



Planning the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Women's annual rummage sale are, from left, first row, Kim Shaver, Ruth Jones, Jeanne Barrall, Sabrina Major, Lois Ide, Robin Rogers, Susie Snyder. Second row, Jayne Haefele, Linda VanGorder, Judy Dawe, Dorothy Dawe, Kendra Cosgrove and Elaine St. Clair.

Lehman-Idetown UM Women plan rummage sale

The Lehman-Idetown United Church Women will hold their annual spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 12 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 13 at the church, 1011 Mount-

ainview Drive, Lehman.

There will be a snack bar and bake sale and Saturday will be Bag Day.

Homemade vegetable soup will be sold at \$5 per quart. Orders can be given to any

club member.

Items in reusable condition can be dropped off at the church until Wednesday, April 10.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The instrumental and vocal works of Swiss-born American composer Ernest Bloch will be celebrated in a special chamber music festival to be held at 2 p.m. today, April 7 at Wyoming Seminary Upper School.

The festival, consisting of two concerts, will be held at the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, just north of Kingston Corners. The concerts are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 270-2192.

MU OFFERS OPEN HOUSE

The Misericordia University Office of Admissions will hold an open house for adult learners interested in the Expressway Accelerated Degree Program and for transfer students interested in continuing their education at Misericordia from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9 in Room 405, Building 4 at Luzerne County Community College, 1333 S. Prospect St., Nanticoke.

For more information, contact the Misericordia University Office of Admissions at 674-6331.

LECTURE WILL ADDRESS WHY PEOPLE CHEAT

Misericordia University will present "The Dark Side of Relationships: Why Do People Cheat?" a lecture by social psychologist Gary W. Lewandowski, Jr., Ph.D., from 5 to 5:50 p.m. on Monday, April 8 in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the Misericordia University Honors Program and Department of Psychology. It is open free to the public.

For more information, contact Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, Misericordia University, at anordstr@miseriocordia.edu or at 674-8008.

MU PLAYERS PRESENT MUSICAL

Misericordia Players present "Working: A Musical," from the book by Studs Terkel adapted by Oscar-winning composer and

lyricist Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso, at 8 p.m. April 11, 12 and 13 at Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

Cost is for \$5 adults and \$3 students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door and by contacting the Misericordia Cultural Events Box Office at 674-6719.

BASKET BINGO PLANNED

A Gift Basket Bingo will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Evans Falls Elementary School. Doors open at 10 a.m. and the event begins at 11 a.m. Cost is \$20 for 20 games of three face vertical Bingo cards.

Baskets include items from local and surrounding communities (day trip passes, bus trips, night stays, event tickets, restaurant gift certificates, gift cards/certificates to businesses, gift items, etc.)

There will also be raffle baskets, 50/50, door prizes, a food sale and bake sale. All profits go to the Evans Falls PTO.

For tickets or information, email molymatosky@yahoo.com or call 817-0262.

LL THEATRE TROUPE SETS PERFORMANCES

Lake-Lehman Theatre Troupe presents "Real Story of Red Riding Hood (Act One)" and "Big Bad Musical" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School.

Reserved tickets (advance only) are \$10; general admission is \$8 and \$6. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 901-1259.

ADVISOR SPEAKS AT MU

The Second Annual Dr. Midori Yamouchi Lecture Series at Misericordia University is presenting Frances Townsend, the former Homeland Security advisor for President George W. Bush, for the presentation, "Government, Law and National Security," from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

Tickets for the event are free, but seating is limited. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Misericordia University Cultural Events Box Office at 674-6719

or the remaining available tickets can be picked up at the lobby box office up to 10 minutes prior to the show.

A question-and-answer session follows immediately after her presentation.

MISERICORDIA SETS OPEN HOUSE

Misericordia University is offering an open house program for high school students and their parents on Saturday, April 27.

