

STUDENTS CONDUCT CHARITY DRIVE



Fourth-grade teacher Jennifer Welby, along with students from third through sixth grades at Ross Elementary School, organized a Holiday Charity Drive. Students collected 200 non-perishable food items for the Noxen Food Pantry. From left, first row, are Amanda Ayers, Nicole Crowley, Morgan Marchakitus. Second row, Jennifer Welby, fourth-grade teacher; Skylar Sutton, Clayton Vasey, Emily Johns, Claire Wilson, Elly Hossage and Melissa Sorber, fifth-grade teacher.

DHS PTSO COMMITTEE PLANS EVENTS



The Dallas High School PTSO Steering Committee met recently to plan its spring semester events. Planned activities include a Valentine's Day faculty appreciation breakfast, SPCA food drive and Student of the Quarter Breakfast. From left, seated, are parents Deb Chielli, Mary Lou Gilhooley, Sharon Krawetz and Gail Petorak. Standing, Anne Manganello, Judy Rice, School Counselor Robyn Jones and Barbara Goode. Interested parents may contact Robyn Jones, Guidance Department, at 674-7217.

MU students plan events to note Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Students active in Campus Ministry at Misericordia University are partnering with members of the Kids Care Club of the Jewish Family Service of Greater Wilkes-Barre to fill diaper bags for mothers in need as part of the National Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 18, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Misericordia students and volunteers have been accepting donations like diapers, baby wipes, small toys and pacifiers from the campus and surrounding communities to include in the diaper bags which were purchased by the Kids Care Club. Students will collect the donations from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 18 and put the diaper bags together in the Banks Student Life Center on the Back Mountain campus. Donations may be dropped off in Campus Ministry in the Banks Center. The filled diaper bags will then be delivered to several local shelters for women and children.

Misericordia University will also hold a special Mass in honor of Dr. King in the campus chapel located in Mercy Hall at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18. The opening liturgy will focus on the teachings of Dr. King. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Donald Williams, campus chaplain.

Mass at the chapel is open to the public.

Misericordia University students will also join students from other local colleges in a commemoration of Dr. King at 3 p.m. The Jan. 18 program will be held in the fourth floor city council chamber of Wilkes-Barre City Hall, 40 E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre.

The program will be hosted by the Honorable Thomas Leighton, mayor of the city of Wilkes-Barre. Misericordia University President Michael A. MacDowell will be among the guest speakers. The event is free and open to the public.

Kindergarten Readiness Program will continue in Lake-Lehman schools

The Lake-Lehman School District invites parents and children to the third installment of the Kindergarten Readiness Program for the 2009-2010 school year. The program is scheduled for February 2, 3 and 4 and will feature "Bus Safety and Pre-Registration."

There will be an explanation of the registration process. Parents should bring their child's immunizations with

them and, while they are starting the registration, children will take a ride on a school bus through the community.

The schedule is as follows: Ross Elementary, Tuesday, Feb. 2; Lake-Noxen Elementary, Wednesday, Feb. 3; and Lehman-Jackson Elementary, Thursday, Feb. 4. All programs start at 9 a.m.

Parents are asked to register for the third installment by calling their neighboring ele-

mentary school offices at the following numbers: Ross Elementary, 477-5050 or 256-7897; Lake-Noxen Elementary, 639-1129; and Lehman-Jackson Elementary, 675-2165.

This program is only for children who will be 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2010 and who are planning to enter kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year at Lake-Lehman.



Members of Commuter Council at Misericordia University helped make the holidays brighter for needy children in the area by reading letters and wrapping presents for Valley Santa. From left, are Kate Hahn, a business administration major from Dallas; Matthew Brown, council vice president, a biology major from White Haven; Kristina Hrabcak, council president, a business administration major from Trucksville; Karen Sickler, a sport management major from Tunkhannock; and Kit Foley, dean of students.

MU students offer aid to Valley Santa

Misericordia University Commuter Council students helped make the holidays brighter for children in the Wyoming Valley by donating their time and fundraising efforts to Valley Santa.

The students sponsored a raffle that raised \$100 for the organization. They also went to the Valley Santa center, read letters from families that requested support and prepared the shopping list of the items that were

needed. Once the shopping was done, they helped to wrap gifts for the children. The wish lists included toys, dolls and games that will be distributed to families in the region this coming week.

Commuter Council is an organization that represents the more than 800 commuter students at the university. The student organization helps to address issues and provides social

opportunities. In its 26th year, Valley Santa is a non-profit organization dedicated to making sure every child in need in the Wyoming Valley has a gift on Christmas morning. Once volunteers process the request letters, shop for and wrap the gifts, the U.S. Postal Service delivers the presents. The organization provided gifts to more than 4,000 children in 2008.

BMT residents named to dean's list at Misericordia University

Several Back Mountain students have been named to the dean's list at Misericordia University for the fall 2009 semester.

A student at Misericordia University qualifies for the dean's list with a 3.55 grade point average or higher.

