

GOH FORENSICS TEAM TAKES PART IN FINALS



Gate of Heaven students participated in the Diocese of Scranton Regional Forensic Competition at Holy Redeemer High School on March 18 where they placed second and advanced to the final Forensic competition at St. Claire/St. Paul School in Scranton on April 15. From left, are Anthony Khoudary, Justin Marshall, Chester Brennan, Maria Pino, Nicole Carvanagh and Shelby Smith.

LCCC NURSING FORUM HOLDS SWEATSHIRT SALE



The Luzerne County Community College Nursing Forum recently held a sweatshirt sale. Proceeds were donated to various local charities. Members of LCCC's Nursing Forum are, from left, Raquel Smith, secretary, Wilkes-Barre; Melissa Prokopchak, vice president, Plains; Tori Spencer, president, Sweet Valley; Theresa Gulbish, Wilkes-Barre; Peggy Sosnak, associate professor, nursing and Nursing Forum adviser; and Shannon Thomas, treasurer, Dallas.

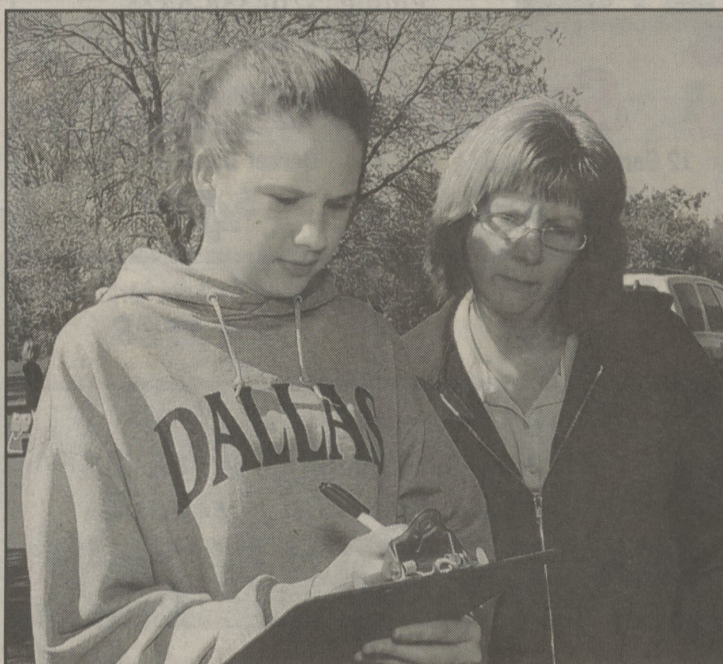


Ritch Bernick, of Swoyersville, plants a viburnum bush at the park.

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Volunteers rally to clean up state park

They showed up with rakes, shovels, gloves and a healthy dose of enthusiasm. Volunteers participated in Clean Up Day at Frances Slocum State Park on April 24. The day, scheduled to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, saw the park getting spruced up for the upcoming summer season.



Christine and Rose Zavaskas, of Kingston Township, sign up for duties at the park.



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A group of 20 people will travel to St. Marc, Haiti from May 12-18 for Back Mountain Harvest Assembly's fifth annual medical missionary trip. From left, first row, are Majorie Redan, Maude Geary, Becky Stokes, Gerry Marks and Marie Beauvais. Second row, Ron Hillard, Bill Haas, Becky Gilbert, Suzanne Hillard, Jeanie Haas, Maryellen Giannuzzi, John Plucenik and Bob Marks.

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registered nurse since 1968. She was asked to go on the trip by the Hillards.

"I think people have an innate sense of wanting to contribute, whether it's money or time or whatever they can contribute to a bad situation," Giannuzzi said. "I think it's a gift to be able to go and do that. If you have a skill that somebody needs, that's kind of really neat. I think it's just the right thing to do."

Hillard said the missionaries were hand picked because they are all experienced medical personnel who have been on missions before. In addition, Hillard said everyone going has been screened for chronic illnesses because mosquitoes and flies are

everywhere in Haiti and could transmit a disease.

Also, each volunteer is paying for the trip at his or her own expense, Hillard said.

