

# Dallas family honored by Family Service Ass'n

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Caring for kids is second nature to the family of Alan D. and Marleen Shaver of Dallas.

And that is the reason the Shavers were among five families chosen as a "Family of the Year" by The Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley. The Shavers were honored Sunday, November 17, at a ceremony at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre.

With a son of their own, Alan Jr., or A.J., the Shavers are in the process of adopting Stephen and Samantha, a brother and sister foster pair now in their care, and are caring for a 19-month-old foster child, Christopher.

"God plays a big part in my life," said Alan Shaver. "We're both born again and we believe that God has enabled us to take these children and give them a home."

According to George's parents, George and Mary Shaver, who made the nomination, the Shavers are active in numerous community projects, especially at the Northmoreland Baptist Church in Centermoreland, where Alan is a trustee and a Marleen a teacher. The two own a used school bus which they use to transport Bible school and Sunday school students, both in Centermoreland and to the Summit Baptist Academy in Clarks Summit.

"Our church family supported

us with about 35 people," said Alan Shaver of the people who attended the ceremony to see them receive the recognition.

To support their growing family, the Shavers recently started their own lawn care business and are Amway representatives.

"They are always ready and willing to help others in need," said Rev. James Howell. "I have seen them care for and nurture these children as their own. Their birth son, A.J. accepts and loves these children as part of their family."

"This is the United Nations Year of the Family, and what better place to celebrate this than right here in the Wyoming Valley," said Bill Bachman, the host of the ceremony.

Among the criteria used to select the honored families from among 20 nominations, Bachman listed teamwork, meeting special challenges and crises, individual growth within the family, and community involvement.

Eric Lee, a member of the Family Service Association's board, inspired the idea for a "Family of the Year Award," which Bachman promised would become an annual event.

Formed in 1895, The Family Service Association offers individual, couple, family and group counseling on a wide range of topics, many of them related to marriage and raising children.



**A FANTASTIC FAMILY** - Shown from left is the Shaver family. Back row, Marleen Shaver, Alan Shaver, who is holding foster child Chris Smith, and A.J. Shaver. Standing in front are Stephen and Samantha Shaver. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

In addition to a plaque, the honored families will receive gift certificates from Bartikowsky's, The Bon Ton, Boscov's, Hottle's, and Peking Chef.

Other families who were recognized were the Feyrer family from Kingston, the Lee family of Hazleton, the Mimnaugh family of Laf-

lin, and the Stanek family of Ashley. The family of Joseph and Debbie Goryl of Trucksville, and the family of James and Valerie Gialanella of Orange were among the twenty families which were nominated for recognition.

The Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir and Youth Choir provided entertainment for the ceremony.

# Harveys Lake drops out of Comm Center

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It's official — Harveys Lake Borough will drop out of the Back Mountain Communications Center as of May 12, 1992.

Several members of the borough council and Mayor Joseph Boyle went to the Communications Center board meeting November 12 armed with a letter stating the borough was going to withdraw from the center.

At an October 30 special meeting, the borough council had passed a resolution to begin the process of dropping out of the Back Mountain Communications Center, and joining the Luzerne County Communications Center.

The difference? The borough will save half of the \$25,811 that the Back Mountain Communications Center asked Harveys Lake to pay for 1992. The borough will have to pay half of that figure, or \$12,905.50, because its contract with the Communications Center stipulates that six months notice be given before a pullout.

Another difference is that borough residents who call 911 will still be connected with the Back Mountain Communications Center, but dispatchers at the Back Mountain center will then have to telephone the Luzerne County Communications Center, adding an extra step and slowing response slightly.

"I feel bad that we're pulling

out," said councilman David Abod at the meeting. "But we're looking at \$25,000 versus \$0. I think if you were on the same side of the fence you might make the same choice."

Harveys Lake's pullout will force the Communications Center to trim an extra \$12,900 from its \$172,071 budget, a task assigned to Kingston Township manager Jeffrey Box, who prepares the center's budget every year.

"The center is such a labor intensive operation, there's not much you can cut out," said Box.

