



Holy Redeemer's district music festival participants are, from left: Pail Chmil, Hanover Twp.; Joseph Szczechowski, Dallas; Emily Makar, Wilkes-Barre.

## Students go to PMEA districts

Three students from Holy Redeemer High School qualified for Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District instrumental festivals as a result of competitive auditions. Paul Chmil participated in the District Band Festival at Montrose High School and then fur-

ther qualified for Region Band as a first alternate. Joseph Szczechowski qualified for District Band as a first alternate. Emily Makar participated in District Orchestra at Crestwood High School. Both three-day festivals concluded with a public concert on Friday evening.

Students from more than 35 public and private high schools auditioned to be part of the District 9 Festivals. Schools represented five counties in north-eastern Pennsylvania. Ms. Lauren Stamm is Holy Redeemer's band and orchestra director.

## GOH FIFTH-GRADERS GRADUATE FROM DARE PROGRAM



The fifth-grade class at Gate of Heaven School recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. program sponsored by Kingston Township and instructed by Officer Frank Ziegler. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. From left, first row, are Jake Adonizio, Laura Buckman, Bianca Cantando, Adrianna Centrella, Emily Blaum, Madison Guido and Lindsey Hoover. Second row, Morgan Luksic, Kara MacIntyre, Christopher Ash, Michael Huntington, Scott Williams and Peter Newhart. Third row, Kingston Township Chief of Police James Balavage and fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Bridget Occhiato. Absent at the time of the photo were Connor Maloney and Alexandra Nockley.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### 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.

#### Earth relief concert slated

Misericordia University will host a benefit concert for Haiti Earthquake Relief from 6:30 to 11:15 p.m. on Friday, March 18 at the Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

The program will feature various solo and band acts including POP ROX, Fake Estate, Brian Shultz, Savalto, Paul Martin, and Leah and John Majdic. Tickets for the concert are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Snacks and refreshments will be on sale.

Students will sell tickets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 14-18 in the Misericordia University Banks Student Life Center.

Donations and supplies can be dropped off to the Misericordia University Occupational Therapy Department in the College of Health Sciences building (former Commonwealth Telephone Building), 100 Lake St., Dallas, Pa., or mailed to Devin Koslap, 301 Lake St., Box No. 58, Dallas, PA 18612. For additional information, contact terrys@misericordia.edu or koslapd@misericordia.edu.

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#### 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 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Sem plans Open House

Wyoming Seminary Lower School invites families to attend the Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 31 at the school's Forty Fort campus, 1560 Wyoming Ave.

Families may tour preschool, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms and speak with the dean of the Primary Division, teachers and admission staff about Sem's early childhood program.

#### MU group plans Relay for Life

The Colleges Against Cancer Chapter at Misericordia University is holding a two-day Relay For Life fundraising event on campus by McHale and Gildea Students Residence Halls by

the North Gate on campus to benefit the American Cancer Society from 7 p.m. on April 1 to 7 a.m. on April 2.

Interested participants can form a team or participate individually for a \$15 registration fee per person. Each participant receives a Relay For Life T-shirt.

To register for the event or to purchase a luminaria or an ad in the program, call 617-2108.

#### 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.

The reunion is planned for Sunday, September 4 at Konefal's Grove, Chase Road, Shavertown.

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

## CLINIC

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tain. The clinic will also provide patients with nutrition counseling, after-hours urgent care and women's health services later this year.

Dr. Michael Kovalick, site director at Geisinger-Dallas, said the new building will not only be more convenient but will also increase the expediency of care in a familiar environment.

He said even though there is a surgeon at the current Geisinger-Dallas clinic a few days a week, the new space will allow for doctors to more easily communicate with surgeons and X-ray technicians. Patients can make appointments and talk to medical professionals at their family practice clinic instead of driving to Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre or Geisinger Wyoming Valley.

"Usually, you would have to send a letter for referral or wait a few weeks," said Kovalick. "This takes the pressure off of hospitals."

Kovalick said this centralization of care is a trend that Geisinger has been following for the

last five to seven years. Clinics recently built in Berwick and Tunkhannock have similar designs and offer a variety of services for patients. Another clinic, planned for the Glenmaura area in Moosic, is in the works.

"It's definitely been a goal to get the right care to people close to home," said Therese Pramick, a Geisinger spokeswoman.

In moving, there will also be growth. The current 6,000-square-foot Geisinger-Dallas clinic features a staff of three doctors and a nurse practitioner who have seen more than 5,000 patients a year. Kovalick said personnel at the new clinic will be able to treat nearly double that patient number.

"The Back Mountain is a growing area and we can provide better care for patients with this new facility," he said.

Kovalick said the ultimate goal for the clinic is to add two more doctors, as well as see an increase in the clinic's current residency program. Three residents currently practice at the Dallas clinic, and offices in Mountain Top and Lake Scranton also have a residency program.

