

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Postal workers to be honored for heroism

Two Back Mountain residents are among 19 Northeastern Pennsylvania United States Postal Workers being honored for heroic acts during the past year at the Postal Hero Employee Luncheon at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, at the Scranton Main Post Office.

Rural carrier Margaret Bryant, of Noxen, found an envelope containing almost \$1,000 that a customer had mistakenly put in the mail. Bryant was able to track down the person and return the cash.

Letter carrier Daniel Jones, of Dallas, saw one of his customers lying in the driveway on April 14, 2008. Jones helped the man get back into his house where the man's wife called 911. Jones waited with the couple until the ambulance arrived.

Three nominated for EMS Award

Three members of Back Mountain emergency medical service companies were nominated for the 2008 Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year Awards.

Richard Bartholomew, Franklin Northmoreland Ambulance, was a heroism nominee.

Alice and Robert Walsh, both of Sweet Valley Firhe achieved a Health Care

Certification from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Chicago, IL. Leskowsky also is a member of the Academy of Correctional Health Professionals.

Rachel Decker honored with award

Rachel Decker, of Dallas, was recently presented with the Leadership Award during Misericordia University's 25th Annual Service Leadership Awards Dinner at the Banks Student Life Center on campus.

Two inducted into MU Honor Society

Tammy Nudo and Laura Lewis, both of Tunkhannock, were recently inducted into Misericordia University's Act 101 Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society during an induction ceremony in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library on campus.

Students are eligible for the Act 101 Honor Society after earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better for at least two consecutive semesters.

Act 101 is a statewide program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Former Dallas resident in Iraq

Army Capt. Robert Clements-Gover is currently deployed as a member of Task Force Marne, one of more than 20,000 soldiers from the

Fort Stewart, Ga.-based 3rd Infantry Division and elements of the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky. The soldier is serving a 15-month tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Gover is an aide with the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart. He is the son of Bruce E. and Betsy Gover of Orchard West, Dallas. His wife, Joanna, is the daughter of Chip Siegel of Lantern Hill Road, Shavertown. The captain graduated from Wyoming Seminary in 2000 and received a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College in Allentown in 2004.

BMT residents inducted into society

Two Back Mountain residents who recently graduated from Misericordia University were inducted into the Beta Chi Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society during a brunch and induction ceremony at the Banks Student Life Center on campus.

Steven Kazmierski, nursing, and Teresa L. Shaner, accounting, both of Dallas, were inducted into the society.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is an honor society for continuing education and recognizes the special achievements of adult students who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work. The honor society is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognizes high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY



The women of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church held their annual United Methodist Women Sunday on May 4. Guest speaker was Rev. Cheryl Cavalari, who spoke on the Campus Ministries of Northeast Pennsylvania of which she is executive director. The Campus Ministries of Northeast Pennsylvania nurtures college students by building bridges between the area's higher education and faith communities.

The women of the Lehman-Idetown UM Church sponsor this ministry by baking cookies for the students of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus during exam time. Rev. Beverly Butler, pastor, presented President Linda VanGorder with two certificates. The first was for being a Mission Today Unit, given from the district for completing the requirements to become a Mission Today unit of the United Methodist Women Conference in the Wilkes-Barre District. These requirements are for mission work that has been designated by the Wilkes-Barre District. The second certificate was for being a 5 Star Unit, given for supporting the United Methodist Women in five areas of Mission: Giving, Pledge to Mission, World Thank Offering, Special Mission Recognition, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission. This group has received these certificates for three years.

During the service, Harold and Jayne Haeefe received Special Mission recognition pins, given to members of the women's group or a church member who has done work for the church. A gift in memory of these persons is given for ministries with women, children and youth and is forwarded to the Women's Division General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church.

MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Misericordia University's 82nd annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 17, officially ushered in a new era at the institution on the hill when 546 graduates became the first to receive a diploma from Misericordia

University. The following Back Mountain residents received Bachelor of Arts degrees:

Communications: Raymond Kline, Hunlock Creek.

English: Tarra Mahalak, Dallas.

History: Jessie Ouellette, Dallas; and James Ranieli, West Wyoming.

History/Secondary Education: Todd Desando, Dallas; Deborah Madden, Shavertown; Adam Molesky, Shavertown; and Meredith Ohl, Dallas.

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