

Couple celebrates 45 years

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Meyers, Jr., of Kingston, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23. They were married in the First Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre by the Rev. James Wert. The ceremony took place on Thanksgiving Day in 1967.

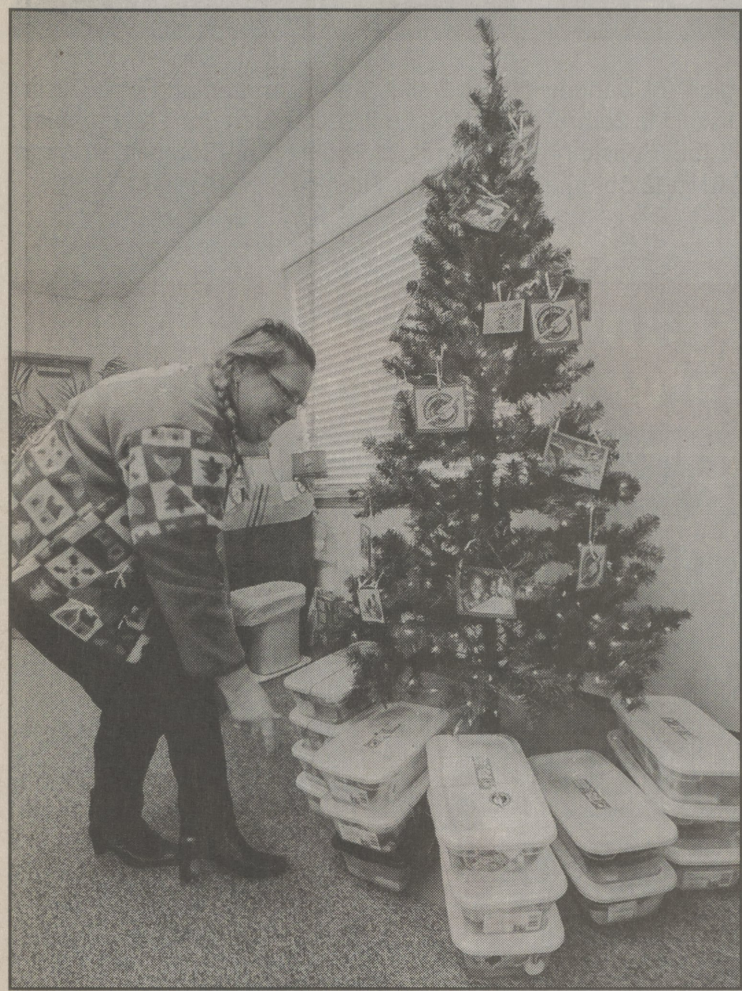
The couple is the daughter and son-in-law of the late Ronald and

Gloria Littleton.

Both are graduates of the former Kingston High School.

Mr. Meyers is retired from Verizon after 34 years of service. He is now employed by the Dallas School District.

They are the parents of daughter and son-in-law, Christie and Paul Potera. They have one grandson, William Ronald Potera.



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Tammy Gray, of Forty Fort, places donations from Cross Creek Community Church beneath a Christmas tree for distribution during Operation Christmas Child at the church hall in Kingston Township.

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paste, a comb, a brush and a letter to the child in the box her family prepared.

Volunteers from the church will load up their pickup trucks with the shipping boxes full of donations and transport them to the regional location at Moosic Alliance Church in Moosic.

There, regional coordinator a King will have all the boxes in a NEPA loaded into tractor-

trailers for shipment to Boone. And then it's off to the world.

Samaritan's Purse has volunteers from all over that will hop planes, trucks, boats and even elephants to make sure these shoeboxes reach children around the world who need them most.

Cross Creek was the relay center, but other churches from the area donated this year, including Dallas Baptist Church, Huntsville Christian Church, Fellowship Church, Alderson United Methodist Church, Muhlenburg Christian Academy and others from outside the Back Mountain.

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the National Guard were all over the area doing their part. Cars were washed onto the sidewalks and filled with mud. There was water everywhere, and the students described the smell as "horrible."

"Even with the masks on you could smell it," said Caroline Landen, a sophomore.

After dropping off their collected supplies at designated locations, the six students were off to get their hands dirty. They walked the streets of Staten Island searching for anyone in need of help. They helped gut houses, clear debris and clean up the broken pieces of the lives of residents most affected. Landen said there was so much water damage that drywall crumbled in her hands and she was easily able to put her foot through one-ounce walls.