Kovalick said the staff has been working long hours to pack up materials for the big move, but everyone is excited for the

change of scenery. "And it's not just for our patients," said Kovalick. "It's for everyone in the Back Mountain."

Most everything in the building, such as exam room tables, computers and furniture, will be new. General supplies, like lab equipment, will be moved from the building in the Dallas Shopping Center. Pramick said the radiology department will also receive a brand new digital X-ray machine.

The building has affected the surrounding community, as well. A traffic light was installed at the intersection of Route 309 and Dorchester Drive and several others were modified to accommodate the expected influx of traffic.

The driveway leading to the facility was renamed Lt. Michael Cleary Drive in memory of a local veteran who was killed in Iraq in December 2005.

"To have a local hero honored, we were very touched," said Kovalick.

While the current Geisinger clinic has been a staple of the Back Mountain for 25 years, Kovalick said patients can expect the same level of care at the new clinic.

"Patients are excited," said Kovalick.

## PARENTS

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and to report back to the board but found herself struggling to give the group definite answers about how to fight the proposal.

"Coming to us (the school board) is not going to do any-

thing with the zoning board, said Wega. "Our voice doesn't mean any more than the voice of the citizen."

Dreier said the issue at hand is the safety of area children, and she commended the board for its opposition of the compressor station.

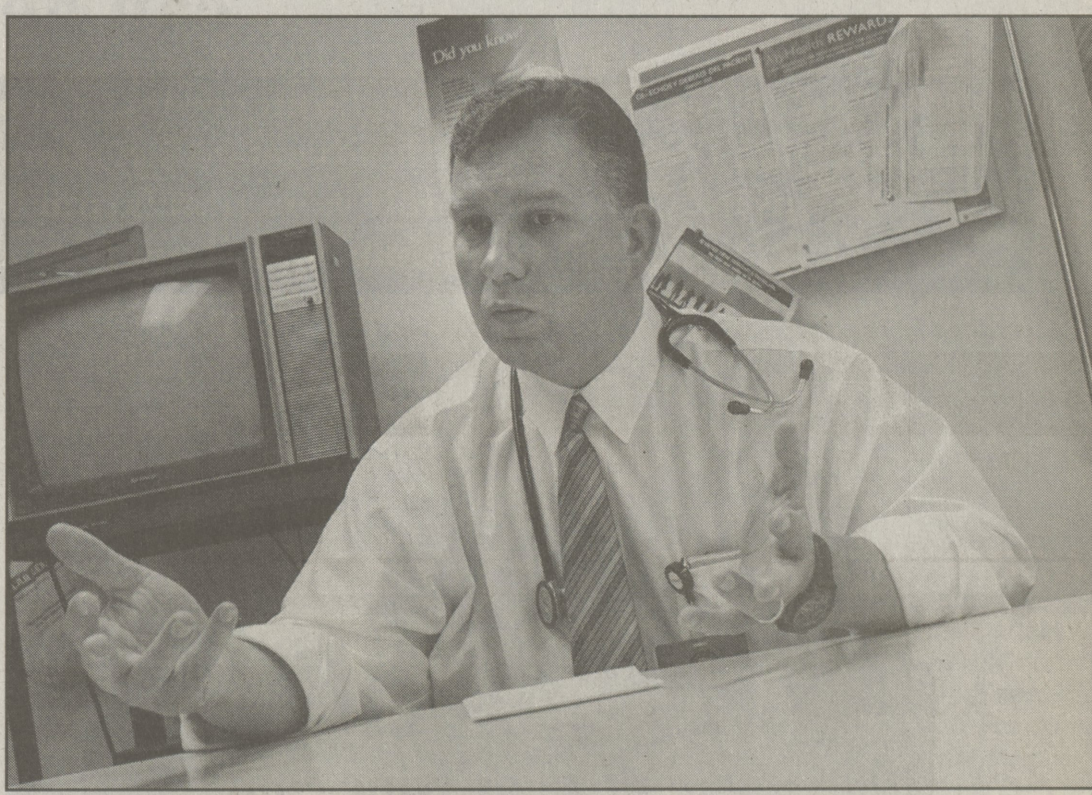
Wega said the new application took the board by surprise, much like it did residents.

"I can't speak for the district

- I am one voice," said Wega. "We're pretty well aware of how you feel."

Residents still feel they will need to band together with each other and the school board in the fight against the new plans.

"Calling all parents and concerned citizens - we need critical mass at the school board meeting," said resident Marissa Linder, of Dallas.



AMANDA HRYCYNIA/ FOR THE TIMES LEADER

Dr. Michael Kovalick discusses the opening of the new Geisinger facility in Dallas.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### King Crossword

Solution time: 27 mins.

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### Super Crossword

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