

Lehman-Jackson Book Fair draws a crowd

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There was something for everyone at the Lehman-Jackson Book Fair. Posters, pencils and erasers, bookmarks, learning games and puzzles and books on everything from video game strategy to nature, mystery and adventure filled

tables in the Lehman-Jackson school's library last week for the school's annual book fair.

Students browsed among items "We do this to encourage the kids to read, but it's hard to tell who is having a better time, us or the kids," laughed PTA mother Carol Shaver.

The PTA obtains a variety of

inexpensive items and books to put on sale; proceeds are donated to the school library.

Evelyn Weaver, Pat Kowalick and Sharon Ciocki served as book fair committee co-chairwomen,

while many PTA parents volunteered to work at the week-long fair.



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Obituaries

HELEN BATORY

Helen V. Batory, of Pine Crest Avenue, Dallas, died Mar. 1, 1992, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, after a long illness.

Born in Plymouth, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Elizabeth Spisak Kalafut. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas and its Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Mercy Center Convent of College Misericordia, for several years.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Natona Mills in Dallas for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen F., Dec. 1990; brothers, Stephen, 1960; Michael, 1975; sister, Mrs. Anne Marie Kalafut, 1972.

Surviving are a son, Stephen S., Dallas; daughters, Mrs. Phillip (Lorraine) Novicki, Wyoming; Mrs. Joseph (Marlene) Yedinak, Fishkill, NY; brother, John P. Kalafut, Plymouth; sisters, Mary P. Kalafut, and Mrs. Betty Harry, both of Plymouth; Mrs. Margaret Janosik, Courtdale; Mrs. Cecilia, I. Morris, Wilkes-Barre; 10 grandchildren; Funeral services will be at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday from the John V. Morris Funeral Home, 625 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Interment, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton

WILLIAM FAUX

William F. Faux of North Mill Street, West Nanticoke, Plymouth Township, died Feb. 23, 1992.

He was the son of Olive Andress Faux of Mountaintop and the late William Faux.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are daughters, Diane Garinger, Michelle Reed, Dawn Groves, Danielle Faux, all of West Virginia; son, William Jr., Wilkes-Barre; four grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Diane Oldziejewski, Mountaintop; Shirley Hoon, Harrisburg; brothers, Emory, Fla., Lee, Chase; Larry, Ohio.

Interment, Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke.

NEIL KOCHER

Neil Kocher, 62, of Lyndwood Avenue, Hanover Township, died Feb. 25, 1992.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Paul and Helen Kocher. A graduate of Dallas High School, he was an Army veteran. He was last employed by Luzerne County Housing authority, Kingston.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Paul and Frank.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rosemary Loftus; son, Neil, Mountaintop; daughter, Kristen, at home; one grandson; sisters, Margaret Farrell, Fayetteville, NY; Helen Hughes, Dallas; several nieces and nephews.

Entombment, St. Mary's Mausoleum, Hanover Township.

MARIAN LYNN

Marian Lynn, 50, of Terrace Avenue, Trucksville section of Kingston Township, died Feb. 27, 1992 at home after a lengthy illness.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Anna Griebel Long. She was a graduate of St. Nicholas High School.

She and her husband, Myron, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary, Feb. 24.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are sons, David, Forkston; Daron, at home; daughter, Debra Lynn, at home; sisters, Florence Krieg, Elizabeth, NJ; Rita Thompson, Marietta, Ga.; one grandchild.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Hospice St. John, 665 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

JOSEPHINE MARTIN

Josephine G. Martin, of Krych Street, Kingston, died Feb. 25, 1992 at home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony B.

Surviving are sons, Joseph, Clarks Summit; William, Luzerne; daughter, Ann Adams, Harveys Lake; sisters, Mary Hatches, Tuckerton, NJ; Helen Jones, Lilian Leeshock and Irene Leeshock, all of Edwardsville; brother, Victor Leeshock, Florence, Ala.

Interment, St. Mary's Annunciation parish cemetery, Pringle.

JEAN CHALAWICK

Jean H. Chalawick, 47, of New Orleans, La., died Feb. 28, 1992, at home.

She was born in Trucksville, daughter of Michael Chalawick, Mountaintop and the late Cathrine Barlock Chalawick. She was a 1962 graduate of Central Catholic High School, Kingston. She attended the Fashion Institute of Design, New York City, and resided in New York City, prior to moving to New Orleans, four years ago.

Surviving in addition to her father, are a sister, Sylvia, New York City; brothers, Michael, Clarkston, Mich.; Joseph, Mountaintop; companion, Eugene Laurents, New Orleans.

Funeral will be held Wednesday at 9:30 from Desiderio Funeral Home Inc., Mountaintop, with Memorial Mass at 10 in St. Jude's Church, Mountaintop.

Interment, St. Ignatius Cemetery, Pringle.

SYBIL JONES

Sybil B. Jones, 88, of Outlet Road, Harveys Lake, died Feb. 26, 1992, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Turbotville, she was the daughter of the late Allen and Lydia Poensch Bortz. She was an elementary school teacher in the Rutter Avenue School, Kingston, for many years, retiring in 1969. She formerly resided in Kingston and Forty Fort and had lived in the Back Mountain since 1972. She was a former member of the Mozart Music Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin V., in 1976.