Miller said the homes were marked with colored fliers placed in windows. A green flier meant the home was safe to live in. Yellow meant the residents needed to be cautious because the home had suffered signifi-



Misericordia University alumna Megan Franz, of Bethlehem, and student Jim Miller, of Ashland, wear protective masks and gloves as they ripped down the walls of a damaged home in Staten Island.

cant damage. These were the homes the students helped repair. Homes with red fliers were a total loss and could not be returned to. Miller said most of those homes were completely off their foundations.

"They were still in shock," Landen of the residents they met. "I just don't think it hit them yet that their entire homes were gone."

In one house, students were asked to break up furniture and

recruited some assistance from three men passing by at the time who were excited to help. The men gave the students "I (heart) Staten Island" t-shirts that were sold as part of a fundraiser for the disaster relief.

"We laughed a lot and we made it fun but we were focused and we knew what we had to do," Miller said, "but we always remained respectful."

Miller also shared that students encountered language barrier difficulties while helping homeowners, but admitted it was never hard to see where help was needed.

After finishing at one home, Gough said the girls had a conversation with the homeowner. The woman thanked them over and over and told the girls she couldn't express how thankful she was for their help.

"They needed a lot of help," said Landen. "I would want help if something like this had hap-

pened to me."

After their long day of helping those in need, the group of volunteers traveled 40 minutes outside the city to Bridgewater, NJ, where Landen's mother made dinner for the group.

Other students who lent a helping hand include Emily Kudlacik, Parsippany, NJ; Alexandra Graham, Madison, NJ; and Irene Donnelly, Olyphant.

Misericordia students are planning other trips to take relief to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Kristen Samuels, Outreach Coordinator for the university, said the swim team was scheduled to deliver more supplies to the victims of the storm this past Saturday.

"We've got lots of generous students," said Samuels. She is hoping the university is able to send donations steadily until the students leave campus for Thanksgiving vacation.

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP

Tax increase proposed

By CAMILLE FIOTI
Dallas Post Correspondent

Township supervisors passed the first reading of the proposed 2013 budget at their regular meeting on Nov. 19.

Due to the rising cost of fuel, insurance and other expenses, Chairman Dave Sutton said there will be a slight increase of a fifth of a mill, from 1.25 to 1.45. The increase equates to roughly an additional \$25 per household, he pointed out.

A mill is a \$1 tax on every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The board plans to adopt the \$1.2 million plan at its December meeting.

In other business, the board voted to refinance a loan used to fund construction of the new road department building. The Pennstar Bank loan, with a balance of \$930,000 at a rate of 4.7 percent, will be transferred to Franklin Security Bank at a rate of 3.4 percent. The move will save the township approximate-

ly \$100,000 over the 13 years left on the term.

The board discussed the idea of partnering with the Dallas Area Municipal Authority to set up a composting site behind the municipal building.

DAMA owns a large, portable grinder that could be set up in the back parking lot, the board added.

"What this means, folks," said Sutton, "is that everyone can bring their yard waste here instead of burning in the woods." Sutton said the board would look into whether the property is zoned for that type of use before moving ahead.

"This would be a very beneficial thing for DAMA and us since DAMA doesn't have a lot of room," said Supervisor Doug Ide.

The board thanked township EMA coordinator Jim Welby for helping with emergencies during Hurricane Sandy.

The board also passed an updated version of the dog barking ordinance.

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Dam and, fearing she might be struck by a car in the busy intersection, ushered her into his vehicle and took her with him.

"I said that I would take her overnight," said Becca Janerich, proprietor of Beccaina's Café next to Domino's Pizza. "She was honestly the sweetest dog on the planet and you could tell that she was well trained."

Janerich called shelters, emergency vet hospitals and the police to report she was holding the dog in case anyone had reported her missing. But with no collar, she had no way of knowing where to start.

The morning of Nov. 1, Janerich had a picture of Lillie posted on the Facebook page for Beccaina's Cafe. Chinikaylo's friend Christian Switzer was connected to Beccaina's Facebook page. The photo showed up on his list of activity and was seen by another friend, Josh Morgan.

Morgan posted the photo of Lillie on Chinikaylo's Facebook wall with the caption "Is this your dog? If so, she's safe."

And that's how it all came together.

Within an hour of posting the photo of Lillie on Facebook, Janerich was able to return her to the very grateful Chinikaylo family.

Without posting it on Facebook, said Janerich, there was no way for her to know where Lillie belonged and she could not have gotten her home so quickly.

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