

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Sem music dept. plans concert

The Wyoming Seminary Music Department will present its annual Winter Instrumental Concert at 3 p.m. today, Jan. 22 in the Great Hall, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2192.

Information session on program planned

Students interested in learning more about the new Misericordia University Physician Assistant program are invited to an information session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26 in room 206 of the Hafey-McCormick Science Building on campus.

During the information session, faculty members will be on hand to answer questions about the program and admissions requirements.

Reservations are encouraged, but not required. For information, call Darci Brown at 674-3061.

LL Band alumni plan reunion meeting

A reunion meeting for members of the Lake-Lehman Band Alumni from 1962-1989 will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake.

An Open House is planned for 1 to 5 p.m. on June 16 at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Donations of \$10 or more to cover costs can be sent to Lake-Lehman Band Alumni, c/o Virginia Piatt Ide, 65 Boyle Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

For more information, contact Ginny Piatt Ide at 639-2587 or gmid@ yahoo.com or Mary Beth Duffy Tomko at tomko5@comcast.net.

Financial Aid Night

scheduled

A Financial Aid Night will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30 in the Large Group Instruction room on the second floor of the Dallas High School.

The program will be conducted by Kathy Pesta from Misericordia University and will cover the process of applying for financial aid, deadlines, FAFSA and other relevant information.

The program, which will last about an hour, is recommended for families of current high school seniors but is open to the public.

Opera singer comes to Misericordia

Misericordia University is presenting the "Gala Vocal Chamber Concert," featuring Grammy-nominated mezzo-soprano D'Anna Fortunato, at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

Fortunato is widely considered to be one of America's premier concert/oratorio singers, while also establishing herself as a respected operatic artist as well. She has recently performed with the Nashville Symphony in Stravinsky's "Les Noces, the Boston Civic Symphony in Elgar's "Sea Pictures," and with The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra in Berlioz's "Les Nuits d'Ete."

Tickets for the concert are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and are available by calling the Misericordia University Box Office at 674-6719. There is no charge for Misericordia students with a student ID.

Human relations expert will speak

The Misericordia University Diversity Institute's Office of Inclusive Excellence will present author, educator and human relations expert Crystal Kuykendall, J.D., Ed.D., as the

keynote speaker for the 21st annual Diversity Institute Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Dudrick, Muth and Huntzinger Rooms 216-218 of Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on campus.

To register for the dinner, contact the Misericordia University Diversity Institute at 674-1483.

Dr. Woodward to speak at MU program

The Misericordia University Office of Inclusive Excellence and Multicultural Education Programming will present Charles "Chick" Woodward, Ph.D., president of Chick Woodward Enterprises, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library for the "Day of H.O.P.E." (Honoring Other Peoples Experiences) dinner and presentation.

Dr. Woodward is the emeritus vice president of student services and campus life at Kutztown University. After serving more than 21 years in that role, he established Chick Woodward Enterprises, a private consultant firm that provides training in quality customer service, improving leadership development and enhancing multicultural competence in higher education.

The dinner and presentation are open free to the public but reservations are required by calling Brenda Nowallis at 674-1483.

LL Lock-In Committee plans rummage sale

The Lake Lehman Last Knight Lock-In Committee will hold its first-ever rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Set up begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$10 for a 10x10 indoor space. Checks should be made payable to Lake-Lehman Last Night and mailed to Lake-Lehman School District, P.O. Box 38, Lehman, PA 18627.