Open house begins with registration at 9 a.m. in the Anderson Sports and Health Center located at the North Gate of the upper campus. A special "Meet the Coaches" session will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. The open house program will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The schedule includes refreshments, campus tours, a faculty session, lunch, and meetings with representatives of student services, athletics and financial aid. For those interested, a session will also be held on the university's Alternative Learner's Project for students with learning disabilities.

For more information, contact the Misericordia University Admissions Office at 675-4449.

WSCS 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 Checkerboard Inn on Carverton Road, Trucksville.

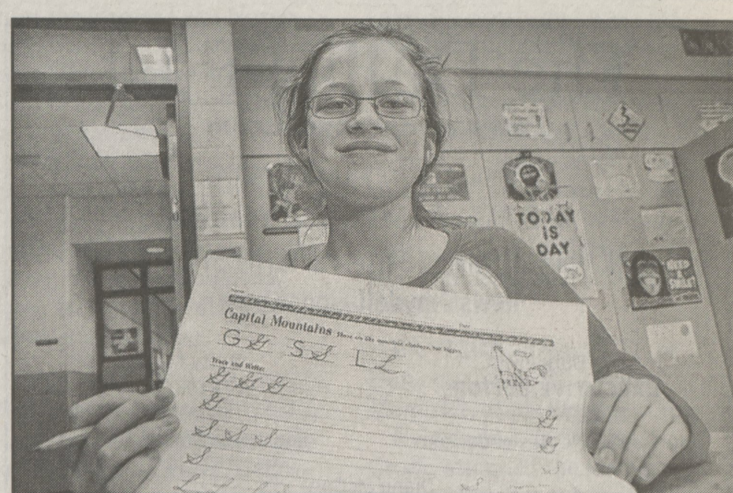
Formal invitations will be forthcoming when all addresses are finalized.

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

DHS CLASS OF 1983 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.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Karlee Kreller, a third-grade student at Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley, is one of three students at the school whose handwriting sample is a state-grade level winner in the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest. State grade winners win a prize package for themselves and their schools with a value of \$250.

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During the month of January, students in grades 1-6 at Ross participated in the National Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest. Teachers selected one winner from each grade level. Those entries were then submitted to Zaner Bloser.

The school won an award in 2009 but James is very surprised to have three students win this year.

None of this matters to 7-year-old Sarah Bednarek. "It's fun writing as neat as you can - perfect," purrs the pert first-grader, who won one of the awards. "I'm sometimes nervous but try not to shake my hand - ever."

Karlee Kreller, a third-grade winner, gets very involved in the process. "I love looping the letters. (Her favorites are "L" or "M"). It's like a habit. I love it so much. A lot better than math or science; it's relaxing," she said.

Kreller's teacher, Jeremy Williams, spends 15 minutes to a half an hour three times a week on handwriting and finds that students with good penmanship are generally good writers and like to take time to compose and write their essays.

This year's contest essay question "How does your handwriting make you a better reader and writer and why is that important?" was succinctly

answered by one of the contestants at the school with "So if I write a book, they'll be able to read it."

But the act of handwriting itself has taken a back seat to banging out stories on keyboards and into iPads and iPods. This is in stark contrast to the days in the last century when penmanship was one of the basic "Rs" in reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic and was taught every day in school.

Then, teachers used to have penmanship contests. Now, they are considering having students take the PSSA state evaluation tests on computers rather than on paper with pencils. James thinks it's only a matter of time "before technology will make handwriting obsolete."

Andrew Jubis, the sixth-grade winner at the school, doesn't think about that much.

"Sometimes I print, sometimes I write or type. I don't really think about it," he said. "This is my last year in this school and I'm trying to make it the best year. I'm proud. The kids cheered for me when they heard I won the prize."

The three winning students received an engraved medallion, the student's teacher received an engraved glass diamond and the school received a \$200 gift certificate to Zaner Bloser for each student.

The winning entries will compete at the national level and be notified of the results in May.

