

CHALLENGE PROGRAM INC.



Canon-McMillan High School students recently were introduced to The Challenge Program Inc. during an orientation assembly. The theme was an Olympic trial that demonstrated the interview screening process to help students qualify for success. Canon-McMillan's business partner is AUMA Actuators, which introduced students to local career opportunities during the assembly. Throughout the year, students will be eligible to compete for financial awards in five areas linked with academic and workplace success: attendance, academic improvement, academic excellence, STEM and community service. Rory Bennett of AUMA Actuators, above, far left, is with the 2015-16 award winners, from left, Mia Graziani for attendance; Sarah Centore, STEM;



Gannon McDonough, community service; Gerald Bowman, academic improvement; Santina Bohlander, academic excellence; and Principal David Holinski. At right, Bennett is shown with, from left, Julia Ciotti, academic excellence; Ashley Oddi, academic improvement; Madison Mollico, community service; Tyler Meier, STEM; and Valerey Rosenwald, attendance.



Avella High School students recently were introduced to The Challenge Program Inc. during an orientation assembly. The theme was an Olympic trial that demonstrated the interview screening process to help students qualify for success. Avella's business partners are Alex E. Paris Contracting Co. Inc. and Range Resources, who introduced students to local career opportunities during the assembly. Throughout the year, students will be eligible to compete for financial awards in five areas linked with academic and workplace success: attendance, academic improvement, academic excel-

lence, STEM and community service. Alex Paris of Alex Paris Contracting Co. Inc., far left, and Christina Colalillo and Kylie Sanders of Range Resources, far right, are shown with the 2015-16 award winners, from left, Emily Chase for attendance and STEM; Sarah Dzurko, community service and academic excellence; Kodi Georgetti, academic improvement; Victoria Clarchick, academic excellence; Austin Lis, academic improvement; Cassandra Muhr, community service; John Mull, STEM and Maverick Glaum, attendance.



Burgettsown High School students recently were introduced to The Challenge Program Inc. during an orientation assembly. The theme was an Olympic trial that demonstrated the interview screening process to help students qualify for success. Burgettsown's business partner is Range Resources, which introduced students to local career opportunities during the assembly. Throughout the year, students will be eligible to compete for financial awards in five areas linked with academic and workplace success: attendance,

academic improvement, academic excellence, STEM and community service. Award winners from 2015-16 are, from left, Dante Marucci for STEM; Madison Borsos, attendance; Alena Quinque, academic excellence; Dakota Smith, community service; Luke Revay, academic improvement; Clark Miller, community service; Kieran Walsh, academic excellence; Nick Hooper, attendance; Samantha Roner, STEM; Alyssa Barley, academic improvement; and Christina Colalillo of Range Resources.

NOTICES

Holy Ghost Byzantine Church, 828 Meadow Ave., Charleroi, will hold a pierogi and halupki sale featuring frozen potato cheese, cabbage and lekvary pierogis and freshly made halupki. Orders must be placed by Nov. 27 by calling Lillian at 724-258-5720. Pickup will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Dec. 7.

Breakfast with Santa will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 3 on the lower level of the 4-H building at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Hosted by the Greene County Department of Recreation.

Admission is \$8 per person and includes a breakfast catered by students enrolled in the Greene County Career & Technology Center culinary arts program. Children will receive a picture with Santa, a Santa hat and a special treat. Children also will decorate cookies, including a cookie Christmas tree ornament.

First United Methodist Church of Canonsburg, 161 W. Pike St., will hold a Victorian Christmas open house and vendor sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Admission is free, and lunch will be available.

There will be a Chinese auction, people in period costumes, carolers and vendors, including Mary Kay, Crystal Jewelry, LuLaRoe, Liz's Lil' Treasures and more. Proceeds benefit church mission projects.

Peters Township Recreation Center will host Frosty's Funhouse from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 4. Children 10 and younger can play games, make gifts and write a letter to Santa. Parents must remain with their children during the event. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$8 for non-residents. Cost is per child.

Lighting of the Christmas tree will follow at 6. A visit with Santa, a craft and refreshments will follow in the library. The event is free.

Bentworth Ministerium Community Choir will hold its annual Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at Christian Assembly of God Church, 100 Meadow St., Bentleyville.

