

Ladies Night Out planned

A "Ladies Night Out" is planned for 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 15 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road in Dallas.

A \$5 donation will include specialty shopping, chocolates, finger sandwiches, cookies, refreshments, a goodie bag and more.

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* Zina's Fudge, including Easter candy and chocolate-covered strawberries

* Mary Bartos of Amore with scarves, accessories and special prom jewelry

* Independent Beauty Consultant Connie Scott will of-

fer beauty tips and products

* Independent Scentsy Consultant Kristi Layland with Scentsy holders and scents

* Avon Representative Traci Concert with a selection of popular Avon cosmetics and other, products including a mini skin-care clinic

* Earth and Wears with Lyn Carey, featuring an assortment of unique handcrafted jewelry, scarves, purses and accessories.

Raffle tickets for a hand-made quilt, gift certificate for a salon service, a gift certificate from Buka and a \$40.



Independent Scentsy Consultant, Kristi Layland, shown here displaying the Scentsy of the Month holder, will be one of the vendors at Ladies Night Out on March 15 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

MU radio accepting music from local bands

Misericordia University's student-run radio station, Cougar Radio, is accepting music from bands in northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) for the second annual, "Cougar Indie-Pendence" CD. The CD will allow bands to release their original music without having to be signed to a major record label.

Dan Kimbrough, assistant professor of communications and faculty advisor for the radio station, is looking forward to seeing the station live up to its mission.

Cougar Radio is looking for local bands in NEPA to submit one original track to be considered for the NEPA music sampler.

Bands interested in being on the CD can enter by submitting their track on a CD and mailing it to Cougar Indie-Pendence, c/o Cougar Radio, 301 Lake Street, Dallas PA, 18612.

Deadline for submissions is March 17.

The CD will be released in the spring. The recording is a great opportunity for local bands to get exposure in the college market.

Once the CDs are printed and released, Cougar Radio will send them to local stations to try to get airplay in addition to playing the songs on Misericordia University's radio station.

CDs can also be purchased at Cougar Radio's office in the Banks Student Life Center on the upper campus of Misericordia. Proceeds from the CD will be donated to a local charity.

For more information, email ougarradio@misericordia.edu.

SENIOR MENU

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following is the menu for the week of March 11:

MONDAY: Chicken marsala, green and wax beans, whole wheat dinner roll, buttered noodles, peaches and cream, margarine, milk and coffee.

TUESDAY: Bag lunch
WEDNESDAY: Sloppy Joes, boiled new potatoes, carrot raisin salad, whole wheat hamburger roll, diced pears, margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: St. Patrick's Day luncheon - Ham and cabbage, boiled potatoes, beef barley soup, Irish soda bread, green cake, margarine, milk and coffee.

FRIDAY: Baked fish, cauliflower, rice pilaf (wild rice blend), whole wheat dinner roll, ketchup, tartar sauce, birthday cake, margarine, milk and coffee.

For further information, contact the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Nutrition

Program or call the Senior Center nearest your home.



Gary Stec carries on regular classroom duties dressed as Dr. Seuss in Mrs. Tracey Stanley's class at Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley.

BOOKS

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Robert Long is in Mrs. Smigielski's sixth-grade class. He was dressed in camo and hunter orange, portraying the trapper who saves the main character in Gary Paulsen's book "Hatchet." When asked why he liked the story about a young man's survival in a Canadian wilderness he said, "I like a lot of outdoor things. I like to hunt. I shot my first deer this year."

Lizzy Blaski, of Sweet Valley, is 10 years old and a student in Jen Welby's fourth-grade class. She was dressed in wizard robes but was quick to explain that she was not Hermione Granger, the lead girl character in the Harry Potter series. A bright red wig marked her as Ginny Weasley who falls in love with Potter.

Blaski has read books one through five of the lengthy fantasy series and is now read-

ing book six. When asked why she chose to portray Ginny, she said, "I like how she acts." She also admitted that she would like Harry Potter herself if she were at Hogwarts.

Another student who chose a character from the Harry Potter series was Thomas Krintz, a kindergarten student of Mrs. Kreigler. He portrayed the sinister Draco Malfoy because he and Draco are both blondes. "If I were Harry Potter, I would be Harry Blonder!"

The teachers got into the act, too. A large number of teachers sported pink wigs and portrayed the main character of the book "Pinkalicious" by Elizabeth Kann. The main character, Pinkalicious, loves the color pink and eats so many pink cupcakes that her skin and hair turn pink. A teacher dressed as Willy Wonka was also seen in the halls.

The fun day was the culmination of a month's emphasis on reading.

Students in the upper grade levels at Ross have all been

studying one book for a month in preparation for the big day.

The third grade book was "Sideways Stories from Wayside School" by Louis Sachar. Fourth-graders read "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo; fifth grade read "Friedel" by Andrew Clements and the sixth grade read "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" by Eleanor Coerr.

The day didn't end with the parade. The older students looked forward to a Jeopardy-like game called "Battle of the Book" which was planned to test them on their knowledge of the book their class had read.