St. Marc, located about an hour and a half north of Port-au-Prince, has become a center of tent cities for people displaced by the earthquake, Hillard said. The group hopes to operate in three tent towns with a total population of about 30,000 people, he said.

"These people in Haiti continue to suffer even with all the aid," Hillard said. "Most of the aid has not gotten to the people. They are pouring Clorox in their eyes to stop a virus that's making them blind. Hundreds of women each week die from lack of post-delivery care. Malaria, typhoid, T.B. (tuberculosis) and rabies are rampant everywhere. Church missions like ours through the help of mission families already

on the ground are really the only ones doing the majority of the front line health care."

The Rev. Rehill said the group expects to see up to 500 patients a day while in Haiti. That's almost the same amount of patients in one day as the total number of patients seen on each trip to Nicaragua. In 2008, the group treated a total of 565 people.

The missionary group has already sent medicine, thousands of protein bars, fly traps and several hundred pairs of eyeglasses to Haiti for the mission. The supplies were sent to Florida where they were then flown to Haiti by a charity called Agape Flight.

"One of the things we try to maintain is we might not be able to help everybody, but we can help somebody," the Rev. Rehill said. "We're just going to try to help as many 'somebodies' as we can."

MU students donate blankets to Ecuador

The Misericordia University Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) made more than 100 comfort blankets for Dr. Francis J. Collini, M.D., to present to Ecuadorian children when he returns to the South American country in June.

Through Community Cares for Kids, Dr. Collini and a team of surgeons have been providing corrective surgery since 1997 for children in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The volunteer organization is based in Shavertown and has reached out to help needy children, particularly those born with birth defects or suffering from deforming injuries, like cleft lip and palate.

Community Cares for Kids was founded by volunteers and businesses to help needy children in developing countries. Every summer, a team of doctors and nurses provides the necessary medical services and supplies to about 100 children who otherwise would not receive proper care.

During the June 5-12 visit, Dr. Collini and his wife, Susan, will also present children with comforting blankets that were made by Misericordia



Students in the Misericordia University Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association donated more than 100 comfort blankets to children in Ecuador. From left, are Kelsey Davis, of Clarks Summit, secretary; Maggie Constable, of Lewisburg, president; Mrs. Susan Collini, Dr. Francis J. Collini, MD; and Katie Lawlor, of Hillsdale, N.J., vice president, recently delivered the blankets to Dr. Collini's Shavertown office.

University Speech-Language Pathology majors, as well as two area senior knitting clubs.

The blankets come in many different styles, sizes and colors. Some were crocheted while others were knitted or assembled using fleece.

The knitters also sewed a special message — "Sonrisas reconstruidas, caritas felices, esperanza cumplida" — onto the blankets, which means "reconstructive smiles, happy faces and hope fulfilled" and a Misericordia University tag.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

OTIS	TAG	IFFY
PAPE	ONE	BARE
EXIT	AIR	ICON
DISOWN	MODEMS	
FED	DEC	
RIFF	FACEMASK	
ETA	RDA	ROE
FACEBOOK	IDLY	
ERR	EMS	
BALAAM	WOODEN	
ISIS	ABA	BITE
LIFE	GEL	ANNA

Go Figure!

answers

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6	÷	6	+	1	2
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9	÷	3	x	7	21
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Super Crossword

Answers

FANG	FATS	BRAS	CLAP
OVER	RIOT	DEANS	PHOTO
GARZA	ANNA	RAJIGE	AIKES
CONTINUED	TOD	DECLINE	
SPENT	NAVY	RAVEL	
GOD	ETTS	DEW	RYAN
HITROCK	BOTTOM	ENT	ALL
ARIA	ION	APU	DARES
LEONARDO	ALTAR	ARMADJ	
KEN	RAW	AGE	ESIAE
REMAI	UNCHANGED		
GIBE	BYRD	DAY	AUK
ENRICO	ERNST	GLEEGLUI	
SLIDE	DEW	RYAN	PALLE
TEA	CLIP	WERE	SHARPLI
ETNA	MAGS	UTE	TYS
GROSZ	INA	GOOEY	
ROSE	FIN	HEAVY	TRADING
GILAN	MACHIO	ENRE	GLAFF
WILDE	SHORN	ALAN	ELAB
SOSA	SITY	LATE	NEXT