

Summer host families sought for orphans

Barbara and Brunon Kryger of Kingston. Regional Program Coordinators for World Links and Kidsave International Summer Miracles Program, are seeking families interested in making miracles happen for an orphanage child in the summer of 2001. Through a unique program called "Summer Miracles," orphanage children ages five to 13 travel to the United States, live with host families for six weeks and attend day camp. This program is designed to find permanent families for all kids who participate. The program, sponsored in Luzerne, Lackawanna and surrounding counties by World Links, Inc. and Kidsave International, an organization dedicated to ending the harmful institutionalization of children, provides a unique opportunity for families to meet and get to know a child before making a commitment to adopt.

Over the past two summers, the program has brought 30 children to Northeast Pennsylvania. All of those children found permanent families during their stay. If you are interested in hosting a child, call Barbara or Brunon Kryger at 714-4722. World Links at 383-8229, or send an e-mail to: Russianchildren@aol.com. An informational meeting will be held on Fri., Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Church, 813 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Call to make your reservations for the initial meeting. (Please do not phone the church for information.) For more information about "Summer Miracles," visit Kidsave's website at www.kidsave.org.



LCCC to begin Annual Fund Campaign

The Luzerne County Community College Foundation, Inc. will kick off the community phase of its first Annual Fund Campaign in January. All proceeds will be used for student scholarships. The overall goal of the campaign is \$100,000; the goal of the community phase is \$55,000. Shown are members of the planning committee for the community phase of the campaign. From left, front: Sandra Nicholas, director of resource and alumni development at LCCC; Ely Miller of Shavertown, director of LCCC's annual fund campaign. Back: Leonard V. Shimko, chair of the annual fund campaign and member of the Foundation Board of Directors; William Leandri of Dallas, chair of the annual fund community campaign and member of the Foundation Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

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Student nurses collect gifts for needy kids

College Misericordia's chapter of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) collected shoebox gifts this month to share Christmas with needy children in other areas of the world. Students Becque Miller, Emily Pileggi, Kerry Ritondo and Mary Strubinger organized the project.

The nursing students collected several dozen boxes, most of which were contributed by members of the college community. Each was packed with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items and treats, and labeled for a child in an appropriate age group. While donors generally select and pack the gifts themselves, the students shopped for and packed some boxes after they were given donations in cash.

The project was part of Operation Christmas Child, organized by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief and evangelism organization.



From left; Dr. Martha Kokinda, associate professor of nursing; Emily Pileggi, senior nursing student; Mary Ellen Horter, junior nursing student, Donna Ayers Snelson, associate professor and acting chair of the Nursing Department; Brenda Pavill, assistant professor of nursing; Maggie Hughes, nursing secretary; Korynn Kemmerer, senior nursing student and Kerry Ritondo, junior nursing student.

Kingston Twp. Winter Parking Ordinance

Kingston Twp. Police Chief James Balavage would like to remind residents the Twp. Winter Parking Ordinance is currently in effect until March 31, 2001. Under this ordinance residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on Township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily. The ordinance is designed to keep the Twp. streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the Public Works Dept.

The Chief also reminds residents that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on Twp. streets during snow storms, or for 8 hours after the end of a storm. The Chief urges all Twp. residents to cooperate in complying with the Ordinance to avoid enforcement measures. Residents with questions may contact Chief Balavage at 696-1175.

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