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St. Luke students collect teddy bears

St. Luke School participated in a recent Erie Otters teddy bear collection for the Salvation Army. The Otters offered a pizza party to the classroom that collected the most stuffed animals. As an entire school, St. Luke collected 1,151 stuffed animals, and classroom 3-A earned the pizza party by collecting 310. Two members of the Erie Otters came and talked with the students, served them lunch and took pictures. The cow mascot from Chick-fil-A also made a surprise appearance, bringing treats for everyone. Enjoying the party were students, in the front row, from left, Rory Noonan, Jordan Hoke and Kendra Winkler. In the second row were, from left, Colin Habursky, Rileigh Green, Aubrey Hoetzel and the Chick-fil-A cow. In the third row were, from left, Robbie Connor, Brigid Ochalek, Lexi Kosobucki, Eli Dausey and Kylie Bruno. In the back row were, from left, students Ryleigh Heasley, Chase Peterson, Gracie Andersen and Jasmine Riesdorff; Erie Otters TJ Fergus and Darren Raddysch; and students Ethan Smith, Giana Farrell-Thompson, Carter Hawkins and Isaac Trost.



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Mercyhurst Prep student's artwork selected

Mercyhurst Preparatory School sophomore Elizabeth Kerner, right, designed the pen-and-ink and colored-pencil holiday drawing of the Watson-Curtze Mansion that was selected as the official 2015 Christmas card for the city of Erie. She also created a charcoal drawing of Mercyhurst Seminary alumna Louise Courtelis' (class of 1950) horse, Stopchargingmaria, the winner of the first race of the 2015 Breeder's Cup. Elizabeth is a painting student in faculty member Chris Bowler's class, and is the daughter of Susan and Daniel Kerner. Mercyhurst Preparatory School principal Deborah Laughlin congratulated Elizabeth on her successes.



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Ornish Program alumni donate to Soup Kitchen

Alumni of the Ornish Reversal Program recently donated more than 260 pounds of food as well as monetary donations to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Roy Bennett, Ornish Reversal Program alumnus, and Jennifer Eberlein, program director of the Ornish Reversal Program, right, presented the items to Rita Scrimenti, of the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.



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Mercyhurst president hosts party for Sisters of Mercy

Mercyhurst University President Michael T. Victor and his wife, Craige Pepper Victor, second from right, hosted a Christmas party for the Sisters of Mercy at the Motherhouse on East Grandview Boulevard. Joining the couple at the party were, from left, Sister Mary Ann Bader, local leader of the Sisters of Mercy; Sister Patricia Whalen, university registrar; and Sister Lisa Mary McCartney, vice president for mission integration at Mercyhurst.



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Salon raises funds for StringsforaCure

The Ambridge Rose Spa & Salon continued its support for the StringsforaCure Foundation by donating \$425 from the sale of pink hair extensions at the salon during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Presenting the check are staff members, from left, Jenn Powierza, Rose Cortes, Allie Pepicello, Michelle Gerhard and Char Szymanowski. StringsforaCure provides financial assistance to breast cancer patients.



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Gannon students conduct toy drive

Members of a Leadership Seminar Class at Gannon University held a toy and clothing drive for the children at Erie Shriners Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center. Sean Harmon, left, and Zach Herron, center, presented the toys and clothes, on behalf of the class, to Greg Hall, public relations manager at Erie Shriners.



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McKean woman packs nearly 2,000 boxes for children

Rose Dobson, of McKean, packed 1,892 gift-filled shoe boxes — enough to fill 100 cartons — for Operation Christmas Child. The packed shoe boxes will be sent to needy children in more than 140 countries. Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of the international relief organization Samaritan's Purse.

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