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They're hooked!

Children from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown United Methodist, Price of Peace Episcopal and other churches attended "Hooked on Jesus" Vacation Bible School last week. The event began with a family picnic Sunday, and was followed by classes Monday through Thursday. The children enjoyed singing, storytelling and crafts. In photos, above, showing some of their handiwork, from left, front row; James Duffy, Matthew Yurko.

Standing; Bethany Dennis, Casey McAndrew, Clara Grube, Alaina Schukraft, Nicole Morgan.

In top right photo, Chelsea Martin, left, and Gabrielle Byczek worked with crayons.

Singers, bottom right photo, from left; Samantha Marquart, Hannah Grube, Matthew Duffy, Kristen Augustine, Christina Dennis, Josh Crawford, Michael Gergel, Rebekah Williams.

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Thomas E. Pugh will be honored by the Ethics Institute of Northeast PA for his contributions to the community and those with disabilities.



Pugh has served as vice president of rehabilitation services at Allied Services in Scranton since 1987. He joined Allied Services as director of communications in 1981 and has served as Allied's vice president/corporate services and vice president and CEO of the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine in Wilkes-Barre. He currently is a member of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania and the American Hospital Association.

Since 1994 Pugh has served as a consultant on hospital privatization and foundation formation with the U.S Aid project in Warsaw, Poland, working with the Litewska Children's Hospital. He also conducts a corporate program of providing equipment to the Association of Disabled People of Lithuania, and serves as a consultant to Trnava University Healthcare Management Education Project in the Slovakia Republic.

He is active in the Arthritis Foundation, the James S. Brady Center, the Northeast Region Board of Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center, the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, and the Muhlenburg United Methodist Church. He also serves as the executive vice president of the board of the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Joseph J. Hayer, has been named a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.).

He successfully completed a

four-part exam, which includes Purchasing and Sourcing, Management, Supply, and Critical Issues in Supply Chain Management.

Hayer is one of only 31,000 others nationwide who have met the education, personal development, and professional responsibility experience requirements for certification. He holds a BS degree in accounting and economics and an MBA degree in finance from Wilkes University.

He is a resident of Shavertown and was employed at College Misericordia for the past 16 years as business manager.

Laura Reider Novakowski of Hunlock Creek has been named vice president of patient care services at Mercy Hospital.



She will have administrative responsibility for patient care areas including nursing, surgical services, laboratory services, imaging services and diagnostic services.

Prior to assuming her new position, Mrs. Novakowski had served as the administrator of Mercy Health Care Center, Nanticoke.

A registered nurse, she earned a bachelor's degree from College Misericordia, attended Wilkes University as a business major prior to earning an MBA in 1991.

She is a board member and member of the executive board of the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania since 1997. She also serves as that organization's newsletter co-editor.

She and her husband, Edward, reside in Lehman Township. The couple has a daughter, Karyn, a senior at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster.

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