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ment to learning was proven by Misericordia University in the naming of its campus performing arts center as the Lemmond Theater and by Wilkes University which awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

His faith kept him active with the Dallas United Methodist Church, the Wyoming Conference of United Methodist Churches and the Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Breakfast which he co-founded. For more than 30 years, Lemmond and his family hosted the Naylor/Lemmond Memorial Community Thanksgiving Dinner which brought holiday warmth and cheer to thousands of area residents. He especially enjoyed his service on the Commission on Economic Opportunity's Board of Directors and took seriously its motto of "People Helping People." The Salvation

The award will recognize a resident of the Back Mountain for his or her leadership and advancement of community spirit.

Army also benefitted from his good works where he was well known for his support of its annual kettle drive and was once honored as Citizen of the Year.

His impact on the quality of life of the region can also be seen through projects such as the Back Mountain Trail, the Back Mountain Recreation Facility, the Charles D. Lemmond Jr. Community Playground and safety enhancements to State Route 309, the Back Mountain's main business corridor.

Sen. Lemmond died Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, Charles, John and David; daughter, Judith; brother, George; and four grandchildren.

HISTORY

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I'm doing now," Novrocki said of Tarantini, who was affectionately known as "Ms" to her History Day students. "I take everything she taught me and put it into practice."

The biggest difference Novrocki has made in History Day preparation at Lake-Lehman is the institution of a school-level contest, something he learned from Tarantini.

In those contests, the higher levels of competition are replicated with three judges doing the questioning and interviewing. After that school-level contest, the best projects move on to regional competition.

"History Day provides students with an incredible level of self confidence," Novrocki said. "There are no strict guidelines. They only have to adhere to a national theme but they shape and build their projects. They become masters of their topics."

Despite all that History Day

LAKE-LEHMAN REGIONAL HISTORY DAY WINNERS

GROUP DOCUMENTARY

First place
Megan Sorber, Kelly Sweeney, Alyssa Talacka
Second place
Katie Bartuska, Elana Herceg, Lana Sicurella, Brittany Mahoney
Third place
Clay Vasey, Madison Stambaugh

GROUP EXHIBIT
First place
Hannah Cross, Sela Fine, Shauna Leahy

Second place
Michael Minsavage, Tommy Williams
Third place
Nicole Lockard, Katrina Joyce

GROUP PERFORMANCE

Second place
Jasmine Moku, Ronnie Ziomek, Jenna Mortenson
INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY
First place
Karlie Lobitz
Second place
Kristin Kalish
Third place
Megan Mahle
INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT
First place
Lindsay Williams
OUTSTANDING ENTRY IN LOCAL HISTORY AWARD
Nick Egan, Alex Hoyt, Chris Herrick

offers to students, Novrocki is concerned that academic contests at public schools are being threatened with budget cuts.

"Funding is harder and harder to come by," he said. "The number of participating schools and the number of projects presented at the regional level is much lower than it was two or three years ago. It concerns me as a public school teacher to think

that academic contests may become available only to private schools."

Novrocki added that Lake-Lehman is one of the few public schools to continue participation in History Day competition and reported that administrators are already talking about how to overcome budget cuts to allow students to continue participating in academic contests.



Lake-Lehman History Day students are, from left, seated, Hannah Cross, Sela Fine, Shauna Leahy, Katie Bartuska, Elana Herceg, Lana Sicurella, Jasmine Moku, Ronnie Ziomek, Jenna Mortenson, Nicole Lockard, Karlie Lobitz, Kristin Kalish, Lindsay Williams. Standing, Megan Sorber, Megan Mahle, Madison Stambaugh, Michael Minsavage, Clay Vasey, Brittany Mahoney, Katrina Joyce, Mr. Ryan Lindbuchler, Lake-Lehman High School Social Studies Department Chair and Associate History Day coordinator; Mr. Michael Novrocki, Lake-Lehman High School History Day coordinator; Mr. Brian Gorski, Lake-Lehman High School Associate History Day coordinator; Tommy Williams, Kelly Sweeney, Nick Egan, Alex Hoyt, Chris Herrick and Alyssa Talacka.