Taking ‘TIME’ to say thanks

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MILTON — As he held onto a plate, pondering if he would like a hamburger, hot dog or both, Ryan Hite noted that community members never prepare lunch for him and his co-workers when they’re on a job site.

Hite, an employee of Wolyniec Construction of Williamsport, said he and his co-workers were thankful to be served a free lunch Thursday afternoon.

Staff and volunteers from The Improved Milton Experience (TIME) served the lunch to workers from the contracting company which is carrying out the Front Street streetscape project.

After the same firm completed streetscape work along the area, Vanesa Venios and Mike Longenberger, of the Improved Milton Experience (TIME) prepared to serve lunch to workers from Wolyniec Construction, who have been contracted to complete the Front Street streetscape project.

Kevin Burnside, an adaptive athlete from Little Falls, N.Y., takes a break before the Freedom Bike Ride continued on its way to Montoursville and Muncy on Thursday.
Riders

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Some of the riders required special equipment to adapt for partially missing limbs. They included Julius Schram, of Huntington Beach, Calif., who lost a leg while on Army duty in Central America. But not all adaptive athletes were military veterans. Kevin Burnside of Little Falls, N.Y., remains active with spina bifida and parts of both legs missing. He used a recumbent cycle powered via hand cranks.

Riders were greeted by Aubrey Alexander when they took a break at Blaise Alexander Nissan, Muncy. Kevin Bittenbender, Union County Veteran’s Fourth of July Parade Committee president noted the timely generosity of the Alexander dealerships.

“For him to step out of the box and hit a home run, (it) was absolutely tremendous to give us the support,” Bittenbender said. “Everyone knows Alexander’s has been monumental with Raise the Region, and not just one singular charitable organization but a plethora of them.”

Transportation for the daily trips was provided by Alexander dealerships. They included rides in Loganton and the Gettysburg area earlier in the week. Alexander admitted having a soft heart for such activities as he spoke on behalf of the dealerships.

Today’s ride, as has been a Freedom Bike Ride tradition, will start and finish in Lewisburg and ride to covered bridges in upper Northumberland County.

Freedom Bike Riders, adaptive and able-bodied alike, will also lead the parade at 10 a.m. Saturday down Market Street, Lewisburg. The final ride will begin in Mifflinburg.


Local 5-Day Forecast

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Family Film Series continues Tuesdays in Lbg.

LEWISBURG — The 2018 Summer Family Film Series will screen family-friendly feature films at 2 p.m. Tuesdays, through Aug. 14, at the Campus Theatre, 413 Market St., Lewisburg.

Movies include:

“Kung Fu Panda”