

Luzerne County Schools will note Catholic Schools Week

Luzerne County's Catholic schools will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 5 with a variety of activities, including open houses for prospective students.

The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Faith, Academics, Service."

The Diocese of Scranton sponsors Holy Redeemer High School in Wilkes-Barre, as well as the elementary schools Good Shepherd Academy in Kingston, Holy Family Academy in Hazleton, Holy Rosary School in Du-

ryea, St. Jude School in Mountaintop, St. Nicholas-St. Mary School in Wilkes-Barre and Wyoming Area Catholic in Exeter.

All schools are planning in-school activities throughout the week and the elementary schools will hold open houses to give prospective new students an opportunity to tour the schools, meet teachers and learn how to register. The elementary schools offer classes for students in pre-school through

eight grade.

Open houses scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 29 include Good Shepherd from 1:30 to 3 p.m., St. Jude from 1 to 3 p.m., St. Nicholas-St. Mary from 1 to 3 p.m. and Wyoming Area Catholic from noon to 2 p.m.

Holy Family Academy will hold its open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3. Holy Rosary School, still in a temporary location due to September's flooding, will hold an open house at a later date.

Back Mountain students named to Wilkes University dean's list

Wilkes University Provost Reynold Verret announces the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must obtain a minimum 3.4 GPA and carry at least 12 credits.

Back Mountain residents named to the dean's list include:

Anne Baerwald, Dallas; Aleona Chinikaylo, Dallas; Cory Conrad, Dallas; Lindsey Davenport, Dallas; Laura Eckman, Shavertown; Chelsea Fufaro, Dallas; Kyla Halsor, Dallas; Ma-

rissa Harrison, Shavertown; Gregory Heindel, Sweet Valley; Carol Herman, Dallas; Corey Hohol, Hunlock Creek; Erin Hohol, Hunlock Creek. Also, Michael Kapolka, Dallas; Alexandra Madaya, Shavertown; Jennifer Menzies, Dallas; Thomas Mike, Shavertown; Beth Morgan, Dallas; Erin Mrsas, Hunlock Creek; Jason Neare, Dallas; Stephen Olshemski, Shavertown; Richael Jean Pantig, Harveys Lake; Alyson Paulauskas, Shavertown; Thomas Pavlick, Hunlock Creek; Ryan

Pearson, Hunlock Creek. Also, Gino Raineri, Shavertown; Matthew Ruch, Dallas; Stephen Ruch, Dallas; Donald Searfoss, Shavertown; Joshua Shaver, Trucksville; Matthew Shaver, Trucksville; Scott Skammer, Dallas; Aubrielle Smith, Dallas; Anthony Swain, Hunlock Creek; John Sweeney, Shavertown; Suzanne Szewczyk, Dallas; Morgan Thomas, Dallas; Aaron Wolman, Shavertown; Bethany Yamrick, Dallas; Anne Yoskoski, Dallas; Ashley Zerfoss, Shavertown.

Locals graduate from Wilkes University

Back Mountain residents who received degree from Wilkes University in December 2011 include:

Master of Business Administration - Carla Reino, Shavertown; Wendy Saxe, Sweet Valley; Paul Toennes,

rissa Harrison, Shavertown; **Master of Science in Education** - Sarah Latona, Dallas; Daniel Nestorick, Hunlock Creek; Daniel Volpetti, Dallas; Vanessa Wengen, Dallas; **Bachelor of Arts** - William

McGovern, Dallas, Theatre Arts; Alyson Paulauskas, Shavertown, Elementary Education; Robert Besancon, Hunlock Creek, Sociology; **Bachelor of Business Administration** - Christopher DeRojas, Dallas

COACH

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failed. "There was no consensus to rescind the motion, so now we have to find a new football coach," said Coslett about how he voted.

Nick Zapoticky, president of the Dallas Football Gridiron Club, said he's "very disappointed" with the board's decision.

