

ROSS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HONORED



Students of the Month were recognized at Ross Elementary School for their citizenship, academics and/or improvement during the month of January. From left, first row, are Parker Rynkiewicz, Emily Leahy, Dustin Heinrich. Second row, Patrick Depiero, Nicholas Mrochko, Conner Fassett, Melissa Boyer, Megan Hogan, Kaleigh Koss, Courtney Antonello, Third row, Donald James, principal; Melissa Jarnot, fifth-grade teacher; Samantha Evans, Walkker Shaw, Rielly Sutliff, Garrett Kolb, Nick Henninger and Alysia Jones, second-grade teacher.

DHS PTSO PLANS VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST



The Dallas High School PTSO Steering Committee is hosting a Valentine's Faculty/Support Staff Appreciation Breakfast on February 14. Planning the event are, from left, Sharon Krawetz, PTSO parent; Ken Kopetchny, Wellness teacher; Robyn Jones, school counselor; Lois Redmond, Spanish teacher; Jennifer Pokrinchak, English teacher; Candyce Fike, French teacher; and Barbara Goode, PTSO parent.



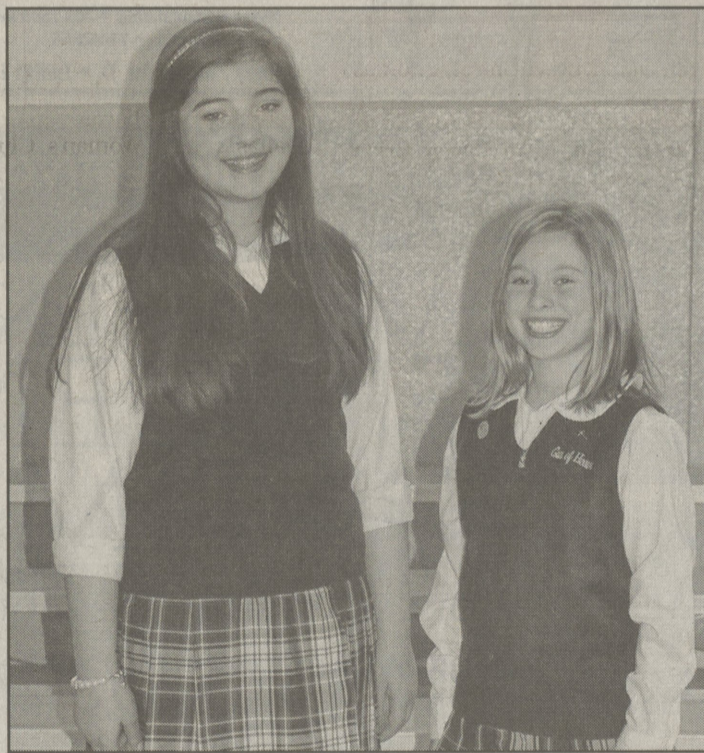
Top 10 finishers in the Gate of Heaven School Spelling Bee are, from left, first row, Shelby Smith, sixth grade; Nicole Cavanaugh, sixth grade; Zacharia Ouladelhadjehmed, seventh grade; Cameron Brennan, seventh grade; Liam Frederick, seventh grade. Second row, Maria Khoudary, eighth grade; Anthony Khoudary, sixth grade; Molly Hampsey, eighth grade; Lauren Slavoski, seventh grade; Julia Adonizio, seventh grade.

