

DSC students help make a difference

Volunteer at annual United Way event

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Brandie Stern wasn't looking forward to the class assignment she had been given.

"I thought, 'Oh no, another project I have to do outside of class time,' but I didn't understand," said the Dalton State College social work student. "I didn't understand just how important this project was to the community or us students. Ms. Tammy Rice knew what she was doing when she assigned it."

Rice, the director of field education in social work, assigned her students to work in a group.

They had to research a community service project, write a grant proposal, propose the project to the United Way of Northwest Georgia and then see the project through if theirs was chosen to receive the grant.

The project is done in conjunction with the United Way of Northwest Georgia's annual Make a Difference Day.

This is the third year the social work program at Dalton State has partnered with United Way for the day of voluntary community service. The nonprofit agency awards a \$250 grant to the class project that is chosen.

This year's project was at the Murray County Developmental Center, which provides assistance to individuals with disabilities and their families. Twenty-five social work students, plus 10 community volunteers, made the center's sign more prominent with fresh paint, landscaped the facility and provided outdoor seating.

"It's important for people to be involved in these volunteer projects because it's about neighbors helping neighbors, giving back to where you live, and making your community a better place," said Amy Faillace, volunteer center coordinator for United Way.

"Dalton State students represent the next generation of community leaders. It's a prime time to get these young adults involved with United Way to become current and future volunteers, advocates and givers. It's



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Dalton State College social work students help freshen up areas around the Murray County Developmental Center during the United Way of Northwest Georgia's annual Make a Difference Day.

also a great way to tie Dalton State back to the community."

Being involved in the community, writing grant proposals, learning how to compete for a grant and community service are all important experiences for a social work major, whose career will be spent utilizing many of these skills, Rice said.

"They learn about group work and how hard it is to put something of this magnitude together," she said.

"They have to find the agency they want to work with, find their need, find donations if \$250 isn't enough to cover the project and put together a presentation. If their project isn't chosen, they have to then notify the agency."

"We did more this year than any other year," Rice said. "Our \$250 has gone further than it ever has. This was the largest project, and what they did out there was wonderful."

Stern's mother works at the developmental center and brought the idea of doing a service project to her attention.

"When we went in the center to talk to the agency about the project, we knew immediately we were doing the right thing," Stern said. "One of the individuals served there ran up to me and hugged me like I had never been hugged before. Then every time we went in after that they all remembered me and she hugged me again. They were so appreciative of what we were doing."

"It's so important to be involved in the community this way," she said. "We're helping agencies that don't have it in their budget to do things like landscaping or painting because they use everything they have for their clients. These are nonprofits that have limited resources. This project teaches us to work together for something better. It teaches us to work with agencies, which is a big part of social work."

Crystal Jeffers, also a social work student, was glad to have been a part of the project.

"We fell in love with the developmental center," she said.

"It was a great experience for us. We're going to continue to do these projects, too. All of our classmates had great ideas. Next semester the Social Work Club is going to do some work at the GreenHouse that was a proposed project. This type of work is showing us what our clients are dealing with on a daily basis."

Jan Green, director of the developmental center, was thrilled to have the project proposed and chosen.

"They did such a beautiful job," she said.

"They really spruced up the place. The people we serve were so thrilled when they came in Monday morning and saw the work that had been done over the weekend. I was deeply touched these students considered us, and even more so by the work they put into beautifying the place."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Wednesday's Dow Jones: 17,737.16 ▲ 247.66
 Wednesday's NASDAQ: 5,075.20 ▲ 89.19
 Wednesday's S&P 500: 2,083.58 ▲ 33.14

