

Student honored for service

Justin Hayes was honored for his service to the community at a recent meeting of the Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club at the Rustic Inn in Lake Luzerne. Justin was accompanied by his mother, Jill Ellis.

Justin, a seventh-grader in Connie Kirkpatrick's class at the Stuart M. Townsend Middle School, was presented the Hadley-Luzerne Humanitarian Award for helping others in the community.



Mary Claire Noakes

Justin Hayes, right, was presented with the Humanitarian Award by Hadley-Luzerne Lions Club First Vice-President Robert Mackay for his service to the community.

Each year since he was in fourth grade, Justin has collected bottles and cans from the neighborhood and cashed them in. For every dollar he raised, his father would match the amount so Justin could help others. He also annually participates in the Lions' Journey for Sight, among other activities. This year, he collected truck-loads of bottles and cans to help families in need.

Through his efforts, he knew "people would sit down for dinner and they would have something good to eat," Justin said. This year, Justin purchased more than 250 cans and containers of food for the needy.