

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Brown named to dean's list

Christina Brown, of Shavertown, was named to the dean's list at Fairfield University for the fall 2010 semester. She is a senior studying in the College of Arts and Sciences. To be selected for the dean's list, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5, of a possible 4.0.

Dierolf named to dean's list

Neil Dierolf, of Harveys Lake, was named to the dean's list at Ursinus for the fall 2010 semester. Students must achieve an average of 3.50 to receive this honor.

A member of the Class of 2012, Dierolf is majoring in Politics and Business & Economics.

Cardillo named to dean's list

Bryan J. Cardillo, of Shavertown, a senior at Boston College, recently attained dean's list



Cardillo

for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year.

Cardillo is completing his studies in the Carroll School of Management with a major concentration in marketing and a minor in music.

He recently participated as a co-leader with the Pedro Arrupe Immersion Program at Boston College where he spent a week in Belize City, Central America and built a house for Hand in Hand Ministries - Building for Change. Cardillo is the son of Thomas and Melanie Cardillo.

Daron completes sonography program

Bethany Daron, of Shavertown, was a member of the seventh graduating class from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Certificate Program at Misericordia University that was recognized during the annual certificate presentation ceremony in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on campus.



Daron

SPACE

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had its experiment chosen with just five others out of 62 submitted from across the country to be performed in space next month.

The experiment revolves around the principle of buoyancy. The students used a plastic bag, a binder clip and water to show how gravity affects objects on Earth, and they predicted a different outcome for the experiment performed at the space station. Their hypothesis was that the clip would sink in a bag partially filled with water on Earth, but the clip would float or be only partially submerged in the water bag in space due to the lack of gravitational pull.

"It was hard to come up with an experiment," said Janice Szczechowicz, NASA program leader and science teacher at Gate of Heaven Middle School. "They had to take simple objects and go through all the steps of the scientific method."

The students were surprised when they found out they were chosen as finalists for the contest and will see their efforts attempted in space.

"We didn't think we would get this far," said Gatusky.

Another experiment that may result in a trip to the south for the team is the "Waste Limitation Management and Recycling Design Challenge" in which students created a mechanism to recycle waste in zero gravity environments. The six-foot prototype, made of plastic piping and paper filters, turns recreated waste material into usable water. Szczechowicz said the structure also features a pump, which helps astronauts utilize their muscles normally not engaged in zero gravity, and its parts are inexpensive and widely available.

The team has been chosen as a top 20 finalist in this competition. Khoudary said first place wins a trip to the Kennedy Space Center, a \$500 gift certificate for the school and a \$100 gift card for each participating team member. Second place and third-place winners also receive cash prizes.

The third experiment is a competition called "What If No Gravity?" in which students designed an experiment to be demonstrated by dropping it from a certain height.

It involved how magnetic forces would make a light bulb turn on, and the students practiced by dropping the box from the top of Gate of Heaven Elementary School.

The students spent hours after school and time on weekends preparing the projects for submission, giving up lunch periods and vacation time to keep afloat on all things space-related.

"It's worth it," said Gatusky. Szczechowicz said each student has a different skill to bring to the winning team. Carichner described himself as the "handyman." He aims to become a mechanical engineer, and his teammates said he knows others in the architectural field if the students ever get in a scientific jam.

"He's got people," said Huntington.

Gatusky is more tech-savvy - he's best suited to handle any of the team's computer imaging-related needs. Huntington is also involved in the technical aspects of science proposals and experiments, while Carty and Hampsey are wordsmiths, working on the art of verbally structuring the proposals and research. Khoudary is the leader who hones everyone's skillfully-crafted pieces into one solid submittal.

The projects have not only given the already science-loving students a chance to learn more about space, but they have also given them a behind-the-scenes peek at NASA's operations.

"All the people we talked to at NASA are so nice," said Carty. "It's not all about space."

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pressor station, Humphreys said there will not be any processing or compression of the gas at the site. The metering facility will act almost like a gas meter on a house, measuring the gas flowing through the interstate pipeline using ultrasonic monitoring systems.

"It's not doing any processing," said Nunez. "Gas flows through it and it measures the pressure."

He said the gas comes from the Lathrop compressor station in Susquehanna County, which Williams received from Cabot Oil & Gas, and flows to another compressor station to be built in Springville in Tunkhannock Township before going to the metering facility in Dallas Township and entering the Transco interstate pipeline to be sent to market.

Nunez added that the proposed Chief metering facility will not interfere with Williams' operations on the site.

Dallas Township Zoning Officer Leonard Kozick said a planning commission hearing for subdivision and land development for the Williams' site will be held on April 12, and a zoning board hearing will be held May 16.

The Chief metering station proposal was received last month by township officials, which was amended from the company's

original plans to build a compressor station just over 1,100 feet from the Dallas School District campus property line.

Hundreds of residents came to the zoning hearing for the now-defunct compressor station proposal back in February, and worried parents and taxpayers have met with members of the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition in recent weeks for educational sessions. Residents' concerns are primarily based on air and noise pollution, as well as on the safety of nearby students and employees at the Dallas schools.

