and utility bill with an address) and immunization records for the

child. Immunizations required are the three doses of hepatitis B, three doses of polio, four doses of DTP (fourth dose after the fourth birthday), two doses of MMR and two doses of varicella vaccine or history of disease. Parents are asked to register their child at the building where they will attend school. Registration dates are as fol-

lows: Lake-Noxen Elementary, 639-1129, Tuesday, Feb. 22; Ross Elementary, 477-5050, Wednesday, Feb. 23; and Lehman-Jackson Elementary, 675-2165, Thursday, Feb. 24. The time schedule will be the same at each of the elementary schools and will be alphabetically according to the child's last name: 9 a.m.: A-E; 10 a.m.: F-J; 11 a.m.: K-O; 1 p.m.: P-S; 2 p.m.: T-Z.

Youths can study online for high school diploma

To assist out-of-school youth ages 18 to 21 in Luzerne County enter the emerging workforce and achieve their future goals, secure a better paying job, advance their career, earn a better wage, build life skills and gain self sufficiency, the Luzerne/Schuylkill County Workforce Investment Board, in partnership

with ResCare Workforce Services, is offering free online training to achieve a high school diploma and job readiness workshops to qualified young adults. For the past 35 years, ResCare Workforce Services delivered workforce development services to disadvantaged youth. ResCare Workforce Ser-

VICES is a twice-certified member of the National Youth Employment Coalition's Promising & Effective Practices Network (PEPNet). These programs are offered in collaboration with the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board. The WIB engages business, industry, education, economic

development and community organizations to participate with the public workforce system to identify workforce challenges and develop strategies and solutions to address those challenges. To schedule an appointment or to receive additional information, call Jerry Fallabel at 822-1101 ext 261.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Students plan trips to Sno Mountain

West Side Career & Technical Center and the Lake-Lehman Area Ski Club Association 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.

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.

Friendly's event benefits Lock-In

There will be a Friendly's Fun Night from 5 to 8 pm on Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Friendly's in Dallas.

A portion of the total eat-in and take-out sales during that time will be donated to the Dallas High School Lock-In.

Exam slated

Current fourth-through seventh-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 Admissions Office at 718-

6610.

Scholarships offered

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.