

# MU dean's list is announced

Misericordia University has announced the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. A student at Misericordia University qualifies for the dean's list with a 3.55 grade point average or higher.

The following Back Mountain students were named to the dean's list:

Rosalie Allan-Fufaro, Dallas; Rachael Alles, Dallas; Sabrina Alles, Dallas; Jackie Andrade, Dallas; Amy Austin, Sweet Valley; Rachael Ayers, Monroe Twp.; Renee Barcheski, Tunkhannock; Robert Barna, Dallas; John Belcher, Tunkhannock; Kathleen Besermin, Dallas; Matthew Bevan, Dallas; Rachel Boice, Tunkhannock; Maria Brody, Tunkhannock; Trish Burgess, Dallas.

Also, Andrea Carr, Dallas; Sara Casterline, Hunlock Creek; Kayla Chappell, Hunlock Creek; Lisa Chihorek, Dallas; Alexander Chinikaylo, Dallas; Sarah Church, West Wyoming; Callen Clark, Sweet Valley; Erika Decker, Dallas; Nicholas Delmar, Shavertown; Nathan Delmar, Shavertown; Brianne Derhammer, Dallas; Cara Donahue, Dallas.

Also, Bethany Empfield, Shavertown; Alicia English, Dallas; Robert Evans, Shavertown; Bethany Flanders, Dallas; Kimberly Frederick, Dallas; Nicole Fre-

derick, Dallas; Mallory Getts, Tunkhannock; Kyle Gordon, Hunlock Creek; Stephanie Gronchick, Hunlock Creek; Mary Gulotta, Trucksville.

Also, Laura Hadsall, Trucksville; Emily Halbing, Harveys Lake; Sarah Hauze, Sweet Valley; Jacob Hebda, Dallas; Donna Hillard, Hunlock Creek; Kristine Hilstolsky, Wyoming; Hilary Hoover, Trucksville; Jody Hummel, Sweet Valley; Daniel Hynes, Dallas; Kathleen Jenkins, Shavertown; Leah Kaiser, Dallas; Timothy Kennedy, Dallas; Brittany Kneal, Shavertown; Jessica Kreidler, Dallas; Jeffrey Kreidler, Hunlock Creek; Katie Kugler, Wyoming.

Also, Ryan Laffey, Shavertown; Nadine Lascoskie, Dallas; Taylor Lawler, Harveys Lake; Glenn Layaou, Tunkhannock; Amanda Lazzeri, Shavertown; Coreen Leonardo, Dallas; Nicholas Lombard, Shavertown; Anne Long, Shavertown; Anthony Lubinski, Harveys Lake; Laura Lunger, Monroe Twp.

Also, Maria Maas, Dallas; Justine Maley, Trucksville; Chadwick May, Hunlock Creek; Alyssa McEntee, Dallas; Kelsie McNamara, Dallas; Travis Mcroy, West Wyoming; Dana Middleton, Dallas; Victoria Mihal, Wyoming; Joseph Miller, Tunkhannock; Catherine Moss,

Shavertown; Teena O'Connor, Harveys Lake; Marina Orrson, Shavertown.

Also, Maia Painter, Dallas; Marina Painter, Dallas; April Passetti, Dallas; Jacqueline Pearson, Dallas; Mary Phillips, Dallas; Victoria Pollock, Tunkhannock; Roxanne Popple, Shavertown; Judith Ragukas, Sweet Valley; James Ranieli, West Wyoming; Evelyn Rowles, Dallas; Susan Ruotolo, Noxen.

Also, Andrea Schiappa, Dallas; Katelyn Serino, Shavertown; Danielle Shaver, Trucksville; Shawn Skovronsky, Tunkhannock; Tia Spagnuolo, Wyoming; Kendra Spears, Trucksville; Suzanne Spengler, Dallas; Sarah Starzec, Tunkhannock; Maria Stevens, Dallas; Molly Stone, West Wyoming; Courtney Sult, Dallas.

Also, Taryn Talacka, Dallas; Jeffrey Taylor, Shavertown; Michael Terninko, Harveys Lake; Cassie Tirpak, Shavertown; Amanda Tomaselli, Trucksville; Rhonda Tronsue, Sweet Valley; Meghan Vargas, Dallas; Ashlee Venn, Harveys Lake; Winter Wenner, Shavertown; Callie Whitesell, Hunlock Creek; Maria Williamson, Dallas; Shawn Wright, Tunkhannock; Joan Yamrick, Dallas; Danielle Yurko, Sweet Valley; Bradley Zurla, Wyoming;



Shown here at the 31st Annual Jane M. Stitzer Spelling Bee at Dallas Middle School are, from left, Dr. Thomas Duffy, principal; Lindsay Jorda, runner-up, Thomas Marsola, spelling bee winner; Mrs. Kristen Stout, English teacher; and Mrs. Jonelle Cavill, Spelling Bee organizer.

## Marsola is Spelling Bee winner

The 31st Annual Jane M. Stitzer Spelling Bee was held at Dallas Middle School on Jan. 3. Twenty-eight contestants earned the right to compete by winning a preliminary Spelling Bee in English class.

