

L-J STUDENTS HOLD FOOD DRIVE



Lehman-Jackson Elementary School students and staff recently donated boxes of food to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The goal was for each class to donate 100 cans of food for the celebration of the 100th day of school. The students were very generous and far exceeded their goal. The Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) also donated money to the food pantry. The Back Mountain Food Pantry has provided food for residents in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts since 1977 and has seen an increase in the number of families needing assistance. Assisting in packaging the food are, from left, Mrs. Doreen Johnson, sixth-grade teacher; Sahara Carr, Raven Moore, Carly Souder, Liam O'Brien, Tyler Savitski and Carol Eyet, Back Mountain Food Pantry manager.



Misericordia University's The Highlander student newspaper won two Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Keystone Press Awards. From left, are Amber Gulla of Plains, April Dulsky of Dallas Township, Josh Horton of Pittston, Ellen Hoffman of Kingston, Julia Truax of Millville and Katlin Bunton of Kingston.

MU student newspaper cited

The staff of Misericordia University's student newspaper, The Highlander, was awarded two Keystone Press Awards by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association (PNA).

Writers April Dulsky of Dallas Township, Josh Horton of Pittston and Julia Truax of Millville, received a second-place award in the category of On-Going News Coverage for a series of reports on evacuation and student recovery efforts by the Misericordia University campus community following the historic flooding caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in September 2011.

Misericordia senior Amber Gulla of Plains Township received honorable mention in the category of Public Service/Enterprise Package. Her article, "Where the Green Grass Shouldn't Grow," was published Oct. 20, 2011, and inspired a student campaign that led to improvements to the building that houses the campus commuter lounge.

Dulsky's Sept. 22 article, "Picking Up the Pieces Together," detailed the experiences of students and staff

who were personally impacted by the unprecedented flooding in September 2011, including those from the hardest-hit towns of Bloomsburg, Tunkhannock and West Pittston.

Dulsky is a senior majoring in communications and English. She is the web editor for the newspaper. A frequent contributor since her freshman year, Dulsky also won an award for her enterprise news story, "Loophole Lassos Students' Health Care" in 2011.

Horton's submission, "Open Arms for Evacuees," published on Sept. 13, covered the anguish and appreciation of the flood evacuees housed temporarily at the Misericordia University Anderson Sports and Health Center.

"I just happened to be on campus at the time the evacuees were starting to arrive, and I was able to cover the news story as it was happening," he said. "It was a tough article to write. It was so sad the people were so frightened and worried about what was happening to their homes - yet, at the same time, they were so appreciative of having a place to stay."

Truax authored the article, "Residential Cleanup Trucks On," on Oct. 5, 2011. She reported on recovery efforts by Misericordia students in Myo Beach, a small community along the Susquehanna River in Wyoming County that was decimated by the flooding.

"I went to Myo Beach with a team of Misericordia students organized by Campus Ministry," said Truax, the content editor and senior majoring in communications and psychology. "The people were so appreciative of volunteer help and told me that they didn't know how they would ever get back into their houses without the help of the Misericordia students."

The Misericordia students will attend the Keystone Press Awards banquet to be held in Hershey in March, along with editor-in-chief Katlin Bunton, a senior communications major specializing in journalism and public relations and print editor Ellen Hoffman, a sophomore communications major, of Kingston.

The Highlander can be accessed online at www.highlandernews.net.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

1992 DHS classmates sought

The Dallas Senior High School Class of 1992 is currently seeking classmates for its 20th anniversary reunion on May 26 at Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estates.

Classmates are asked to e-mail contact information to the reunion committee at 92dallas@gmail.com.

DHS Lock-In Committee will meet

The Dallas High School PTO Lock-In Committee will have a pre-rummage sale meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the high school.

Weis and Thomas' gift cards and cruise raffle tickets will be available for sale.

For more information, call Ellen Hunter at 674-9924.

Family Fun Expo slated

The Dallas Elementary School PTO will sponsor a Family Fun Expo, along with the school's annual Science Fair and Scholastic Book Fair, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Dallas Elementary School.

Organizations and businesses are invited to attend and provide parents with information, registration forms, brochures and handouts about activities for their children.

Admission is free. For more information or to reserve a vendor space, contact Kristen Angelicola at kard180@epix.net.

Senior Lock-In

rummage sale set

The Dallas High School Senior Lock-In Committee will hold its third annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 11 at the Dallas Middle School.

There will be a variety of items ranging from jewelry, clothing, toys, household items, antiques, collectibles and appliances.

Students will perform at Seminary

The Wyoming Seminary Music Department will present a special performance by members of the Bratislava State Conservatory of Music, Slovakia, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, just north of Kingston Corners.

The concert, titled "An Evening At The Opera And More," will feature a 12-year-old violinist and four student singers, performing popular works of opera.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2192.

Craft show slated

The Tunkhannock Area Middle School Band will host a craft show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 at the middle school.

Movie presented at Misericordia

The Misericordia University Student Activities Department

will present "New Year's Eve" as part of its Movie Nights at Misericordia film series at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 in Leonard Theater at Walsh Hall.

Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with proper identification and \$3 for the general public.

For more information, contact Patrick McKamy, coordinator of student activities, at 674-6411.

Seminary presents Music Festival

The Wyoming Seminary Music Department will present a Shostakovich Chamber Music Festival, featuring the music of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1 in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, just north of Kingston Corners.

The concerts will include instrumental and vocal works and will feature professional and student performers.

The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2192.

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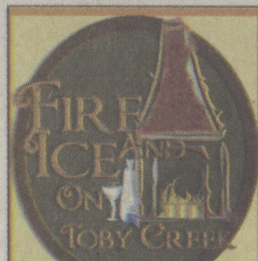
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