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COMMUNITY ALBUM



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Students mix it up to promote diversity

Nov. 12 was National Mix-It-Up Day, which is designed to help promote diversity among children. St. Luke School celebrated by allowing students to wear mixed-up outfits and encouraging students to mix up their seats at lunch. Every student in grades one through eight, as well as the teachers, selected a card from a bowl before they went to sit down to eat. They then had to find the tables that had the cards on them that matched the ones in their hands. Some of the participating students included, from left, Katie Benson, Brittini Bumpus, Kurt Johnson and Livia Leonetti.



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Sewing Guild donates purses to StringsforaCure

The members of the North Coast Sewing Guild donated their time, talent and materials to create 77 one-of-a-kind purses, which they donated to representatives of StringsforaCure during an event and luncheon in September. On hand at the event, were, from left, Carol Hirsch, StringsforaCure board chairwoman; Linda Wilkinson, former StringsforaCure board member; Kimberly Jones, president of the North Coast Sewing Guild; and Char Popson, Sewing Guild member who coordinated the purse donation event. The purses, which will contain a number of specially selected items, will be part of a new offering from the StringsforaCure Foundation to provide education, comfort, support and financial assistance to those diagnosed with breast cancer.



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Group knits for Soldiers' & Sailors' Home residents

Members of Caring Hands made and donated 60 hand-knit hats to the Pennsylvania Soldiers' & Sailors' Home for the veterans there. From left, Laurie Stevens, activities director at PA Soldiers' & Sailors' Home, and Robert Benim, Soldiers' & Sailors' Home resident, accept the hats from Mary Kuhn and Joan Sovay, of Caring Hands.



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Motorcycle club donates to injured riders fund

Lake Erie Blue Knights PA Chapter 18 members, from left, Greg Fera and Rick Iadeluca and Blue Knights President Tom Nelson present a check for \$150 to Steve Weston, president of the Injured Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and Foundation board members John Carrick and Scott Dannoe.



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Local fraternity honors late member

Members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity honored the late Johnny Harris at a ceremony on Nov. 16, at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Harris, a deacon at Antioch and a member of the fraternity, contributed greatly to the social, educational and religious fiber of the community. A memorial plaque was given to the church by the fraternity to honor the life and contributions of Harris. Attendees at the ceremony included, from left, fraternity brothers Homer Smith, Dale Barney, Johnny Johnson, Reginald Holland and Gregory Myers.



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Fairview residents collect donations for Upper Room

Joan Martter, left, and Kathi Umpleby delivered 66 checks for \$100 each to Cris Taylor, the executive director of the Upper Room day use shelter in Erie. Each year, the women choose several local charities to receive the donations they raise. Taylor plans to use the money to develop outreach programs for homeless women in Erie.



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Students create drug-prevention tree

Students from the North East Middle School Lead and Seed prevention group assisted in creating a drug prevention tree outside the Widget Kid Zone at the Millcreek Mall. Some of the students who participated in the project were, from left, Tori Schwartz, 11; Liz Schwartz, 11; Madeline Orton, 12; and Ivy Burnett, 11. Project Tree of Knowledge was a countywide contest put on by Coalition Pathways in partnership with Widget Financial to spread a positive drug-free message during the holiday season.

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