

# 'Watch Your Wallet Roast' will honor MacDowell

The Misericordia University family and members of the community are coming together at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1 at the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs for retiring university president Michael A. MacDowell's "Watch Your Wallet Roast," a retirement celebration that will raise money for the Dr. Michael and Tina MacDowell Endowed Scholarship and the First Lady's Campus Beautification Project.

Misericordia and members of the community will acknowledge and celebrate MacDowell's contributions to the region, to higher education and to Misericordia University during a fun-filled evening. The roast includes a series of surprise guests who will provide unique and colorful glimpses into the president's life and overall career.

The MacDowell Endowed Scholarship will be awarded for the first

time in 2014 to an academically eligible and financially deserving high school student from the greater Wyoming Valley who has exhibited a passion to serve others.

Michael and Tina MacDowell announced in April 2012 that they will retire June 30, 2013, after serving 15 years and helping Luzerne County's oldest college and newest university become regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized.

Remaining true to Misericordia's mission, President MacDowell has been very active by offering his time and talent to the greater NEPA community and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is the past vice chair of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, where he remains on the board. He is the past chair of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Consortium of Colleges and Universities and is a past vice

president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Boy Scout Council.

He was instrumental in establishing the Back Mountain Chamber of Commerce, the Back Mountain Community Partnership and Back Mountain Historical Association. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett appointed him to the 31-member Commission on Postsecondary Education that studied how to make higher education more accessible and affordable for students and taxpayers of the commonwealth.

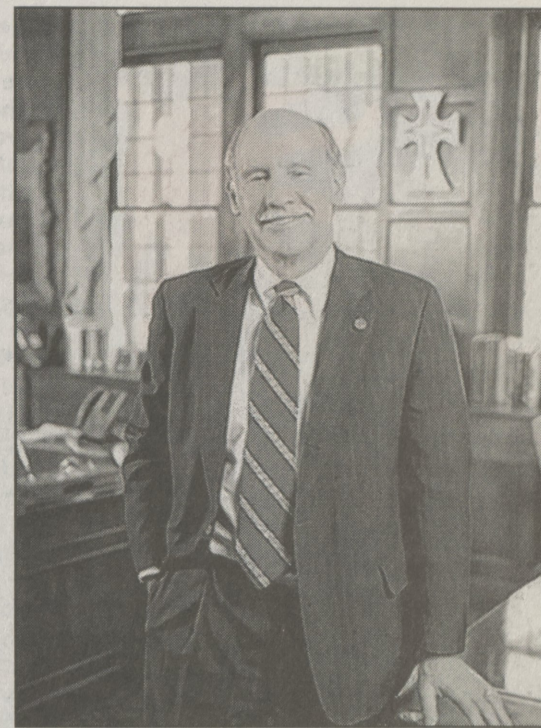
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored President MacDowell in 2010 and 2012 by presenting him with the 2010 Eminent Eagle Award and the 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award. The Luzerne Foundation, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the North Branch Land Trust and the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council also

have recognized his leadership.

Most recently, he received the 2013 Francis J. Michelini Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education from the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania.

The president and his wife will receive The Salvation Army Community Service Award in recognition of their contributions and dedication on behalf of humanity and the promotion of health and wellness initiatives at the annual awards dinner in May.

Tickets for the "Watch Your Wallet Roast" are \$125 per person, which includes a cocktail hour, dinner and an open bar. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Marie Stolarick, assistant director of cultural and special events, at Misericordia University, at 674-6418.



Retiring Misericordia University president Dr. Michael A. MacDowell will be honored at the "Watch Your Wallet Roast" on June 1 at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

## Shavertown UM Church to present concert on April 28

The Fine Arts Concert Series of Shavertown United Methodist Church will present "Songs for All Seasons" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 at the church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

Featured will be vocal and bell choirs from SUMC and guests, along with congregational singing of favorite hymns with organ, bells and choirs. Special guest will be harpist Meghan Davis, formerly from Dallas.

A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert.

For more information, call 675-3616.

Harpist Meghan Davis, formerly of Dallas, will perform during a "Songs for All Seasons" concert at the Shavertown United Methodist Church.



## Going hungry so that others won't

Cross Creek youth group members participate in 30-hour famine.

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In an attempt to learn what the less fortunate must endure, several members of the youth group from Cross Creek Community Church will voluntarily go without food for 30 hours this weekend.

As participants in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, the students will not only be without food, they will also raise money, knowing that for every \$30 they raise, they can help feed and care for a child for a month.

As part of the famine, participants will raise money and participate in a three-hour car wash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at Cross Creek Community Church, 370 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Hunger and preventable diseases claim the lives of more than 20,000 of the world's children every day. Nearly 1 billion people go hungry every day. With more than 6 billion people living on the planet, that means one in six will go hungry tonight.

For some families, the only food they have is whatever they can grow themselves. One drought or flood can wipe out a year's harvest and, when it does, there are no supermarkets or food banks to help.

Laura Sarnak, administration assistant at the church, who, along with Lora Troy is coordinating the local famine, says it's just "amazing" that the youths are volunteering to participate in the famine. "Some

are a little nervous about having to fast," Sarnak admitted. "But, they're willing to do it anyway."

The youths will begin their fast after lunch on Friday afternoon, then will converge on the church at about 6:30 p.m. Friday where they will remain until 7 p.m. on Saturday.

