

# Friedman Gallery to display works of area female artists

Two Back Mountain residents among those whose art is featured.

The Misericordia University Pauly Friedman Art Gallery will host the works of some of the most recognized women artists of Luzerne County during the Luzerne County Women In Pastel Invitational exhibit beginning March 13 at the campus in Dallas.

The featured artists are Alice Laputka, of Conyngham; Georgiana Cray Bart, of Wilkes-Barre; Anna Ostapiw, of Courtdale; Shirley Triebel, of Bear Creek; Mary Louise Steinberg, of Kingston; Natalia A. Kerr, of Wilkes-Barre; Tobi Balin Grossman, of Dallas; and Liz Bignel Plashinski, of Shavertown.

A Misericordia alumna, Grossman was born in Italy and raised in New York City. Married with three children, she earned her bachelor's degree in art in 1979. Upon graduation, she served two years as director of the Misericordia Art Gallery. She continued

her art studies at the famed Barnes Foundation in Merion, Pa., did a residency at Soaring Gardens Artists Retreat near Wyalusing and has attended workshops in France at Monet's Gardens and at the Ghost Ranch educational retreat in New Mexico, a favorite setting for artist Georgia O'Keeffe.

A Times Leader newspaper Artist of the Week in 2004, Grossman's paintings have appeared in more than 25 selected exhibitions, including the National Pastel Exhibition, Hartford and Norwich, Ct.; and at the Broome Street Gallery and the Salmugundi Club, both in New York City. She has a deep love of nature and concentrates almost exclusively on painting landscapes. She has traveled extensively to pursue painting landscapes both plein aire and in her studio located in Wilkes-Barre.

Plashinski is a student of Georgiana Cray Bart and began her love of art in elementary school with projects such as reproducing the colors in autumn leaves. She experi-

mented with the use of color later, painting sets for school plays and designing new office space. During her high school years, copying illustrations from newspapers and magazines were her sources of art education.

As a military dependent, she attended workshops in Japan, Germany, and in the U.S. She discovered pastels in 1960, later considering it her favorite medium. Her works have been exhibited through the Wyoming Valley Art League.

The exhibit is open free to the public during gallery hours and will be on display through April 21. Gallery hours are: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A reception for the Women in Pastel Invitational exhibit will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 at the Pauly Friedman Art Gallery. The reception is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 674-6250.



Shown here are the second quarter recipients of the Celebration of Accomplishments Award at the Dallas Middle School. From left, first row, are Dominic Augustine, Emily Banta, Dusten McGeehan, Leah Popple, Mrs. Joni Rakowski, Miss Kylie Rosengrant, Mrs. Kimberly Kuzma, Mr. Matthew Barrett, assistant principal. Second row, Mr. Thomas Duffy, principal; Mr. Bill Jenkins, Michelle Leonard, Mrs. MaryKate Stauffer, Mr. Matthew Stretanski and Mrs. Firouzeh Razavi.

## DMS Awards Assembly conducted

The second quarter Awards Assembly was recently held at the Dallas Middle School.

Students who earned honor roll distinction were recognized for their academic achievement. The Accelerated Reader Program point leaders were presented with acknowledgements and student-athletes who partici-

ated in winter sports were congratulated.

New to the program this year is an award in place for recognition for students and staff known as a "Celebration of Accomplishments." Facilitated by Assistant Principal Matthew Barrett, the award is part of school-wide positive behavior modification pro-

gramming that allows anyone in the school to nominate anyone else for doing something special.

The nominees are reviewed and each quarter students and staff are recognized for positive, pro-social behaviors and generally going above and beyond as members of the Dallas Middle School community.

## MU NURSING STUDENTS COLLECT DIAPERS



Students in the Part-Time Accelerated Evening Nursing (PTAENP) Program division of the Student Nurse Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) at Misericordia University are collecting diapers to present to the nonprofit organization, Angelic Diaper Ministries, Inc. of Dallas. Angelic Diaper Ministries provides diapers to babies of families in need. Diapers are being collected on campus in the Department of Nursing offices on the second floor of the College of Health Sciences building on Lake Street and in the Banks Student Life Center lobby on campus until May 6. For more information about the diaper drive at Misericordia University, call the Department of Nursing at 674-6474. From left, are, Tina Tomkins, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P.-B.C., P.H.R.N., assistant professor; Wendy Franklin, Wilkes-Barre, vice president; Colleen Jenceleski, Nanticoke, treasurer; Susan Kupstas, Ashley, president; and Nicole Johnson, Kingston, secretary.