Box said that among the items which will probably be cut from the center's 1992 budget are a capital improvement fund of \$5,000, and a planned pension fund for the dispatchers of \$3,000. Other savings will come from hiring more part-time dispatchers instead of an additional full-time dispatcher because part-time dispatchers will cost the center less in insurance benefits and payroll taxes.

The Center was also planning to move its facility from the cramped Dallas Township Municipal Building to a space at Nesbitt Hospital's Back Mountain Medical Center. That plan has been put on hold.

"It bugs me that we will pay \$32,000 a year, and Harveys Lake will pay nothing and still have 911 service," said Box.

The Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Company has never belonged to the Communications Center by donating the \$1,500 a

year that other are fire and ambulance companies do.

Eventually, the Center may change its funding formula to one based on the number of residents, or the assessed value of property within the municipality. If either of those two plans were to be adopted, Dallas Borough and Harveys Lake would be asked to pay less to the Communications Center. Jackson and Lehman townships would see a large increase in what they are asked to pay.

Dallas Borough councilman Don Cooper said that in the future, a new funding formula would be needed.

"Frankly, Dallas Borough couldn't handle another hit like this," said Cooper of the \$25,811 that the borough is paying to the communications center.

For 1993, balancing the center's budget may be a little easier, said Box, because an annual loan payment of \$16,000 will be paid off

in 1992. The loan was taken out to set up the center in 1988.

The Communications Center also accepted the resignation of chief dispatcher Mark Bregman at the meeting. Bregman will remain as a regular dispatcher. William Alaimo was appointed temporary chief dispatcher.

# Slow sales blamed for Deer Meadow Estates extension

The Luzerne County Planning Commission approved a request for a one-and-one-half year extension on the preliminary plan approval for the Deer Meadow Estates subdivision at its meeting Thursday, November 14.

The developer of the subdivision, Edward Nelen, said that the extension was necessary because the recession has slowed home sales. Only three homes have been completed so far, two more will be finished soon, one was recently started, and three additional lots have been sold, said Nelen.

Up to 51 single-family homes could be built on the 30 acres of land.

The land was rezoned in 1988 from a Conservation District to residential by Dallas Borough Council, sparking protest from citizens who were worried about the increased water usage the development would bring among other things.

Preliminary plan approval was given for the subdivision, on November 10, 1988, and expired November 10, 1991.

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## Dallas UMC craft show

The Couples Club of the Dallas United Methodist Church will host their Third Annual Craft Show & Sale at the church, 4 Parsonage Street, Dallas, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thirty-two vendors will feature a variety of crafts including wooden items, painted sweatshirts, ceramics, porcelain, mop dolls, rag rugs and oil painted items. A snack bar and bake sale will be sponsored by the church. Admission is free. Some members of the Couples Club are shown above: Priscilla Liput, Reverend Mike Bealla, Susan Kleiner, Donna Lehman and Jim Lehman.

## Obituaries

### JAY DAGLE

Jay A. Dagle, 59, of Meadowcrest, Trucksville, died suddenly Nov. 12, 1991, at home.

Born in Hershey, he was the son of the late George and Catherine Shite Dagle. He was a graduate of Hershey High School. He had resided in Trucksville for the past 30 years. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War. He attended the Trucksville United Methodist Church. He was also a member of George M. Dallas Lodge 531, F.&A.M.; the Greater West Side Chapter 102, Disabled American Veterans; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4909, Dupont; and Daddow Isaac American Legion Post 672, Dallas.

Surviving are his daughter, Judy Jennings, Williamsport; one grandson.

Funeral services were Friday.

### LEONARD EVERETT

Leonard H. Everett, of Larch Lane, Wilkes-Barre, died Nov. 17, 1991 at home.

Born in Hanover Township, he was the son of the late Harvey and Mabel Hersch Everett.

He was a charter member of the Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club and the Wilkes-Barre Barbershop Harmony Chorus.

He was preceded in death by a sister Marion Everett.