Thomas Marsola, a seventh-grader from Mrs. Fisher's homeroom, clinched the winning position by correctly spelling the word "gelato."

He will move on to compete in The Times Leader/Scripps

NEPA Regional Spelling Bee set for 1 p.m. on March 3 at The Woodlands Inn and Resort in Plains Township. Sixth-grader Lindsey Jorda from Mr. Barbose's homeroom was runner-up.

## ROSS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE BUILDING



Nominees for Students of the Building at the Ross Elementary School for December are, from left, first row, are Emily Pretty, Alyssa Agostinelli, Kalee Raczkowski, Ayla Martin, Vernon Roman, Lyndsey Sayre, Anthony Hurrysh, Lucy Honeywell. Second row, Donald James, principal; Colby Roberts, Jaymes Martin, James Herceg, Savannah Purdy, Jessica Spencer, Jayden Piatt, Aidan Kukosky, and Kim Chopyak, fifth-grade teacher. These students demonstrated the value of being helpful and were nominated by their teachers.

## Extreme Fitness program begins at DHS

New for the 2012-2013 school year, Dallas High School students have an opportunity to participate in a newly-created elective class, entitled Extreme Fitness developed by Mr. Tom Connors and Mrs. Ruthie Skammer, Dallas High School Wellness Department teachers.

During this nine-week course, students not only have an opportunity to exercise in a brand new state-of-the-art fitness center,

but they are also exposed to the many principles and disciplines of exercise prescription.

Students have the opportunity to participate in yoga, P90x, plyometrics, speed, quickness and agility training, strength training and cardiovascular activities. More importantly, they get a thorough understanding of how exercise plays a role in heart rate, blood pressure, body composition and overall well-

ness. In addition, Mrs. Mary Ehret, RD, Nutrition Education, Penn State University, provides instruction and education on the nutritional components. In the new Dallas High School Food Labs classroom, students prepare, cook and sample a variety of healthy vegetables and learn how these foods are a vital part of a balanced and healthy diet.



Terrific Kids at Dallas Elementary School for the month of December are, from left, first row, Gabby Krochta, Matthew Richards, Trinity Kong, Natalie Vincelli, Gabriel Cook, Jeremiah Faux, Emma Blazure, Jacob Hoegen. Second row, Josh Peters, Lynese Swida, Abby Salitis, Alexis Mikolosko, Olivia Thomas, Christian Patts, Jeff Ladamus, Nina Barrouk, Devin James, Mary Dahdal, Makenzie Musselman. Third row, Melissa Harris, Maddy Pendolphi, Declan Dixon, Daniel Cochran, Ben Fife, Mission Pevear, Caitlin Curran, Gary Weaver, Dylan James, Marc Ramirez, Zack Jesse. Fourth row, Julia Sciandra, Connor Bowden, Abby Hastings, Ethan Thomas, Jeremy Zolner, Aiden Conrad, Taylor Bolesta, Chris Langan, Mackenzie Langan, Megan Borton, Madison Baloga, Mataya Galella, Kelsey Hardy.

## Terrific Kids for December

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Dallas Elementary School a.m. kindergarten students named Terrific Kids for the month of December are Rylie Hoyes, left, and Samantha Berlew.

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## Sem offers Merit Scholarship Exam

Area eighth and ninth-graders not already enrolled at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School are encouraged to register for the Sem Merit Scholarship Exam to be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at the school's Kingston campus.

One full tuition scholarship and five half scholarships will be awarded. These scholarships are awarded to students who combine outstanding performance on the competitive exam with a solid record of citizenship and academic and extra-curricular achievement.

Scholarships are for the duration of the student's enrollment at Sem.

Interested students must complete the Sem Scholarship application by Friday, Jan. 25 and register for the exam. On Saturday, Feb. 2, registration will be at 9 a.m. and the exam will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Upper School campus in Kingston.

During the exam, parents are encouraged to attend a discussion on how to maximize their students' chances for college op-

portunities. Parents may also attend the Sem Student Work Showcase as well as a discussion on affordability.

Following the exam, prospective families are invited to join current students and faculty for the President's Luncheon hosted

by Dr. Kip Nygren. The afternoon will conclude with campus tours.

For more information regarding the 32nd annual Wyoming Seminary Merit Scholarship Exam and to request an application, call the Upper School Office of Admission at 270-2160.

## TEC planning open house

Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center, located at 40 Knob Hill Road in Trucksville, is holding an open house week from Jan. 21-25. New registrations for the 2013-14 school year will be accepted beginning Jan. 28.

Preschool programs are offered for children who will be 2 years of age by Sept. 1 through age 6. The center offers morning and afternoon preschool programs, music and movement, a "hands-on" science curriculum, Learning Lab (a kinder-

garten readiness program), computers, indoor and outdoor play facilities and extended hours programs in Math and Language, Art, Fitness and Nutrition and Play Pals, as well as daily preschool enrichment extension.

Registrations are also being accepted for full-day kindergarten class and a Dallas kindergarten enrichment extension program.

For more information, registration forms and to schedule a visit to the school, call the center at 696-3899.