## HOLY REDEEMER STUDENTS CONDUCT FOOD DRIVE



Holy Redeemer High School's Student Leadership Council coordinated a school wide food drive to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen over the Thanksgiving holiday. Each homeroom collected canned goods, nonperishable food items and monetary donations to support the work of the kitchen during Thanksgiving and throughout the upcoming weeks. Shown are Student Leadership Council members with food items collected. From left, kneeling, are Peter Alexis, Hanover Township; Connor Murphy, Mountaintop; Tim Lambert, Wyoming; Thomas Cafrey, Hanover Township; Cody Tsevdos, Glen Lyon; Dalton Ell, Plains; Stephen Ruch, Dallas. Standing, Mr. Michael Booth, vice principal; Rebecca Makar, Wilkes-Barre; Becky Richards, Hanover Township; Shane Flannery, Wilkes-Barre; Eric Jones, Wilkes-Barre; Mark Malloy, Shavertown; Christian Choman, Hanover Township; Kelly Dougherty, Wilkes-Barre; Mary Griseto, Fort Fort; Fallyn Boich, Mountaintop; Donald Stephens, Shavertown; Stephanie Amendola, Mountaintop; Julia Wignot, Wilkes-Barre; Kelsey Crossin, Plains; and Mrs. Anita Sirak, principal.

## LEHMAN-JACKSON STUDENTS AND STAFF DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY



Students of the Lake-Lehman School District recently donated boxes of food to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The goal was for each student to donate five food items so each class could contribute 100 food items for the celebration of the 100th day of school. The students far exceeded their goal. Sixth-grade students who assisted in packaging the food are, from left, first row, Danny Ide, Joshua Shefler, John Pelton, Allison Celmer, Steven Coley and Kenny Wickard. Second row, Mrs. Marilyn Glogowski, principal; Katelyn Sincavage, Jared Campbell, Mike Bechetti, Marcus Steele, Mr. Joe Hardisky, Food Bank president; and Mrs. Doreen Johnson, sixth-grade teacher. Third row, Ben Major, Nathan Pavlichko and Jay Foster.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### KHS Class of '59 meets

The Kingston High School Class of 1959 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7 at Norm's Pizzeria and Eatery, Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre to make plans for its "Now We Are 70 Bash" in August.

at 3 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 in the Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall.

Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with ID and \$3 for the general public. For more information, contact Patrick McKamy, coordinator of student activities, at 674-6411.

### 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 Bebevino 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.

### Concert planned

The Wyoming Seminary Music Department will present a special recital featuring Daniel Phillips, founding member and violinist with the Orion String Quartet, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, just north of Kingston Corners.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2190.

### Lock-In Committee meets March 24

The Dallas High School 2011 Graduation Lock-In Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 in the high school library.

Grocery certificates for Mr. Z's and Thomas' Family Market will be sold in increments of \$50.

### March Movie Series set at Misericordia

The Misericordia University Student Activities Department will present "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" as part of its March Movie Series at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 and

### Lock-In Committee plans rummage sale

The Dallas High School Senior Lock-In Committee will hold its second annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 in the high school gymnasium.

There will be a variety of items ranging from jewelry, clothing, toys, books, household items, furniture and appliances. There will also be a Prom/Formal Wear Section, a Bake Sale and a Basket Raffle.

Donations are requested and should be dropped off at the school from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 25. For more information, call Heather Calkins at 262-8657.

### WU hosts math contest

Wilkes University will host the Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics 63rd Annual High School Mathematics Contest on Saturday, April 2. The contest will begin at 9 a.m. in the Rite Aid Auditorium of the Stark Learning Center, 150 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre.

Prizes will be awarded to top finishers, with the first-place winner in each division receiving a four-year full-tuition scholarship to pursue the major of his or her choosing at Wilkes University.

Students interested in participating must inform a mathematics teacher at their high school.

### Class reunion committee meets

The planning committee of the 40th anniversary class reunion of West Side Central Catholic High School Class of 1971 will meet at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 at the home of Sally Hogan Rothstein.

All classmates are asked to provide the committee with their mailing addresses and/or e-mail by contacting Kate Bustin Taroli, Chairman at KBTaroli@gmail.com or at 675-8676.