Surviving in addition to his wife, the former Teresa Miller, are daughters, Mrs. Tim Mozdian, Mountaintop; Mrs. John Sopp, Kingston; son, Leonard J., Harveys Lake; brother, Kenneth, Dayton, Ohio; sisters, Mrs. Harold Williams, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Rose Steele, Morrow, Ohio; seven granddaughters, several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Nicholas parish cemetery, Shavertown.

### GRANT DAVIS

Grant L. Davis, 40, of Montrose Street, Philadelphia, died Nov. 15, 1991, at home, after an illness.

Born in Pineville, Ore., he was the son of Grant Davis, Billings, Mont. and Dorothy Lees Davis, Dallas. He was a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and a 1975 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He had resided in Philadelphia for the past 15 years. He was employed as a restaurant manager and maitre'd. He was a former member of the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are brothers, Michael L., Arlington, Va.; Brian L., Glastonbury, Conn.; Jonathan L., Washington, D.C.; maternal grandmother, Mrs. John T. Lees, Scranton.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. from the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home, Memorial Highway, Dallas.

Memorial donations, if desired may be made to the Episcopal Community Services of Philadelphia or to the Hospice Program of Pennsylvania Hospital of Philadelphia.

### JEROME LENCOSKI

Jerome Lencoski, of Poland Street, Swoyersville, died Nov. 11, 1991, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of the late Andrew and Mary Lencoski.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret; sisters, Ann Latosec and Julia.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Robedda; sons, Jerome, Tunkhannock; Andrew, Texas; Joseph, Philadelphia; daughter, Mary Ann Krysiwski, Plains Township; stepchildren, Geraldine Margallis and Joanne Baker, both of Swoyersville; Mary Ann Hudick, Centermoreland; Dolores Paratore, Luzerne, Kathryn Bankovich, West Wyoming; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Veronica Wienckowski, Morrisville, NJ; Frances Sopata and Sabina Baran, both of Swoyersville; brother, Al, New Brunswick, NJ.

Interment, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Swoyersville.

### RALPH GRACEY

Ralph W. Gracey, of West Walnut Street, Plymouth, died Nov. 15, 1991, at home following an illness.

Born in Canada, he was the son of Franklin and Ruth Burgdorff Gracey.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Lee; daughter, Melissa Gracey.

Surviving, are his wife, the former June Peters; sons, Arthur Lee, Wilkes-Barre; Ralph S., at home; daughters, Mrs. Richard Wanyo, Plymouth; Mrs. Thomas Peters, Dallas; Terry Lynn, at home; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, Franklin, Ashley; Harry, Mara Loma, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

### REMO QUARTERONI

Remo "Raymond" Quarteroni, of Luzerne, died Nov. 16, 1991, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Frank and Elvira Bonomini Quarteroni.

He and his wife, the former Suzanne Fetchko, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on May 8, 1991.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Reno.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son, Ronald, Dallas; daughters, Sue Anne Hendricks, Lancaster; Barbara Anne Q. Killian, Mountaintop; brother, Rudolph, Luzerne; seven grandchildren.

Interment, Italian Independent Cemetery, West Wyoming.

### ALICE KARASEK

Alice Karasek, formerly of Swoyersville, died Nov. 13, 1991, at Leader East Nursing Home, Kingston, where she had been a guest.

She was the daughter of the late Alexander and Anna Cieslik.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; daughter, Ruth Tavello; grandson, Walter.

Surviving are sons, Edward, Kingston; Leo, Dallas; Stanley, West Wyoming; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Veronica Kobericki, Dickson City; Frances Mecca, Dunmore.

Interment, St. Mary's Czestochowa parish cemetery.

### LINDA RACZKOWSKI

Linda J. Raczkowski, 39, of Sharpe Street, Alden, died Nov. 18, 1991, at the home of her brother, Allen, Lake Silkworth, where she had been a guest for the past six months.

Surviving in addition to her brother, are her mother, Alice M. Rinehimer Arnold and stepfather, Ira G. Arnold, both of Alden; brothers, Raymond, Plautki, Fla.; Frank, Shavertown; sisters, Dolores Price, Richland, NC; Diane Burdulis, Plymouth; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Slocum Cemetery, Slocum.