

## DMS STUDENTS TO PRESENT TALENT SHOW



Dallas Middle School will present its annual talent show at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23. The show includes 25 diverse acts prepared entirely by the students. A 20-person stage crew comprised of students will run the behind-the-scenes work. Ally Rome will be the master of ceremonies for the evening. The talent show is open to the community and free of charge. Shown here is "LOCOMOTION," a dance group that will perform at in the talent show. From left, are Abby Zondlo, Mikayla Reynolds, Alexis Wyandt, Megan Daily and Jessica Bowden.

### PEOPLE BRIEFS

#### Two named to dean's list

Colleen Leahigh and Meghan Pietraccini, both of Dallas, have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must carry a semester course load of 12 graded credit hours or more and earn a GPA of 3.500 to 3.899.

#### Three named to dean's list

Joshua Everett, of Harveys Lake, Marc Noyalis and Shauna Phillips, both of Dallas, have been named to the dean's list at Widener University in Chester for the fall 2011 semester.

The dean's list recognizes all-time students who earned a grade point average of 3.50 and above for the semester.

#### Pace named to dean's list

Michael Pace, of Hunlock Creek, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at Babson College. Pace is a member of the Class of 2015.

#### Locals currently student teaching

Five local residents are currently student teaching as part of the education curriculum at King's College.

Dallas residents Ali Leandri, Tarra Miller, Lindsay Szalkowski and Chris Wilson are student teaching at Dallas Elementary School, Dallas High School, Wycallis Elementary and Dana Street Elementary School, respectively.

Harvey's Lake resident Melanie Steele is student teaching at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School in Lehman.

The supervised student teaching experience is necessary to fulfill King's degree requirements and to obtain a Pennsylvania Teacher Certificate.

#### Lozano-Nieto named to PSU/WB post

Dr. Albert Lozano-Nieto has been named Director of Academic Affairs at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Lozano-Nieto, a Professor of Engineering for 15 years at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, was born and raised in Barcelona, Spain.

He received his academic degrees from Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

### LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# State funding decreases

By Eileen Godin  
Dallas Post Correspondent

Lake Lehman School District will see a difference of \$48,413 in state funding for the 2012-2013 school year, said business manager Thomas Melone, of the accounting firm Albert B. Melone Company, of Pittston.

Melone told the school board members Monday night that if the numbers hold out and nothing changes with the state's proposed budget, the district will be "flat funded."

Comparing school funding from Gov. Tom Corbett's 2012-2013 budget proposal to funding received from the state for the 2011-2012 school year, Melone said the district may expect to receive the same for basic education funding of \$6,479,800, an increase of \$44,380 in Social Security reimbursement to \$511,955, an increase of \$21,787 in pupil transportation to \$1,452,829 while special education funding will hold steady at \$1,113,910.

The district will not have the Accountability Block Grant from the Department of Education, which provided \$114,580 for the current school year.

With the absence of the grant, the district will face a negative \$48,413 in state funding from 2011-2012 school year to 2012-2013.

But with the state's budget approval deadline of June 30 still months away, Melone stressed the proposed state budget numbers are just tentative. He said since the proposed state budget could still

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change, he will keep the school board updated on the situation.

Melone said that in figuring a possible surplus from the district's current school year, it looks as though the district could, "break even."

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In other news, school board members approved a motion to hire the following instructors for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year: Brian Marsh,

Berwick, as indoor color guard instructor with a stipend of \$2,334.43; Kaitlyn Martin, Sweet Valley, as volunteer assistant indoor color guard instructor; Amber Angus, Tobyhanna, as volunteer indoor percussion instructor; and Eric Boylan, Pittston, as volunteer indoor percussion instructor.

John Kudey, Swoyersville, was appointed to the position of maintenance/HVAC at a rate of \$17 per hour.

An extended medical leave was approved for Judith Heller, food service staff, effective January 16 through February 10. Sick days and personal days will be used, followed by an unpaid leave of absence.

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 19 in the library of the Junior Senior High School.

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