



Students, staff and faculty at Misericordia University spent their lunch hour recently making bagged lunches for the homeless as part of the Day of Service honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. From left, are Sarah Munley, occupational therapy major, Sussex, N.J.; Jim Miller, occupational therapy major, Ashland, N.J.; Jennifer Kates, biology major, Dallas; and Maureen Pascal, associate professor of physical therapy.

MU students pack 60 lunch bags

Misericordia University students packed 60 bagged lunches for the homeless on Jan. 17 during their lunch hour as a part of the Day of Service honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The bagged lunches were delivered to REACH of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in

Wilkes-Barre, a drop-in homeless shelter for men and women. The activity was especially beneficial on that day because the local free soup kitchen, St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre, does not serve dinner on Monday evenings.

More than a dozen stu-

dents, staff and faculty took part in the project, sponsored by Campus Ministry. Students, who are members of Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania, made the deliveries. A portion of the food was donated by Metz and Associates, the campus food service provider.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Music Box presents 'Nunsense'

The Music Box Repertory Company will present the musical comedy, "Nunsense" today, March 6 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. A buffet dinner is served 90 minutes prior to curtain.

For reservations, call 283-2195.

Osterhout hosts smartphone clinic

A Smartphone Clinic will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 7 at the Osterhout Free Library, Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Ten teens will act as "Smart phone geeks." They will bring their own assorted smartphones, anything from the Apple iPhone to the Motorola Droid X, and discuss and demonstrate the capabilities of the phones.

Call 821-1959 to register.

GDAC presents seminar on March 7

The second installment of the "Educational Series for an Informed Citizenry" will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7 in Sandy & Marlene Insalaco Hall, Rooms 216-217, on the Misericordia University campus, 301 Lake St., Dallas.

Conrad Daniel Volz, Dr. PH, MPH, of the University of Pittsburgh Center for Healthy Environments and Communities, will present "Public Health Impacts of Marcellus Shale Extraction," a frank discussion of natural gas compressor stations.

The presentation is hosted by the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition and is free and open to the public.

Facebook for Seniors class planned

A Facebook for Seniors class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at the Osterhout Free Library, Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Each participant will be paired with a tech savvy teen who will show the seniors how to create a Facebook profile, make friends on Facebook, write on a "wall," send messages, upload pictures and albums and more.

Participants must have an e-mail account and know how to access it on a public com-

puter. Call 821-1959 to register.

Planting seminar planned for March 9

Penn State Extension Community Forester Vinnie Cotrone will talk about planting and much more on Planting and Care of Trees and Shrubs in Home Landscapes from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 at the Luzerne County West Side Annex, 2009 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

This presentation is sponsored by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners Luzerne County.

Registration and a fee of \$5 per person are required. Contact Penn State Extension Luzerne County at 825-1701 or 602-0600 to register.

BMBA sets March luncheon date

The Back Mountain Business Association (BMBA) will hold its March membership luncheon at noon on Thursday, March 10 at Irem Country Club, 397 Country Club Rd., Dallas.

Featured speakers will be The Lands at Hillside Farms Executive Director Chet Mozloom and Dr. Doug Ayers, DVM, who will provide an update on progress at the farm.

Cost for lunch is \$14 for members and \$19 for guests. Reservations should be made by March 8 to BMBA President Chip Morgan at 714-1509.

Civil War Round Table meeting set

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

The speaker will be Jo Ann Bogdanovicz in first person as Mrs. Robert E. Lee.

For more information, call Pete at 639-1283.

Bingo planned

A 50/50 Bingo will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Noxen School, School Street.

Food and beverages will be available and players will pay per card. All proceeds benefit the Noxen-Monroe Sportsmen's Club.

For more information, call 298-2052.

Breakfast planned

George M. Dallas Lodge No.

531, Free and Accepted Masons will sponsor an all-you-can-eat charity breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 13 at the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 in Dallas to benefit masonic charities.

The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausage, danish, coffee, tea and orange juice. Tickets are available at the door for a donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Dance benefits school project

The Noxen Historical Community Association will sponsor a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 18 at the Noxen School, School Street.

Music for all will be provided by D&D DJ's with door prizes, food and refreshments available. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

All proceeds benefit the Noxen School Building Project. For more information, call 298-2952.

Lewis to be honored at dinner

A testimonial dinner honoring Robert K. Lewis, PM will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the AppleTree Terrace at Newberry Estates in Dallas in recognition of his serving as Worshipful Master of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons for the 2010 Masonic year.

Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by testimonial presentations and dancing. Cost is \$35 per person and payment is to be made no later than March 14.

Tickets are available from any lodge officer or can also be obtained by sending a check made payable to George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 to George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, c/o Barry Wagner, PM, 60 Main St., Dallas, PA 18612.

For additional information, contact Barry Wagner, PM at 696-5462.

OBITUARIES

JONES - Laura C., 98, of Little Meadows, formerly of Noxen, died Saturday, February 19, 2011, at the Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

She was born May 22, 1912, in Noxen, graduated from Noxen High School in 1930 and had been employed by various dress factories in the Mehoopany and Noxen areas for many years.

She was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church and had attended the South Apalachin Baptist Church, Apalachin, N.Y., since residing at Little Meadows.

Surviving are her children, Theodore, of Carthage, N.Y.; Richard, of Beaumont; Patricia Hobbs, of North Tonawanda, N.Y.; and Karlene Sorber, with whom she resided in Little Meadows; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Noxen United Methodist Church, State Route 29, Noxen, PA 18636, or the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

LITCHMAN - Joseph F., M.D., 54, of Harveys Lake, died Sunday, February 20, 2011, after a 15-month battle with cancer.

