



Holiday cheer for the Meadows

Dallas Middle School students brought smiles to aging cheeks at the Meadows Nursing Center with holiday music, skits and gifts. In photo at left, Chris Biamonte, left, played the role of St. Boniface, who according to German legend stopped a German prince, portrayed by Max Strasser, from sacrificing his young son one Christmas Eve in the 17th century. St. Boniface told the prince to cut down an evergreen tree and return to his palace with the "tree of life," the beginning of the Christmas tree tradition. In lower left photo, Jackie Hardwick looked on as Matt Fritz explained the origin of Advent wreaths, used to count down the weeks leading to Christmas. Below right, students presented a handmade gingerbread village to Meadows residents. Students, from left, Shannon Doan, Kim Price, Angelica Manziotti, Sara Getz, Katie Lykon, Ronay Gilroy, Shannon Dingle, Tesa Bagley, Holly Haddle, Brittany Prater and Kelly Corbett.

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Seniors needed for peer counseling

Community Counseling Services of NE PA is recruiting volunteers for the Senior Peer Counseling Program in Wyoming and Luzerne Counties. This program provides one-to-one supportive counseling to senior citizens who are confined to their homes or who don't feel comfortable in a traditional mental health setting. Volunteers should be 55 years of age or older, able to devote three hours a week have good listening skills and enjoy relating to new people. Training is provided. Anyone interested in becoming a Senior Peer Counselor Volunteer can obtain more information by calling Louise Clemmer, Program Coordinator at 836-3118 or 823-2155.

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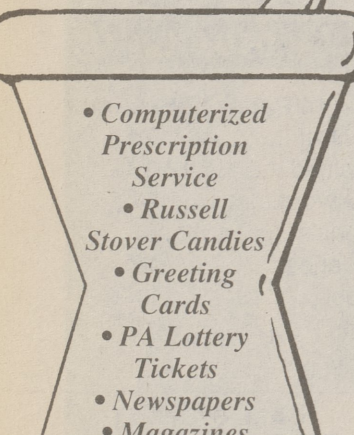


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