Younger students had fun activities planned, including activities with e-readers brought from home.

As Jeanne Williams, a member of the reading committee, watched the excitement in the halls as the students lined up to show off their character costumes, she said it best.

"It made the books come alive!"

SCHOOL BRIEFS

WSCCHS CLASS OF 1971 PLANS PARTY

West Side Central Catholic High School Class of 1971 will hold a 60th birthday party from 1 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 1 at the Grove at Checkersboard Inn on Carverton Road, Truckville.

Formal invitations will be forthcoming when all addresses are finalized.

For more information, contact Kate Bustin Taroli at KBTaroli@gmail.com.

DHS CLASS OF 1981 PLANS REUNION

Dallas High School Class of 1983 is planning a 30th anniversary reunion for Oct. 26.

Any classmate who has not yet received information about the reunion and who wishes to attend is asked to send their current email address to dallasclassof83@att.net or call Sharon at (610) 737-0042.

STUTTERING SUPPORT GROUP MEETS AT MU

The Misericordia University Stuttering Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month in Room 212 on the second floor of John J. Passan Hall, 100 Lake St.

The meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 674-6724.

TECEC PLANS FUNDRAISER

Truckville Early Childhood Education Center (TECEC) will hold a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at Leggio's in Dallas.

A percentage of all sales that evening will benefit TECEC's Operation Build-A-Fence fundraising campaign to construct a fence around the school's playground.

For more information, call Marjorie Adams, TECEC director, at 696-3899.

CHURCH BRIEFS

CHORAL SOCIETY PLANS CONCERT

In a 64-year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present a Lenten Concert at 3 p.m. today, March 10 at St. Therese Parish, 64 Davis St., Shavertown.

The concert is open to the public free of charge.

For more information, call 575-1040.

FISH DINNERS AVAILABLE ON FRIDAYS

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Road, Sweet Valley, will hold its annual fish dinners from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

The meal includes baked fish, French fries, cole slaw and cake. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Takeouts are available.

For more information, call the church at 477-5216.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER SET

The Huntsville United

Methodist Church will host a spaghetti dinner from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. Eat-in or take-out dinners will be available.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children age 6 and older and will be available at the door.

CONCERT AT HUMC

A concert featuring Mike Lewis and William Doney will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Rd, Shavertown. Donation is \$5 at the door.

MEDITATION DURING LENT AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's Church, 3832 SR 6 East, Tunkhannock, will offer quiet music and meditation Wednesdays through March 27, as a way of opening the "thin place" between God and people.

Soup Supper will precede the service. Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. and the services begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call St. Peter's at 836-2233 or Reverend Lou at 878-4670.



Mikail Krochta and Garrett Pall make good use of a wide street on White Birch Lane using their jumping stilts.

ELMCREST

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out for one another and the kids could always have a weenie at the annual summer neighborhood picnic."

The 1970s brought a flurry of young families with children to Elmcrest and a heightened social scene.

"The Biscontinis, Van Horns, Koehlers and the Bevevinos," said Maryan Daily, recalling some of the families living there She and her husband, the late John Daily, a doctor in Kings-ton, and their three children, Arlene, John and Donald, became involved in the neighborhood.

John Daily was president of the Elmcrest Homeowners Association. According to Maryan, "We had fabulous summer picnics every year in back on White Birch Lane and some big, rip-roaring Christmas parties at Newberry Estate and the

Castle Inn." There were Halloween parties and some very neat things for the young people to do, Daily said.

Today, the association pays for the street light at the corner of Lake and Elmcrest Streets and the lighting and landscaping at the Elmcrest sign island on Route 415, says association treasurer Diane Johnson, whose parents, Carolyn and the late Jack Johnson, moved into the development in 1989. "It's very nice here. We love it. It's quiet and we want to keep it that way."

Association dues are \$25 and this year's president, Jim Pall, hopes to reinstate and revive some of the old association traditions, like delivering a fresh-baked pie to new neighbors when they move in, organizing an annual "Coordinated Elmcrest Garage Sale" and lighting street-side luminaries on Christmas Eve. He's also trying to re-invigorate the annual summer picnic which is to be held at Ruckno's Pond.



Dallas High School sophomore Lauren Gallagher, third from left, practices her Irish step dancing with the rest of Scoil Rince Na Connemara dancers at Downtown Arts in Wilkes-Barre.

DANCER

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my desk and my friends are like, "Stop dancing."

Michelle confirmed this behavior. She said whenever Lauren is on the phone or just hanging around the house, it's tough to find her sitting still.

"I need to move," laughed Lauren.

Lauren may not pursue a career as a professional Irish dancer, but she definitely wants

to keep dancing and stay close to Irish culture as she gets older.

"I found two (colleges) in Dublin and one school in London that sound nice," she said. "I wanted to be a plastic surgeon until I took biology this year, so now I think I want to be a music producer because music is my life and I like technology."

Michelle has some issues with her daughter attending college outside the country, but wants to help her find a place where Lauren can continue to pursue her passions.

"She just loves to dance," said Michelle.