	Tue.	Wed.		Tue.	Wed.
Gold	1069.8	1071	IntelCorp	32.64	33.16
Silver	14.19	14.28	Tile	19.61	20.33
Altria	56.68	57.06	IBM	133.82	135.82
Acuity	215.55	225.23	JCPenney	7.43	7.69
Apple	113.69	117.29	JNJ	101.50	102.67
AT&T	33.26	33.54	Kroger	37.02	37.54
BAC	17.42	17.84	KimberlyClark	119.18	120.94
BB&T	37.80	38.35	Lowe's	72.85	73.48
BP	34.18	35.10	Eli Lilly	81.30	83.65
BristolMyers	65.73	67.61	McDonalds	110.94	112.53
BerkshireHath	133.09	136.22	Microsoft	52.97	53.85
Caterpillar	69.39	70.32	Merck	53.71	54.23
Comcast	61.13	62.56	Mohawk	182.47	188.98
Chevron	91.03	92.21	3M	157.03	157.39
Coca-Cola	41.67	42.28	MolsonCoors	95.13	94.09
ConAgra	39.36	40.93	Pfizer	32.87	33.31
CrownCrafts	8.49	8.49	Regions	9.87	10.09
Cracker Barrel	132.95	134.43	Rock-TennCo	61.97	61.97
CSX	27.17	28.27	Roper	185.75	191.10
Deere	73.80	74.52	BlackBerry	7.415	7.63
Dixie Group	4.98	5.17	SouthernCo	44.10	44.45
Dow	51.65	53.16	Synovus	32.41	32.97
DukeEnergy	65.83	67.20	SunTrust	42.95	43.77
DuPont	67.07	67.10	TMK	59.65	59.98
ExpScripts	84.12	84.82	TotalSys	53.58	54.36
Ericsson	9.48	9.55	UPS	103.14	103.68
ExxonMobil	79.96	80.74	Verizon	45.08	45.38
Ford	14.15	14.46	Vulcan	101.57	103.09
FirstSec	2.34	2.34	Wal-Mart	59.92	60.93
FortunBrands	52.64	54.13	Walgreen	82.97	84.58
GE	30.32	30.52	WellsFargo	54.96	55.67
Google	725.30	740.00	Wendy's	9.52	9.90
Gold. Sachs	190.57	193.66	Xerox	10.28	10.54
HomeDepot	126.18	126.54	Yum	69.94	71.12

LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS – NOVEMBER 18

Georgia: Cash 3 Evening: 9-8-6; Cash 3 Midday: 8-2-2; Cash 4 Midday: 0-2-7-5; Georgia Five Evening: 5-7-8-3-5; Georgia Five Midday: 8-5-7-1-5
Tennessee: Cash 3 Evening: 7-5-5; Lucky Sum: 17
 Cash 3 Midday: 5-0-1; Lucky Sum: 6
 Cash 4 Evening: 4-0-9-9; Lucky Sum: 22
 Cash 4 Midday: 4-4-1-5; Lucky Sum: 14

Colorado spirituality bookstore named Isis vandalized again

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — A Denver-area store called Isis Books & Gifts wants the world to know its name comes from the Egyptian goddess of healing and motherhood and it isn't run by terrorists.

Co-owner Jeff Harrison said Wednesday that the suburban Denver shop has been vandalized five times in the past year or so, probably by people who mistake the name for ISIS, one of the acronyms for the Islamic State terrorist group.

The latest vandalism came last weekend when a store sign was smashed after the terrorist attacks in

Paris that killed 129 people. The store sells books and gifts related to spirituality, religion and healing.

"Isis is the name of an Egyptian goddess, 3,500 years old at least, the goddess of women and healing and childbirth — basically the antithesis of everything the terrorists are about," he said.

Harrison suspects the vandals are "some ignorant people believing that somehow the terrorists have a store, a gift store, in the middle of Denver, Colorado."

Harrison didn't file a police report. He and his wife, Karen,

have learned to put up with vandalism over the years, he said.

The store has been around since 1980 under the Isis name.

The Harrisons have owned it since 1997.

Jeff Harrison said he's heard from other businesses with "Isis" in their names, asking if they planned to change. He tells them no.

"For now, we are definitely sticking with the name," he said.

The store has not suffered from the name confusion.

"Business has been fine. Actually on the uptick," Harrison said.

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