"I hope (Jackson) continues in what he loves to do, whether it's at Dallas or anywhere else. He loves to coach football and he's a great football coach and he, hopefully, gets another appointment," said Zapoticky. "I think it's a deathblow to the football program because they removed the coaches from seventh grade on up ... It's going to take years for that continuity to develop."

Zapoticky's son, 17-year-old Ryan, was also in attendance at the meeting and said he's unsure of what the football program will be like next year.

"It's been hectic; a lot of players are not happy with what happened..." said Ryan Zapoticky. "A lot of people are talking about not even playing because of Coach Jackson. It's just going to be bad."

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open forums for students during the outbreak of the scandal to help students deal with the information and the dismissal of the coach.

"When the news hit, it was almost like finding out Santa Claus isn't real all of a sudden," she said.

Lewis is a longtime Penn State football fan, and she's glad she got to see her favorite coach in the flesh before he died.

"I went to my first Penn State football game at Beaver Stadium this fall before the scandal broke," she said. "I got to see him on the field, and it was al-

WHY THE BOARD MET SO EARLY:

Dallas School Board President Catherine Wega said the board met at 7 a.m. on Wednesday due to scheduling issues. She said several board members work nights and others were planning to be out of town this week.

Wega said the purpose of the meeting was to make a decision on the two resolutions following the Monday night hearing for Ted Jackson Sr.

She said waiting until the next board meeting in February would have been too long of a period of time between the hearing and the vote. She said Solicitor Ben Jones III told the board it can legally meet any time after 7 a.m., and the board factored in work schedules in its decision to meet in the early morning.

Wega also said the board legally advertised the meeting for several days in local newspapers. "We weren't trying to hide anything," she said.

The board decided to open Jackson's position to the public on Dec. 12, 2011 with an 8-1 vote, with all but Goeringer in favor of the action.

Jackson has held the position of head football coach at Dallas for 27 years with just one losing season, but those years were not free of scandal.

The football program has been on probation for the past four years by the District 2 Athletic Committee, a local branch of the PIAA.

The first two years were for a fight during a game in 2008, and the last two were tacked on after an incident in which Dallas play-

ers urinated on the tennis courts at halftime during a game against Tunkhannock in 2009.

Zapoticky said he felt the board's vote on Wednesday was an "indirect" way of keeping Jackson out of the position.

Superintendent Frank Galicki said the board is set to appoint a new head football coach at its next meeting on Feb. 6, but "there's a possibility" a coach could be hired before then, upon which the board would vote as an interim action.

Neither Jackson nor his lawyer, Atty. Kimberly Borland, could be reached for comment before press time.

most magical. I have some of the grass from the field saved. It's probably my most memorable moment as a Penn State student."

Warnick-Piatt said Paterno's passing is difficult to handle personally. Her late husband, Jeffrey Piatt, was a Penn State student studying sports journalism in the early 1980s, and a photo of Piatt and Paterno on the field together, taken after an exclusive interview, is a prized possession.

"(Paterno) will always be a part of Penn State," said Warnick-Piatt. "I like to think he's not suffering now. We all say he died of a broken heart."

Kyle McKeown, of Kingston, said his family has held season tickets at Beaver Stadium for the last 40 years.

He said the late coach's passing will lead to some trying times for Penn State, but he hopes the university can move on.

"I'm sad, and I'm worried about next season," he said. "I'm worried people aren't going to go to the games anymore."

Student Raymond DeArmit, of Harding, said though the child sex abuse scandal may have changed how others view Penn State, he feels the university will remain a beacon of strength in the future.

"We will always be Penn State," he said. "I went to my first game when I was little and just fell in love with the school. That's why I went here ... because of the strong school spirit."

DYB PLAYERS WIN MEDALS



Dallas Youth Basketball recently held its annual skills competition. Pictured are the fifth and sixth-grade boys who won medals for foul shooting and all-around shooting. From left, first row, are Michael Anderson, Derek Answini, Hunter Landon, Jacob Flores, Michael Luksic and Bernie Frantz. Second row, Adam Borton, Nick Kocher, Ben O'Connell, Mason Gattuso, David Schuster and Brody Strickland.

