

# Noxen youngsters are 'adopted' by MU students

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About 40 Lake-Noxen Elementary School third and fourth-graders often start their after-school program by shimmying and shaking to the beats of a few silly songs.

That's because the after-school mentoring and tutoring program run by Misericordia University students can only be effective if students "get their wiggles out," said senior Chelsea Mixon, of Bethlehem.

Mixon is part of a group of students that have "adopted" Noxen Township as part of a community outreach project sponsored by Misericordia. The project began in September, though it was planned before historic flooding rocked the township in 2011.

Since then, the group of students has donated books to the Noxen Library, provided food to the Noxen Food Pantry, sorted clothing at the community's Clothes Closet and began mentoring young minds at Lake-Noxen Elementary on a weekly basis in December.

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in grade 3 through 6, was dedicated to helping students having trouble in certain subject areas. The second half features fun activities to help students learn skills like team building and conflict resolution.

The third and fourth-grade students learned about community service on March 19 as Mixon led the group in creating scarves to donate to the Clothes Closet, located in the Old Schoolhouse Building on School Street, Noxen Township. The students also made bookmarks for the Noxen library.

Twenty-one-year-old Brittany Kneal, of Shavertown, got involved in the project due to a course requirement, but finds herself looking forward to spending time with the youngsters every Monday and Tuesday.

"Everyone's got a different learning style so I can see there are different ways to help," she

said about tutoring.

Kneal also can see the way the program affects the children who participate.

"They love it," she said. "They love being able to get their homework done while in school instead of worrying about it later, and they help one another."

Alexa Harvey, 8, of Noxen, likes the program because of snack time. She's already had some experience in community service, too.

"During the flood, the water was up to our door, but we stayed at my Pop's on the hill," she said. "My neighbor (got flooded) and she's really old and needs help, so me and my mom go to help her."

Zach Stuart, 9, of Sweet Valley, loves playing games and writing in a journal at the end of the day.

The students write in a journal at the end of every session and the mentors write back.



ABOVE PHOTO: Ashley Covert, 8, gets help from Misericordia student Alina Busch during a craft session at Lake-Noxen Elementary School.



RIGHT PHOTO: Misericordia University student Chelsea Mixon speaks to students at Lake-Noxen Elementary School who are taking part in a yearlong outreach program to assist those in need in the Noxen community.

## DALLAS STUDENTS ATTEND FBLA CONFERENCE



The Dallas Future Business Leaders of America will attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey from April 15-19. Students advanced to states after winning regionals which at LCCC in January. Winners at the SLC have the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer in San Antonio, Texas. Shown here, first row, is Rocky Rutkoski. From left, second row, are Romy Morsy, Rachael Alles, Alyssa Blamire. Third row, Zachary Goodwin, Logan Darling, Drew Harding. Absent at the time of the photo were Evonna Ackourey, Greg Petorak and James DelPriore.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Seminary plans Open House events

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston and Lower School in Forty Fort are offering area elementary, middle and high school students and their families an opportunity to visit either campus on Easter Monday, April 9.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Lower School and at 8:30 a.m. at the Upper School. Visiting students will attend classes, tour campus and have lunch. Tours of the Upper and Lower Schools for parents will be offered as well.

For more information or to register for the day's events, call the Lower School Admission Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School at 270-2160.

### Day Without Shoes

### planned at MU

The Misericordia Social Justice Committee is urging people on campus and in the community to take part in One Day Without Shoes, a global effort on April 10 to raise awareness about the millions of children worldwide who have no shoes.

The Occupational Therapy International Club is also assisting with the event, offering toe nail and feet painting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. also on the Banks lawn. Student

Participants in the Misericordia event will receive ankle bracelets inspired by TOMS shoes.

For more information, call the Misericordia Campus Ministry at 674-6495.

### DHS Lock-In

### Committee meets

The Dallas High School Lock-In Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 in the high school common area.

For more information, contact Ellen Hunter at 674-9924 or Teresa Dennis at 696-3756.

### Arts program slated

"Journey Through the Arts," a celebration of Misericordia students' achievements in music, drama, literature and photography, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 in the Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall.

For additional details, contact the Misericordia University Box Office at 674-6719.

### LL Lock-In Committee plans rummage sale

The Lake Lehman Last Knight Lock-In Committee will

hold its first-ever rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Set up begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$10 for a 10x10 indoor space. Checks should be made payable to Lake-Lehman Last Knight and mailed to Lake-Lehman School District, P.O. Box 38, Lehman, PA 18627.

### Movies at Misericordia

The Misericordia University Student Activities Department will present "Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows" as part of its Movie Nights at Misericordia film series at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 in the Lemmond Theater at Walsh Hall.

Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with an ID and \$3 for the general public.

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

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### Flapjack Fundraiser benefits DHS Lock-In

An Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 at Applebee's in Wilkes-Barre.

Tickets to this event are \$5 each and proceeds will be used to provide a mechanical bull at the Dallas High School Lock-In set for June 15.

For tickets, call Ellen Hunter at 674-9924 or Teresa Dennis at 696-3756.

### Basket Bingo planned for Evans Falls school

A Basket Bingo will be held on April 14 at Evans Falls Elementary School. Doors open at 10 a.m. and events begin at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$20 for 20 games of 3-face bingo. There will also be chance bingo game. Single tickets will be sold for \$2 each or three for \$5.

There will also be a food sale, bake sale, 50/50 (includes 31 handbag), lottery tree, pull tab bingo, raffles, and door prizes! Players under 18 must be

accompanied by an adult. For more information, call contact 817-0262.

### LCCC plans Open House

Luzerne County Community College will hold a Spring Open House from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 14 at the college's Campus Center. General information and financial aid sessions will be held and tours will be given throughout the day.

For more information, call the LCCC Admissions Office at 740-0337.

### PAI plans gala performance

The Performing Arts Institute (PAI) of Wyoming Seminary will present a special gala performance at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 in the Amato Auditorium of the Wyoming Seminary Lower School, 1560 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

For more information, call 270-2186.

# Open House

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