All-you-can-eat breakfast to benefit Sons of the Legion will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 4 at American Legion Post 175, 168 Park Ave., Washington. Cost is \$6.

Peters Twp. student earns Gold Award



Brenna Taylor

Brenna Taylor, a senior at Peters Township High School, has earned the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

The award, presented to Taylor by Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania, recognizes ninth- through 12th-graders who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable "Take Action" projects that address important community needs.

Taylor serves in a leadership position as co-president of the GSA and as an officer of the fencing team. As a Girl Scout member for 12 years, she is an ambassador of Troop 51915.

She was supported in her Gold Award effort by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Her Gold Award project began in February 2015 and was completed in August 2016.

Taylor compiled a book that consisted of interviews she conducted with veterans from World War II, the Ko-

rean War and the Vietnam War.

For several of the men and women who volunteered, it was the first time they had told their stories. She has donated copies of her book to the Library of Congress, Peters Township Public Library, Peters Township High School and Peters Township Middle School.

ENGAGEMENT

Cecchetti - Gasbarrini

Joseph and Jody Gasbarrini of Canonsburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Mallory, to Zachary Cecchetti, son of Gregory Cecchetti of New Kensington and Claudia Cecchetti of Kittanning.

Mallory's grandparents are Joseph and Nancy Gasbarrini of Muse and the late Angelo "Baker" and Joan Marino.

Her fiancé's grandparents are Steve and Janet Matisz of Cheswick and the late Elmo and Virginia Cecchetti.

The bride-to-be is a 2010 graduate of Canon-McMillan High School, a 2012 graduate of Washington & Jefferson College and a 2015 graduate of Duquesne Law School. He is employed as a real estate attorney in the oil and gas industry. She is employed as a child therapist.



The couple plan an August 26, 2017, wedding.

BRIEFS

Clothing drive to aid Greene Co. residents

State Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Jefferson, said her constituent service offices will begin collecting winter clothes Monday to benefit area families.

Winter clothing donations will be accepted through Dec. 16 at the following times and locations:

- Carmichaels office, 104 S. Market St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
- Waynesburg office, 93 E. High St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
- Brownsville satellite office, 113 Thornton Road, Redstone Township, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.

All new and gently used items will be distributed through the Waynesburg Salvation Army, Masontown Helping Hands Ministry and Crosskeys Human Services of Brownsville.

For more information, call the main office in Carmichaels at 724-966-8953.

Little Lake Theatre schedules auditions

Little Lake Theatre will hold auditions for "Peter and the Starcatcher" from 7 to 10 p.m. Dec. 7.

Little Lake is casting men and women 15 to 60 years old.

Actors and singers should prepare 32 bars of a song a cappella and a short story. There also will be cold readings. Call 724-745-6300 to schedule a time.

Greene Co. kids can get letter from Santa

Greene County Department of Recreation is inviting local children to send letters to Santa through Dec. 14. Any child who would like to receive a personalized letter from Santa should send a letter with a completed letter request form to the Department of Recreation, Attn: Santa Claus, 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

Letter request forms include the child's contact information and basic information, including gender, age and any gifts requested from Santa, and must be completed by a parent or guardian. The "Dear Santa" template is available online at www.co.greene.pa.us.

A completed form must accompany each letter, and participants should limit one request per child. Children should receive return letters before Christmas.

There is no cost for a letter from Santa. Funding has been provided through various sponsors and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Bradford House poster contest set

The Bradford House Museum is sponsoring poster contests for all middle and high school students in Washington and Greene counties, including public, parochial, cyber and homeschooled, in Washington and Greene counties on "Western Pennsylvania History, 1750-1850."

Students must construct a presentation on a standard-size tri-fold display board, register online in January and February and deliver the project to the Bradford House in early March.

For complete rules, hints for developing a project and a list of possible topics, visit www.bradfordhouse.org and click on the education tab.

Winning projects will be displayed at the Symposium on 18th-Century Life and Customs in Western Pennsylvania, "Remember the Ladies - An Evening with Abigail Adams," on March 31.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five entries in fifth through eighth grade and ninth through 12th grade. A special prize will be awarded for the entry that best represents women of Western Pennsylvania between 1750 and 1850.

Email questions to bradfordhouse.org@hotmail.com.