DYB SKILLS COMPETITION HELD



Dallas Youth Basketball recently held its annual skills competition. Winners were Lauren Charlton, first place; Morgan McNeely, second place; Emma Thomas, third place, fourth-grade foul shots; Megan Borton, first place, Emma Berger, second place, Samantha Michael, third place, fourth-grade lay-ups; Julia Kocher, first place, Celia Reabuck, second place, Lauren Palfey, third place, third-grade foul shots; place Gabby Avila, first place, Claire Charlton, second place, Kaci Hockenberry, third place, third-grade lay-ups. Shown here are participants from the competition.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Kapral named to dean's list

Taylor Kapral, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list at Philadelphia University for the 2011 fall semester, after achieving a GPA of 3.8.

The daughter of Michelle and Gerald Kapral, she is majoring in



Kapral

pre-medical studies and is in the honor's program.

Davies authors new textbook

Stevan L. Davies, Ph.D., a New Testament scholar and professor of religious studies at Misericordia University, has authored a



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new textbook that offers a secular approach to New Testament study.

"The New Testament: An Analytical Approach" is an introductory text for students new to the study of the 27 books of the New Testament.

Dr. Davies of Dallas, has a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a doctorate in philosophy from Temple University.

He has taught religion at Misericordia University for 33 years.

BOX

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bers left on the five-member board.

In appointing replacements, residents suggested the pair violated the Sunshine Act, and questions arose about the board's spending habits once the new board was in place.

Box kept a close eye on what was happening, and in 2003 he decided to run for office with three other locals.

"I never intended to run, but I thought somebody had to do

something," said Box.

It was his first real experience in local politics, but Box campaigned based on instinct.

"It's true that honesty is the best policy," he said. "We went door-to-door telling everyone what was going on, and many already knew."

Box won the election, along with two of the three men on his ticket. He said the most important goal in 2004 was balancing the budget.

"We very quickly tried to preserve austerity in the township," said Box. "We sold excess equipment, implemented an overtime freeze, worked with our earned income tax collector to make

sure everyone was paying - we looked at everything."

Though it took a few years for the budget to get back on track, Box said it was worth the extra work. He said ensuring the citizens of Kingston Township receive all the benefits of local government is an important part of being a public servant.

"I'm about public service, not politics," said Box.

Box ran for re-election in 2007 and won again, this time working with current chairman Reino and former supervisor Solinsky. Supervisors Frank Natitus and Shirley Moyer, a supervisor for eight years in the 1990s, ran and won in 2009.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

HUGO	MEL	PONG
BROCCOLI	OVAL	
ON THE JOB	LIMA	
EDO	RAIDED	
FLARE	SECT	
DENS	ON THE QT	
AGO	OVATE	URI
ON THE GO	BAIN	
AIRS	HEDGE	
GAMBOL	SOD	
ELUL	ON THE WAY	
NOSE	RELOCATE	
TEST	DEO	KNEW

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answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

BASS	FEW	LEAF	HAREN
ASAP	OPEC	GILDA	UVULTZ
CHRISTOPHER	DODD	BENIN	
HEIDI	STILE	LEX	TAC
ELM	CLAUDE	DEBUSY	
ENOROUGH	ASTO	SUN	
LEO	STRAP	WELL	RITCH
SALT	TILE	TUB	STEED
ERIKA	FROZE	COSTELL	
NORSE	ETAL	TWO	SILL
SAD	CHRISTIAN	LAND	INDOL
ORAL	END	ERITE	ETUDE
DOVETAIL	REEDS	MIE	
AMISH	EEN	DOOM	M
ASTI	ROOD	ALBUM	
ELFT	TROY	DESIGNER	
CHARLES	DARWIN	ERR	
RID	DER	SPIES	TOTES
OPENS	COLLE	ENDE	WURST
SPLAT	TOVED	AGEE	NITA
SOAPY	SPEED	EKIE	DOER