MU students offer food aid to Noxen residents

outreach program to assist those Social Work Department. in need in the nearby community of Noxen.

residents and families living near Lee. or below the poverty level, ac-2000 U.S. Census.

Community services in the small rural community of approxrecent flooding caused by Hurri-houses.' cane Irene and Tropical Storm local roads and infrastructure.

ulations in their neighboring community.

Fueled by a desire to make a difdent Chelsea Mixon, a social health science majors, such as ference in the region, the Miser- work major from Bethlehem, who physical therapy, occupational icordia Campus Ministry has or- has undertaken the Noxen project therapy, nursing and speech-langanized a year-long community as part of an internship with the

Just a few weeks into the academic semester, Mixon immedi-The community, approximate- ately stepped in and helped coor- the community's Clothes Closet, ly 11 miles from the MU campus, dinate student volunteers who ashas a significantly lower income sisted with flood clean-up efforts level compared to the national av- at dozens of homes in the commuerage and a higher percentage of nity following Tropical Storm

cording to data provided by the ing the flooding," says Rev. Linda Bryan, pastor of the Noxen United Methodist Church. "If it wasn't for her helping bring student volimately 1,630 have been stretched unteers to our area, people would by governmental budget cuts and still be trying to clean out their Munley '13, an early childhood national English Honor Society Duryea.

Mixon is also working with Pasvolunteers each week at the Pasing much-needed assistance to a age of 60 to 80 families in the revariety of organizations and pop- gion are served each month. She also assists Pastor Bryan on visits Spearheading and coordinat- of the region and is coordinating ing the effort is Misericordia stu- assistance from students in the

guage pathology, as needed.

Under Mixon's direction, Misericordia volunteers also helping organize and sort clothing at a clothing bank set up by the Community Development Corporation of Noxen, Kunkle and Ruggles, located in the Old Schoolhouse Building. Mixon "Chelsea was a God-send dur- and a group of students recently filled a van with clothing from the Bloomsburg area and delivered it to the Clothes Closet as a part of their volunteer efforts.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Chelsea Mixon, right, accepts food for storage from Polly James in the Pastor Byron Food Pantry, Noxen. The Misericordia i University intern has coordinated food relief efforts in Noxen.

Misericordia students Sarah chapter of Sigma Tau Delta Inter-flooded Holy Rosary School in \$35,833, compared to \$50,046 in and special education major from recently held a book drive on Vernon, N.J., and Alina Busch, a campus and plans to donate a portreach in the Noxen community Lee that did severe damage to the tor Bryan, coordinating student social work major from Waldorf, tion of the books to the flood-will continue throughout the Md., have also established an af- damaged Noxen library along spring semester. One of her goals Student volunteers are provid- tor's Food Pantry where an aver- ter-school tutoring program in with two others in the region that is to increase the level of help to grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Lake- were affected by the recent flood- the library and clothing bank, ser-Noxen Elementary School. The ing. More than 1,000 books were vices desperately needed in the tutoring takes place on Mondays collected during the one-month small, rural community. to elderly homebound residents and Tuesdays throughout the se- effort and will be distributed to

Mixon says the student ou-

According to 2000 U.S. census the Noxen and West Pittston li- data, the median income for a pared to the U.S. rate of 12.4 per-The Misericordia University braries and the library of the family in Noxen Township was cent.

the U.S. The per capital income for the township was \$14,488, compared to \$21,587 across the country.

In the community, 13.8 percent live below the poverty line, compared to 9.20 percent nationally. The rate of individuals in the community who live below the poverty line is 17.1 percent, com-

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON - June E., 78, formerly of Dallas, died Wednesday, Lakeside Nursing Center, Dallas, December 7, 2011, at the United Methodist Homes Wesley Village Campus, Jenkins Township.

She was born in Toms River, ical Center, Plains Township. N.J., and was employed by the Dallas Area School District, working in the cafeteria at the Westmoreland

Surviving are daughters, Diane Wagner, Shavertown; Tamara Jenkins, Dallas; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter;

Memorial donations to United Methodist Homes Wesley Village zerne County SPCA. Campus, 209 Roberts Rd., Pittston, PA 18640 or to the Hospice 18702.

DENMON - Kenneth D., 81, of short illness.

He was born September 12, School, class of 1948. In 1950, he niel. enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for four years on the USS Menard during the Korean Con-

employed at Klein Auto Parts of Wilkes-Barre. Tunkhannock for over 30 years. United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Julia Hilbert Denmon, of Beaumont; his children, Rick, Monroe Township; Mark, Noxen; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Sherwood, Upper

Black Eddy; nieces and nephews. Noxen United Methodist Memo- various support groups. rial Fund, 3390 SR 29S, Noxen, PA 18636.

EDWARDS - Nancy S., 85, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, died on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at her residence at The Village at

Greenbriar, Dallas. She was born January 5, 1926, in Kingston, graduated from Wyoming Seminary and attended Hood College, Frederick, Md. She then graduated from Drexel

University, Philadelphia. She was an instructor in the practical nursing program at Wilkes-Barre Vo-Tech. She was a member of Church of Christ Uniting, Kingston. She also was a member of the Luzerne County Historical Society.