Humphreys said Williams has always been concerned about residents' inquiries and community safety in its more than 100 years in existence.

Lee Andrews, pipeline project manager, said the company must work with the community in order to be successful.

"There are 33 1/2 miles of pipeline. We've worked with every land owner in building this pipeline," he said. "We have no ability to enforce eminent domain, and every inch we've worked with folks of the community."

Andrews added the company has a website, www.williamsinthemarcellus.com, which allows people to view current Williams' projects and submit comments or concerns.

"It's a place where they can contact us, and we will respond or get them in touch with the right person and hopefully answer a question or concern," he said.

owner an additional \$85 for the year.

A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed property value.

In other news ...

The board voted to accept a certified check in the amount of \$36,015 from former guidance counselor John Wolensky.

Palfey said the check was received on March 17 and could not be cashed until a resolution was passed by the board.

Wolensky pleaded guilty in February 2009 to a single theft charge and was sentenced to two years probation and 100 hours of community service. He was ordered to pay \$24,683 in restitution to the district.

A state auditor general investigation conducted last year said Wolensky unlawfully took \$60,698, more than double the amount originally believed to have been taken.

Wolensky misappropriated funds from overcharging students for practice SAT tests, football helmet sales and student meal costs.

The district will place the funds into an escrow account and will reimburse students and parents affected by the scheme beginning in April.

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iceberg," and the district must come up with ways to slash at least \$1.2 million from the budget in order to avoid a 5 percent tax hike.

"These cuts still require us to vote a 5 percent increase to this community," he said. "I can't vote for a 5 percent increase to these people."

Palfey presented a \$32 million preliminary budget to the board in January, which featured an estimated \$340,000 cut in state funding.

The financial plan proposed a 5 percent tax increase, which goes above the state's Act 1 index. The index limits the percentage by which school boards can increase taxes based on the statewide weekly wage index. This year's index is 1.7 percent, and the district must apply for special exceptions from the state in order to go above the limit.

Palfey said the 5 percent hike, from 11.0118 to 11.5624 mills, would cost the average property

CUTS

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lacks received certificates from the school board. Sult also received the Sandy Nininger Award for her perseverance, dedication and service to others.

Key Club members also received the DOME certificate and banner patch for an increase membership over last year's roster.

Band members Pauline Rose, Vito Scurella and Samantha Sabol were not in attendance but were honored for their scores on prepared piece, sight reading and scales, earning them a position in the District Band.

Recently, the trio auditioned at the District Band Festival for the District Band and was accepted.

OTHERS

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in the coming months. He added the board will review and make changes to keep the ordinance relevant for the township.

Franklin Township

Board Secretary Rick Melvin said township officials haven't proposed any ordinances specific to the natural gas industry, but supervisors are going to update zoning and land development ordinances within the next year. He said the board is looking to see what other municipalities in the area are doing before it makes any decisions concerning the industry, especially those cases that have gone to court.

Harveys Lake Borough

Council recently rejected a proposed ordinance to ban natural gas drilling in the borough, and council member Larry Randel said the ordinance in question had too many inconsistencies and legality issues. He also said the borough is looking for ways to strengthen its zoning ordinance to ensure additional safeguards for the community.

Kingston Township

Supervisors recently proposed an ordinance specific to the gas and oil industries that would stringently monitor road damage if companies were to build well pads, compressor stations or processing plants within the township. Chairman James Reino Jr. believes the ordinance is a first for the area, and he said it was carefully designed in accordance with the

state Gas and Oil Act. A hearing will be held on the ordinance at 7:30 p.m. April 13.

Jackson Township

Supervisor John Wilkes Jr. said many leases in the township have been dropped. The board is currently updating its zoning ordinances in terms of truck traffic regulation. He also said the board will consider the model ordinance prepared by PSATS in the near future.

Lake Township

Drilling at the Salansky well has long ended, and Chairman Lonnie Piatt said the well will be capped sometime this month. He added the township is zoned by the county, so no ordinances related to the gas and oil industries can be proposed by township officials.

Lehman Township

Supervisor Ray Iwanowski said township officials are reviewing the proposed ordinance in Kingston Township and the PSATS-written ordinance, which he said officials plan to strengthen to suit the township's needs. He also said the township's subdivision and land development ordinances are being reviewed.

Ross Township

Supervisor Stan Davis said the officials took measures last year to ensure the township roads were bonded, ensuring that increased truck traffic through the area can be repaired. Like Lake Township, Ross Township is also privy to county zoning laws, rather than municipal ordinances, and therefore cannot create or change existing zoning ordinances.

-Sarah Hite

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword - Answers. Solution time: 27 mins.

Grid for King Crossword answers with letters in black and white squares.

Go Figure! - answers

Arithmetic puzzle grid with numbers and operators.

Super Crossword - Answers

Grid for Super Crossword answers with letters in black and white squares.

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