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Thank You From The Globe Leader

It's a very precious thing, indeed, when a business gets the opportunity to be so involved in the life of a community.

In our case, the business is *The Globe Leader* newspaper. Understandably, a newspaper is *supposed* to be involved, and so we are. But one of the greatest - and unexpected - blessings is the reciprocal involvement the community has returned.

It is a great joy to me when people stop by the office, send cards and notes with subscription renewals, stop me at games, or on the street, and tell us they love what we are trying to do over here.

The truth is, we share that love of our product. That's because our product is people.

It's the story of our lives, and the lives of our children. It's the story of our parents, and their parents before them. It is an unbroken chronicle since 1880 - one hundred twenty-eight years - telling the stories of a community. And those stories go out from here, tiny New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, literally all over the globe, hence the name, I suspect.

And in a totally inadequate way, we at this small, but, important newspaper want to say thank you for your support and kindness. We could never hope to do it without you.

Thanks!

Quote of the Week

Chosen by Darlinda

Before God we are all
equally wise - and
equally foolish.

- Albert Einstein

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Photo by Frank Parrish

Hurricane Ike made landfall in Texas on Saturday, September 13, and then raced northwards. By Sunday night, September 14, the New Wilmington area was feeling the effects of the storm. Although greatly diminished, and bringing no rain, the winds from the former hurricane were strong enough to do some serious damage. It's hard to imagine anyone deciding to stay and "ride out" a full-force hurricane, considering the power of the wind generated by a greatly weakened Ike.



Photo by Glenn Morris

Christopher Knoll, governor of Rotary District 7280, accepts a check for \$3,000 from Mike Boyd, (R) president of New Wilmington Rotary Club. The money will go toward a vast campaign to wipe polio from the world.

Rotary Presents Check To Foundation

Mike Boyd, president of the New Wilmington Rotary Club, recently presented a check for \$3,000 to Rotary Foundation toward finishing a campaign to eradicate polio from the world.

The check was accepted by Christopher Knoll, governor of District 7280, on behalf of RF, a nonprofit charitable arm of Rotary International.

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Back From Africa

Dave Dobish ministers to kids in Nairobi, Kenya

By W. Robert Jackson,
Globe Leader Writer

He's back from Africa and on the speaking stump telling about his experiences.

He's back from Africa where he spent two weeks in June and came back with no big game trophies, no leopard skins, no tales about wild animals viewed close up.

P. David Dobish is back from Africa where he and three other Westminster College alums spent their days with impoverished kids in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya.

They were school kids, 87 of them, ranging in age from four to seven, frequently without meals on weekends and hungry for affection when they showed up every day for school.

"They were just wonderful. They wanted to be hugged. When we came they jumped all over us. They spoke only a few words of English," said David, a 1976 Westminster graduate, now a writer, designer and public relations practitioner.

He founded Peter David Communications of New Wilmington in 1989.

With him in Africa were



Contributed Photo

Dave Dobish with mission school kids in Nairobi, Kenya.

Steve Gould of Grove City, David Dierksen of Wexford and Jon Seltenhien of Harrisburg. They had known each other while students at Westminster.

The school is the product of what is known as the Kenya Children Project and is in the process of adding one new grade each year. Currently there are children in preschool through grade two.

In a color booklet it is described as a holistic education project looking to educate and empower the children of Jangwani Slum (in Nairobi) as well as their families.

The school was started by Adam Gould, 25-year old son of Steve Gould. Steve, a graduate of Eastern College in Philadelphia, had spent a year in Kenya on a mission trip.

The school opened several years ago in a church and is now housed in its own building.

Through foundations, churches and other organizations, the mission eventually hopes to raise \$750,000 and become self-sustaining. It currently has raised \$250,000 towards that goal.

Uniforms are provided for
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