Surviving are a son, T.H., Camp Hill; a daughter, Debra Evans, Kingston Township; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Red Cross, 256 N. Sherman St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

FRITZGES - Beverly S., 84, of and formerly of Shavertown, died Sunday, December 4, 2011, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Med-

She was born in Scranton on Feb. 18, 1927, was a graduate of West Pittston High School, class Elementary of 1943 and of College Misericor-School until her retirement in dia, Dallas, class of 1947, with a unit secretary. degree in education.

She was employed as a teacher Golightly, Shavertown; Heidi at several local school districts. She was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her sons, James, sister, Rose Johnston, William- Dallas; Barry, Wilkes-Barre; sissport, Md.; brother, Edward He-ter, Margaret Mitchell, Lake Wiwett, Shippensburg; nieces and nola; nieces, nephews and cou-

Memorial donations to the Lu-

KINNEY - Evans D., 87, of Harof the Sacred Heart, 600 Balti- veys Lake, died Thursday, Dec. 8, more Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 2011, at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dal-

las. He was born on Oct. 13, 1924, Beaumont, died Monday, De- in Hanover Township, was a sercember 5, 2011, in the Wilkes- geant of the United States Army Barre General Hospital after a and a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 57 1930, in Forty Fort, and was a years, the former Theresa P. graduate of Beaumont High Spernoga; sons, Barry and Da-

KISHBACH - Linda Jane, 54, of Shavertown, died Saturday, December 3, 2011, in the Hospice of Prior to his retirement, he was the VNA at St. Luke's Villa,

She was born in Bristol Town-He was a member of the Noxen ship, Bucks County, was a graduate of Dallas High School class of 1975 and a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Misericordia University. She was employed by Geneal therapist, working at Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

Memorial donations to the Candy's Place, Forty Fort, and its Bloomsburg.

children; step-son, Justin Rosser, nieces and nephews. Wilkes-Barre; sister, Carol Ann

Davis, Kingston; brother, Christopher W. Davis, Tunkhannock; died suddenly in her home on nieces and nephews.

Washington Square Apartments, died Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at Mercy Center in Dallas after a short illness.

She was born March 26, 1929, in Wilkes-Barre. She retired from Mercy Hospital, where she was a

A member of the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, she was a communicant at the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Concep-

Surviving are her children, Judy McCray, Cindy Flynn and Jim; five grandsons; two great-grandsons; and sisters, Aileen Heck, Margaret Eckert, Mary Hannon and Betty McEvoy.

Memorial donations to the Sisters of Mercy, PO Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612.

POWELL-Edward S, 81, of Idetown Road, Dallas, died Friday, December 9, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Wanamie and graduated from Newport High School, class of 1947. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He had resided on Idetown Road in Dallas for the past 56 years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a salesman for Whiteman Tower Paper Co. Earlier, he was employed by Zoeller Paper Company.

He was a 50-year member of Idetown United Methodist Church. He was past president of the Lehman Fire Company and was active with the Irem Temple for 50 years, serving as Potentate in 1983. He was captain of the sis Health Care as an occupation- Arab Emeritus Patrol for many years. He was a member of George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 She was very active with F&AM and Caldwell Consistory,

Surviving are his wife of 61 Surviving are her son, Mathew years, the former Dorothy Ogin; Joseph, Shavertown; three grand-sister, Barbara Haydock, Alden;

SIMCHICK - Ashley, of Dallas, veterinary technician. Sunday, December 4, 2011.

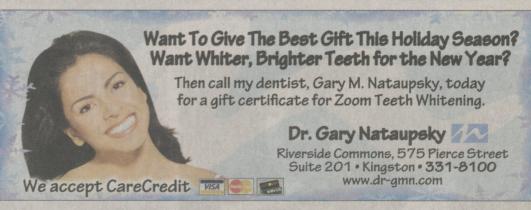
She was born in Kingston on LYONS-Theresa Austin, 82, of January 2, 1986. She was a 2004 graduate of Dallas Senior High er, Lijang Simchick; sister, Mallo-School and was employed as a ry; maternal grandparents, Do-

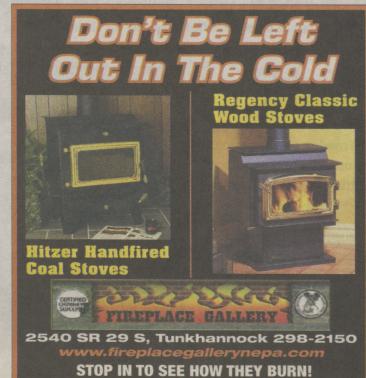
Surviving are her parents, Jill Ketchel, Swoyersville; and John Simchick, Shavertown; her stepfather, John Ketchel; step-moth-

nald and Blodwen Shaffer; pater nal grandparents, John and Antoinette Simchick.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne County SPCA or to the Blue Chip Animal Shelter.











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