Named to the list are: Renee Allbless, Shavertown; Rachael Ayers, Dallas; Megan Baker, Wyoming; Renee Barcheski, Tunkhannock; Abigail Bomboy, Dallas; Brandi Brace, Hunlock Creek; Andrew Breazeale, Dallas; Kathleen Brigham, Trucksville; Kristina Brown, West Wyoming; John Bucha III, Dallas; Linda Burczyk, Wyoming; Trish Burgess, Sweet Valley; Tracey Burkhardt, Dallas; Karen Cefalo, Wyoming; Tamara Chinikay-

lo, Dallas; Sarah Church, West Wyoming; Sharon Clark, Sweet Valley; Elizabeth Clements, Shavertown; Bethany Daron, Shavertown; Rachel Decker, Dallas; Nathan Delmar, Shavertown; Michael Dirs, Shavertown; Elizabeth Dudascik, Dallas; Shannon Elqorchi, Harveys Lake; Roger Giovino, Tunkhannock; Amy Groner, Dallas; Elwood Groner, III, Dallas; Lois Gross, Trucksville; Jessica Hotz, Harveys Lake; Kristina Hrabcak, Wyoming; Joan Ide, Dallas; Nancy Johnson, Dallas; Leah Kaiser, Dallas; Laura Kingston, Tunkhannock; Gary Koncewicz, West Wyoming; Lauren Lando, Dallas; Tanya Lang, Dallas; Bernadette Lawler, Harveys Lake; George Lazur, Dallas; Joshua Lesinski, Harveys Lake;

Alexandria Litchkofski, Hunlock Creek; Anthony Lubinski, Sweet Valley; Joan Luksa, Dallas; Marguerite MacDougall, Harveys Lake; Jill Marchakitus, Hunlock Creek; Lisa Marso, Dallas; Tara Matlock, Harveys Lake; Paige May, Dallas; Noelle Mc Kay, Harveys Lake; John Mc Mullen, III, Shavertown; Brianna McLaughlin, Dallas; Ashley Mihal, Wyoming; Jennifer Mines, Dallas; Cheryl Montigney, Hunlock Creek; Ashlie Morris, Dallas; Maura Neher, Shavertown; Denise Nezzozzi, Dallas; Courtney Novajosky, Noxen; Renee Novitski, Dallas; Alisha Nudo, Tunkhannock; Laura O'Gorman, Hunlock Creek; Brittany O'Neill, Harveys Lake; Brenda Orehtsky, Dallas;

Lisa Perugino, Dallas; Anthony Pirouz, Dallas; Jason Platts, Tunkhannock; Carl Postupak, Dallas; Kristin Randazzo, West Wyoming; Robin Razawich, Dallas; Sarah Rupert, Dallas; Erik Sandstrom, Harveys Lake; Leana Sariah, Dallas; Rose Scott, Harveys Lake; Leslie Serino, Shavertown; Kendra Spears, Trucksville; Catherine Stanski, Dallas; Elizabeth Stuscavage, Wyoming; Cara Symons, Shavertown; Michael Truscott, Tunkhannock; Jaclyn Tschantz, Tunkhannock; Suzanne Vernon, Dallas; Jennifer Walp, Dallas; Ruth Whitesell, Harveys Lake; Michael Wyberski, Dallas; Kaytlin Yachim, Dallas; Frank Yamrick, Dallas; Sandy Yanchick, Noxen; Stephen Zubko, Dallas.

Several Back Mountain residents are named to dean's list at King's College

Dr. Nicholas A. Holodick, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, recently announced that several Back Mountain students have qualified for the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester.

Students at King's College must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or higher in

order to be named to the dean's list.

They are Nicholas Diaco, Allison Evans, James Heffers, Jordan Junta, Kristen Justice, Laura Panzatta, Paulina Posatko, Victoria Posatko, John Prater, Nicole Rave, Noreen Sariah.

Also, Christopher Skevofilax, Amy Sperling, Lindsay Szalkow-

ski, Erin Tanner, Daniel Taroli, Jane Tomkinson and Angela Wagner, all of Dallas.

Also, Eric Butruce, Rachael Gallup, Michael Gergel, Tiffany Gergel, Kevin Gilbertson, Alyssa Gill, Robert Greenhalgh, Alexander Kish, Michael Kowalski.

Also, Marilyn Malia, Nicole Mitkus, Kathleen Paley, Kimber-

ly Peron.

Also, Robert Peron, Lauren Seelye, Laurie Shevock and Amanda Waligun, all of Shavertown.

Also, Daniel Barry, Jason Bess, Robin Crossley, Aimee Fritzges, Desiree Spears and Rebecca Stasik, all of Trucksville.

L-L EMPLOYEES RING SALVATION ARMY BELL



Employees of the Lake-Lehman School District recently volunteered their time to help the Salvation Army by ringing a bell for the Kettle Drive at Thomas' Market in Shavertown. Bell ringers collected about \$350 to help the Salvation Army during the holiday season. From left, are Heather Wertman, Linda VanOrden, Erin Cragle, teachers; and Marilyn Glogowski, principal, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.