He graduated from Lake-Lehman High School, Wilkes University and received his degree to practice medicine from Hahnemann Medical School in Philadelphia when he was 23 years of age.

He was board certified in both family medicine and emergency medicine. For nearly 30 years, he practiced at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and was one of the founders of Linden Medical Group.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen; daughters, Lauren, Rachael, Kirsten and Sarah; sister, Lorraine Regan, Dallas; and father, Joseph Sr., Kingston.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort, PA 18704.

MILLIGAN - William G. Jr., 48, of Harveys Lake, died unexpectedly at home Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

He was born January 16, 1963, in Hudson, N.Y., and owned and operated the former B&M Cable Co., Dallas, for 20 years.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shavertown, and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are his father, William "Red" Milligan, of New York; his wife, Jennifer; sons, Paul Ray, of West Nanticoke; and William John, of Harveys Lake; siblings, Ron, Darlene and Jack.

Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

MUELLER - Theodor "Ted," 65, of Dallas, died Monday, February 21, 2011, at Mercy Hospice, Scranton.

He was born in Wilbad, Germany, was a graduate of Plainfield High School, New Jersey, class of 1965, and was employed as a manager for American Asphalt, retiring in 2004.

He served for five and a half years with the U.S. Army, the last two years during the Vietnam War as a warrant officer piloting a helicopter. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

He was a member of the Dallas American Legion, Post 672, where he served as the president of the Home Association for many years.

Surviving are his son, Mark, Dallas; sister, Maria Chyb, Phillipsburg, N.J.; two nieces. F

NEWBERRY - Grace A. Posten, 95, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

She was born in West Pittston

and was a member of the Tunkhannock Baptist Church. She worked at the Endicott Johnson Shoe factory in Tunkhannock and retired from the Owens-Illinois Corp., Pittston. She was a 50-year member of the Grange.

Surviving are her sons, Daniel Allen, William Allen, Wayne Allen, all of Tunkhannock; a sister, Mary Button, of Springville; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Humane Society of Wyoming Valley, P.O. Box 478, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

PHILLIPS - Marjorie Nearhood, 78, of Dallas, died Saturday, February 19, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was a graduate of Forty Fort High School and the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing. She was a member of the Kunkle United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, John T.; sister, Virginia Swan, Kalispell, Mont.; and two nephews.

PROKOPCHAK - Walter A., 92, of Franklin Township, died Friday morning, February 25, 2011, at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

He was born on the family farm in Franklin Township on April 25, 1918, and graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1936.

He also graduated from Bloomsburg State Teachers College, where he received his state standard certification to teach in the public schools of Pennsylvania. He continued his education at Bucknell University, Penn State University and The University of Scranton, where he obtained his master's degree in elementary and secondary school principal from Bucknell.

He worked at Blue Ribbon Cake Co. of Kingston. In 1952, he and his wife purchased the family dairy farm which they operated until 1969.

He began his career at Beaumont Elementary School and also taught at Trucksville, Shavertown and Westmoreland Ele-

mentary schools, later becoming the supervising principal of those schools, retiring in 1980.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Teachers, National Education Association and Bloomsburg Alumni.

Surviving are his sons, Michael and Walter; a daughter Mary Stone; stepchildren, Michael and Richard Spak; Barbara Achey; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

STEELE - Bernard A., of Tunkhannock, died at home on Saturday morning, February 26, 2011.

He was born in Nicholson, Pa., on January 7, 1921, and worked at the Tunkhannock Agway for 31 1/2 years, retiring as manager.

He was a 1939 graduate of Factoryville High School and a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Nona Mark Steele; sons, Ronald and Bruce, both of Tunkhannock, Gregory, of Palsbo, Wash.; five grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Indraloka Animal Sanctuary, PO Box 155, Mehoopany, PA 18629.

ZBIK - Henry Louis, 83, of Chase, died Tuesday, February 22, 2011, after a long illness.

He attended Harter High School and served his country in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

In addition to being a dairy farmer and a member of the Jackson Township Fire Co., he worked for Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. and was secretary-treasurer of Jackson Township, Luzerne County, both for more than three decades.

He was a life-long member of St. Mary of the Nativity Church and then All Saints Parish, Plymouth.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; his daughter, Rose Mary, of Port Matilda; his sister, Angela Zbik, of Plymouth and Kingston; a niece; two nephews.

Memorial donations to All Saints Parish, 66 Willow St., Plymouth, PA 18651.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Pancake supper set

A pancake supper and bake sale will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 8 at the Noxen United Methodist Church, route 29, Noxen.

Menu consists of pancakes (plain or buckwheat), fruit toppings, sausage or ham, scrambled eggs, apple sauce, juice, coffee or tea. Donation is \$5.

Ruggles church holds fundraiser

The Ruggles United Methodist Church will host a fund raiser from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10

at Friendly's in Dallas.

A portion of all eat-in and take-out meals will be donated to the church.

Concert slated for March 12

Selah's "Shelter Me Tour" featuring Aaron Shust and Shaun Groves will perform at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Cross Creek Community Church, 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville.

Tickets, at \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, can be purchased by calling 696-0399.

Teen scholarship pageant set for April

A preliminary scholarship pageant to Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program will be launched in Northeast Pennsylvania in April for young ladies ages 12-17 to enter.

Applications may be downloaded from NEPApageant.com or by calling 675-

1761.

Entrants will present a two minute on-stage talent, interview privately with the judges, compete in an on-stage fitness walk, in an evening gown and be required to have a critical issue platform.

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