DMS HONORS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED



Dallas Middle School recognized students earning Honors with Distinction at a first-quarter Awards Assembly. Students who compiled a grade point average of 98 or higher for the first marking period were acknowledged with this honor. Students receiving Honors with Distinction awards are, from left, first row, Bryce Van Deutsch, Kaitlyn Connolly, Rebecca Balara, Rachel Rollman, Caroline Conrad, Cassidy Buda, Andrew Francis, Nate Maransky, Allie Stallard, Mira Patel, Rachel Luke, Kaitlyn Chacke, Courtney Hoats. Second row, Greta Ketchner, Olivia Kimmerle, Riley Oremus, Jordan Wilson, Andrew Kovalick, Matt Metzloff, John Macey, Samantha Sorokin, Audrey Aristeo, Maxine DeRome, Paige Boyle, Jordan McLaughlin, Ally Rome, Krista Vivan. Third row, Jennifer Yencha, Katie Snedeker, Julia Ramirez, Sarah Strazus, Rayna Roberts, Lexi Spaciano, Angela Bendick, Sara Schwartz, Ann Metzloff, Troy Reinert, Shayla Stuart, Justin Marshall, Liam Barrett, Lauren Hudak. Fourth row, Kyleigh Kravitz, Ryan Martin, Mitch Kelly, Angelo Kwak, Justin Novitski, Catherine Blankensop, Chris Biesecker, Sukhmail Mathon, John Fessler, Michael Kovalick, C.J. Good, Ryan Cohen, Courtney Devens, Michelle Leonard, Emilee Zawatski.

Sherman wins DMS Spelling Bee

The 30th Annual Jane M. Stitzer Spelling Bee was held at Dallas Middle School on January 5 with 28 contestants earning the right to compete by winning a preliminary spelling bee in English class.

Janelle Sherman, an eighth-grade student from Mrs. Andrews' English class, clinched the winning position by correctly spelling the word "reminiscent." She will move on to compete in the Times Leader/Scripps NEPA Regional Spelling Bee at The Woodlands in Plains Township on March 3.

Eighth-grader Dana Litchkowski from Mrs. Razavi's English class was runner-up.



Shown here at the 30th Annual Jane M. Stitzer Spelling Bee at the Dallas Middle School are, from left, Mrs. Barb Wesneski, Spelling Bee pronouncer; Mrs. Jonelle Cavill, Spelling Bee organizer; Janelle Sherman, winner; Dana Litchkowski, runner up; and Mr. Thomas Duffy, principal.

Student aid applications now available

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) reminds students that the 2012-13 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available for completion.

The FAFSA determines eligibility for federal grants, the need-based Pennsylvania State Grant, certain scholarships, reduced-cost federal student loans, work-study programs and many school-based

student aid programs. Institutions of higher education may have varying financial aid deadlines so students are encouraged to complete the forms early.

The deadline for the Pennsylvania State Grant is May 1 for all applicants submitting a renewal and first-time applicants in degree and transfer programs.

Boback noted that applicants should be wary of orga-

nizations that charge for assistance in completing or submitting the FAFSA form, as free assistance is available through PHEA and there is no cost to submit the application.

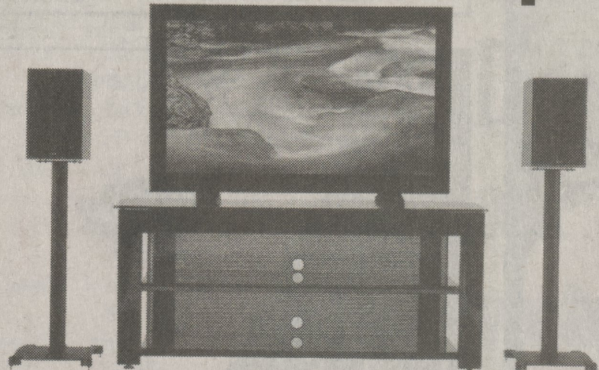
The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) offers free FAFSA completion sessions across the Commonwealth from January through April. The FAFSA form can be accessed directly at www.FAFSA.ed.gov.

THOMPSONS SPEAK TO DHS STUDENTS



The Dallas High School Guidance Department featured Career Spotlight Speakers Diane and Steve Thompson on the profession of engineering. From left, are Student Jesse Adams, Diane Thompson and Steve Thompson.

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