At the church, participants will separate into tribes representing other countries. There will be events set up to simulate challenges of people in other countries, such as trying to find food and clean water.

A worship band will entertain during the evening and participants will build their own refugee camps out of cardboard boxes. Each tribe will have a corner of the chapel to build its own village.

"The hope is that the kids will understand what it's like for those who don't have as much as they have," Sarnak said. "I know, my own kids have so much and don't understand how much other kids don't have. I'm hoping this will open their eyes to families who are struggling, not only in other countries but right here in our own country."

Sarnak said that, even though the participants in the church event are younger, they are still able to help.

"God calls on us to help others," she said. "These kids will learn what it's like to go hungry. By going hungry themselves, they will experience what it's like for kids without food."

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## CIVIC BRIEFS

### BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Company will hold a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, April 21 at the fire hall on Stull Road, Noxen.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

### BINGO SLATED

Bingo will be held on Monday, April 22 at Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m.

Food and beverage will be available. For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

### AUDITIONS SLATED

Auditions for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swayersville.

Five men's roles and four women's roles are open to those ages 16 and older. Participants must bring sheet music of a song of their choice and an accompanist will be provided. All will be asked to read from the script. Performances are June 13 to 16 and June 20 to 23.

For more information, call 283-2195.

### LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library and Leggio's Italian Restaurant, 64 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas will join together to host a fundraising event at the restaurant from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 to support activities of the Children's Summer Reading Program.

A percentage of the total sales (bar not included) taken in during that time, including eat-in, take out and gift certificates, will be donated to the library.

### ROAST BEEF DINNER

A roast beef dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets will be available at the door. Takeouts available.

### MEET & GREET EVENT

The Committee to Elect Craig A. Tupper will present a Meet & Greet fundraising event from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 at Leggio's Dallas location (across from the Dallas American Legion), Route 415. Light dinner and soda will be served.

### DALLAS AUTHOR FEATURED

Karen Morgan, of Dallas, will participate in a Local Author Weekend from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at the Arena Hub Plaza in Wilkes-Barre Township.

Each of the booksigning sessions will feature a panel of 4-7 different authors. Subjects include memoirs, local history, children's picture books, fiction and self-improvement.

Morgan's book, entitled "Morgan Update: Please Forward" encourages anyone who has endured crisis to choose hope, joy and vulnerability.

For more information, call 829-4210.

### DINNER PLANNED

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Com. will hold a family-style beef dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 with takeouts beginning at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 6 years of age.

### CHORAL ARTS

Choral Arts of Luzerne County and guest director John Fitzgerald a "Little Night Music" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at First Presbyterian Church, 97 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

The concert will present music that will guide the audience from evening, through night, through prayer and finally dreams.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door, may be purchased in advance from chorus members or by sending a check payable to Choral Arts of Luzerne County, 190 S. Sprague Ave., Kingston, PA 18704. Reserved seating is provided to those purchasing tickets in advance.

### MEDITATION PROGRAM

An introduction to Zen Meditation will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30 at Mercy Center on the campus of Misericordia University.

The program includes a description of the method of zen meditation, a brief practice period and time for comments and questions. A free will offering will be taken.

Pre-registration is required by calling Sr. Barbara Craig at 675-1872.

## HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

# Earth Day cleanup project scheduled in Harveys Lake today

By SUSAN BETTINGER  
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Megan Sgarlat Prynne, vice chairperson of the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Council, announced details for the 2013 Harveys Lake Earth Day Clean-Up project which will take place from noon to 4 p.m. today, April 21.

Participants will gather and sign in at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, 135 Westpoint Ave., Harveys Lake.

The event, which will be held rain or shine, has been organized in cooperation with the Great American Cleanup of PA. Participants can also enjoy pizza donated by Grotto Pizza at the end of the event.

Anyone interested in the clean-up is asked to contact Prynne at 814-9230 to register.

Dr. Fred Lubnow, of Princeton Hydro, gave an update on the floating wetland islands project at the April 16 council meeting.

Lubnow said he will be able to provide a map displaying the location of the islands once borough officials

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secure a permit for the project. Lubnow stated the islands will be placed close to the shoreline and he wants to see "everyone in the community comfortable" (regarding the locations). The project is being funded by a 319 grant from the PA DEP.

The planning commission meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 has been postponed until 7 p.m. on April 29 when plans for the cell phone tower at Cliff Street will be discussed.

Borough Secretary Susan Sutton will temporarily replace zoning officer Andy Luzetski while Luzetski recovers from recent surgery.

Mayor Clarence Hogan reminds residents to remove inoperable vehicles, as well as all rubbish from their properties. He said residents can call the police department or visit the borough's website for details on regulations regarding this matter.

Hogan also stated that the

borough's Easter egg hunt was a success with more than 100 children participating in the event.

Harveys Lake is offering pick up of unwanted items for seniors (age 62+) as well as for disabled citizens from April 22 to May 3. Eligible citizens with a permit may place unwanted items in front of their homes for pickup. The charge is \$25 per load, \$10 for any major appliance, \$5 per car tire and \$3 for batteries and propane tanks. Proof of age and disability is required. For more information, residents may call the borough building at 639-2113, ext. 0.

Councilwoman Michell'e Boice reminds residents to immediately pay delinquent trash bills as the borough will diligently pursue this matter.

The next council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21.