Cavanaugh wins GOH spelling bee

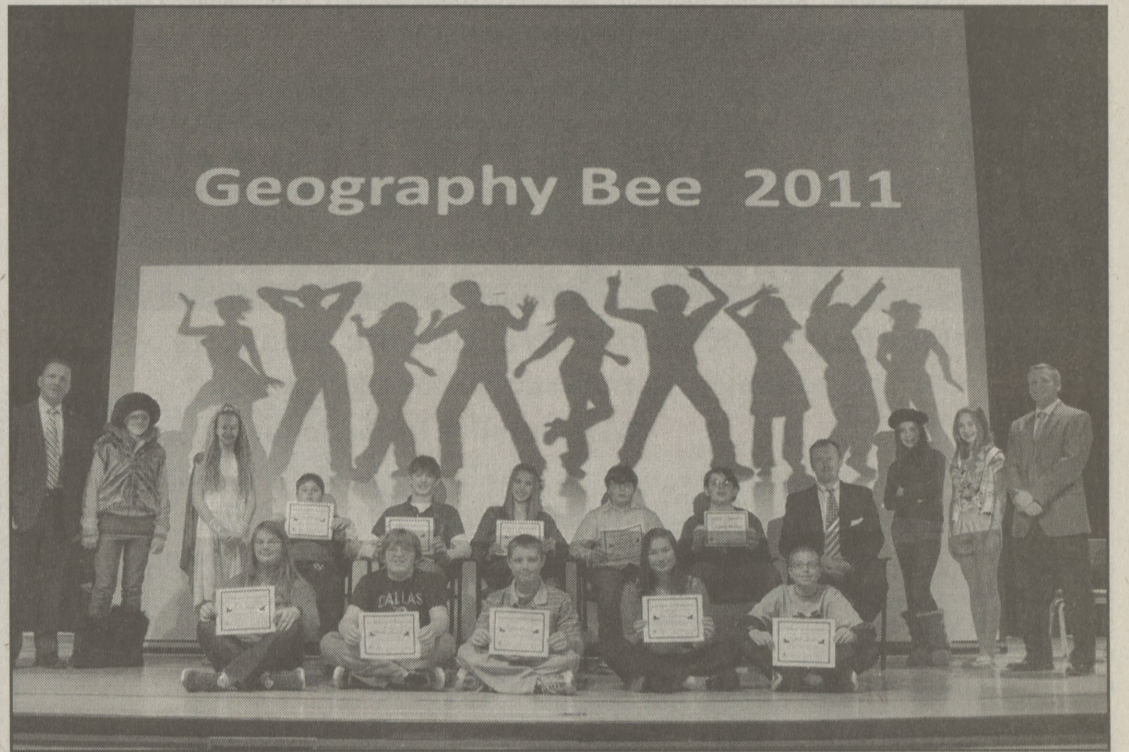
Over 60 students from grades five through eight participated in the Gate of Heaven School Spelling Bee sponsored by The Times Leader and Scripps.

After an hour of competition, it came down to the word "bereavement" and sixth-grade student Nicole Cavanaugh was declared the champion. Second-place was awarded to eighth-grade student Maria Khoudary.

Cavanaugh will represent Gate of Heaven at the regional spelling bee on March 13 at The Woodlands Inn and Resort.



Nicole Cavanaugh, above right, was the winner of this year's Gate of Heaven School Spelling Bee. Maria Khoudary, above left, was runner-up.



Contestants and dancers from the recent Dallas Middle School Geography Bee are, from left, first row, Katie Pugh, Chas Siegel, Michael Mesko, Sam Rinehelmer, Jacob Serafin. Second row, Thomas Duffy, principal; Annie Yanik, Ally Rome, Blake Dyek, Owen Kiluk, Madalyn Buzinski, Noah Cote, Josh Frankevich, bee champion; Harry Haas, teacher and event organizer; Jessica Blat, Marlena Ostrowski and Matthew Barrett, assistant principal.

Geography Bee held at Dallas MS

Dallas Middle School recently held its annual Geography Bee. The school-wide assembly was themed "Dancing Around the World" and included a multi-media introduction and live dancers.

Contestants from each

grade level competed against each other to determine a school-wide winner. Mr. Harry Haas, seventh-grade Social Studies teacher, organizes and hosts the annual bee.

This year's first-place winner, Josh Frankevich, will take

a written exam in order to qualify for the state competition in Harrisburg. Frankevich will compete for scholarship money at the state-level event. Pictured above are this year's contestants and bee dancers.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Concert planned

Misericordia University is presenting, "Guitarrista Clasico Del Mundo," a concert of classical guitar music featuring George Sprengelmeyer, D.M.A., assistant professor of guitar and chair of the department of fine arts at Misericordia University, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

For more information, contact the Misericordia University Box Office at 674-6719.

Debate planned

Misericordia University professors Dr. Joseph Curran and Dr. Brian Carso will debate "Did the Media Contribute to the Tragedy in Tucson?" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16 in Rooms 216 and 217 of Insalaco Hall on the university campus.

Friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library will host a welcome reception at 7 p.m. with the debate to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Seminary plans visitation days

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston and Lower School in Forty Fort are offering area elementary, middle and high school students and their families an opportunity to visit either campus on Monday, Feb. 21.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Lower School and at 8:30 a.m. at the Upper School. Visiting students will attend classes, tour campus and have lunch. Tours of the

Upper and Lower Schools for parents will be offered as well.

For more information or to register for the day's events, call the Lower School Admission Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School at 270-2160.

Computer classes for ESL students

The Osterhout Free Library in Wilkes-Barre is offering free basic computer classes for English Language Learners (ESL) from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays from March 5 to April 30. The classes are open only to people learning English or who want to practice English.

The classes will be taught in English with support for new English speakers and the instructor is able to provide help in Spanish, as needed. The classes are limited to 10 students.

Call 570-821-1959 to register for the series of classes.

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.

Grube will present recital

Hannah Grube, of Trucksville, Pa., will present a soprano vocal recital at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 in the Zimmerman Recital Hall of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery at Lebanon Valley College in Annville.

The daughter of Charles and Jean Grube, of Shavertown, Grube is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School pursuing a degree in music business.

The recital will feature a variety of challenging vocal arrangements. She will be joined by fellow student Katherine Raines.

Upon graduation, Grube hopes to pursue a career in the music industry.

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.

Music of the 50s and 60s will be provided by the Tones at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Allan Kinsman at 674-9882.

Locals named to dean's list at PSU/WB

Several Back Mountain residents have been named to the dean's list at Penn State University for the fall 2010 semester. They are:

Joshua Aciekewicz, Trucksville, University Park; Kelsey T. Amy, Sweet Valley, University Park; Kyle B. Arnaud, Dallas, University Park; Ellen C. Arnaud, Dallas, University Park; Abigail A. Bachman, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Jordan M. Broody, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Elizabeth A. Carey, Dallas, University Park; Rachel T. Chin, Dallas, University Park; Katelyn M. Confer, Shavertown, University Park; Amanda B. Cooper, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre.

Also, Gregory C. Davis, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Sean M. Davis, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Thomas A. Deangelo, Sweet Valley, University Park; Gianina M. Degraba, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Patrick R. Derojas, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Ryan E. Eagan, Shavertown, Worthington Scranton; Mia E. Esopi, Dallas, University Park; Monica R. Esopi, Dallas, University Park; Jacqueline Eury, University Park; Alexa K.

Frey, Hunlock Creek, Wilkes-Barre; Serena A. Fulton, Dallas, University Park.

Also, Amanda E. Gongsleski, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Shane E. Grady, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Timothy B. Graham, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Scott M. Grundowsk, Dallas, University Park; Natalie C. Herron, Dallas, University Park; Staci A. Hills, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Aaron M. Hogan, Dallas, Harrisburg; Karen J. Hynes, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Megan A. Jordan, Dallas, University Park; Christopher Keller, Wilkes-Barre; Kaitlin Kennedy, Wilkes-Barre; Amanda D. Kretchmer, Shavertown, Worthington Scranton.

Also, Chad C. La Bar, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Erica M. Lisses, Shavertown, University Park; David J. Lynn, Hunlock Creek, Worthington Scranton; Samantha M. Magini, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Kelly A. Mahoney, Sweet Valley, Berks; Megan A. Millo, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Meghan K. Murtagh, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Julia M. Nijmeh, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Rebekah L.

Nulton, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Michael D. Pelleschi, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Nicole A. Pisano, Shavertown, University Park.

Also, Jamie L. Ratowski, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Joseph G. Roman, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Bradley C. Sherman, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Samantha K. Shewan, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; James L. Smith, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Kyle A. Smyth, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Bruce R. Sobocinski, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Clinton P. Sorber, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Kianna M. Spencer, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre; Sara T. Stepanski, Sweet Valley, Wilkes-Barre; Scott D. Summa, Lehman, Wilkes-Barre; Adam E. Supey, Dallas, Wilkes-Barre.

Also, Bryan D. Weaver, Shavertown, University Park; Jaime L. Wesley, Hunlock Creek, University Park; Jason H. Yu, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Michael G. Zaleskas, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Tara E. Zukosky, Shavertown, Wilkes-Barre; Noah J. Zurad, Shavertown, University Park.