Surviving are a son, Richard A., Jacksonville, Fla.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, William, Neshanic Station, NJ.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Burial Park, Carverton.

FLORENCE MYERS

Florence May Robbins Myers, 84, of RR 3, Bloomsburg, died Feb. 27, 1992 in Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland, Fla.

Surviving are her husband of five years, Robert F.; daughters, Mrs. Shirley Cunningham, Kearney, Neb.; Mrs. Nancy Broyan, Millinville; sons, Robert D. Robbins, Bloomsburg; James O. Robbins, Pine Valley, NY; three stepchildren, Montrose; 24 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Edward Oncay, Dallas; Mrs. Robert Jerguson, Opa-Locka, Fla.; half-sister, Josephine Hoyt, Dallas; half-brothers, Lewis Drake, Calif.; Worthy Drake, Tenn.

Interment, New Rosemont Cemetery, Espy.

FRANK PAPE

Frank P. Pape, 75, of Second Street, Larksville, died Feb. 29, 1992, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary Pape.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary E. Dunnigan; sons, Francis Jr., Larksville; daughter, Patricia Roman, Trucksville; six grandchildren; sister, Kathleen Kennedy, Wilkes-Barre; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

ELIZABETH SENEAL

Elizabeth Dierolf Senecal, of Tucson, Ariz., died Feb. 20, 1992, at home.

Born and raised in Shavertown, she was the daughter of the late William Henry and Bertha Dierolf.

She was a graduate of Westmoreland High School, Class of 1954. She was preceded in death by her brother, Col. William H. Dierolf.

Surviving are her husband, Jack; daughter, Helene Helmus, Milford, Conn.; sons, Mark Brodinski, Bristol, Conn.; William Brodinski, New Britain, Conn.; Todd Brodinski, Los Angeles, Calif.; stepdaughter, Michelle Senecal, Fla.; brothers, Robert Dierolf, Beckly, W.Va.; stepsister Mariam Evans, Shavertown; stepbrother, Donald Kleinsorge, Kingston; three grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held March 6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.

Memorial donations, if desired may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Main Street, Shavertown or a charity of the donor's choice.

ANTHONY STREVINSKY

Anthony L. Strevinsky, of Ryan St., Luzerne, died Feb. 28, 1992, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

He was the son of the late Peter J. and Susan Uter Strevinsky.

Surviving are brothers, Albert, Luzerne; Joseph, Dallas; sisters, Mrs. Albena Bolsar, Lansdale; Mrs. Mary Sternick, Palm Bay, Fla.; Florence, with whom he resided; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Pringle.

CHESTER VISNESKI

Chester E. Visneski, 72, of Noxen, died Feb. 27, 1992, at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Old Forge, Nov. 4, 1919, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Anna Stacknick Visneski. He had resided in Noxen for most of his life. He was employed as a welder for the Boiler Makers National Transit Lodge, Kansas City, Kan., for 35 years, retiring five years ago. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1227, Duryea.

Surviving are his wife, the former Viola Sickler; sons, Ronald and Eugene, both of Noxen; Chester Jr., Benton; stepsons, John Kovalick, Scranton; Charles Kovalick, Noxen; stepdaughters, Betty Newell, Noxen; Barbara Crispell, Beaumont; brother, Paul, Tunkhannock; sisters, Wanda Berginski and Isabelle McArthur, both of Duryea; 27 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Interment, St. John's Cemetery, Duryea.

MARY YENCHA

Mary Yench, 84, of Jackson Township, died Feb. 25, 1992, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Urey, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Mary Danko Carr. She later moved to Plains Township where she resided until after her marriage to the late Stephen A. Yench Sr. She resided in Jackson Township for more than 50 years. She was a member of St. Stephen's Church, Plymouth.

Surviving are sons, Thomas J., Colonial Heights, Va.; Richard M. and Stephen A. Jr. both of Jackson Township; Joseph M., Parlin, NJ; James P., Cary, NC; daughter, Anna Rita Hydock, Pasadena, Md.; 11 grandchildren.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Strong arms

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PTA improves Lehman-Jackson playground

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Old-fashioned school playgrounds usually made do with a few swings, a sliding board and a set of monkey bars—lots of fun for the little kids, but perhaps a bit tame for the older ones.

But the playground at Lehman-Jackson School provides activity areas to meet the interests and abilities of all students, including platforms, a tunnel slide, a tire swing and a fireman's pole. And equipment for a combination obstacle/physical fitness course for the older students is ready to be set up, once the weather breaks.

In addition to raising funds, PTA volunteers spent several weekends in October installing most of the new equipment and mulch ground cover.

"The original swing sets and sliding boards had begun to deteriorate, so we decided to purchase equipment modules for three different activity areas," Mrs. Roderick said.

"The kindergarten through second grade area has a spiral climb and firemen's pole. Kids wait in line to use the tire swing and tunnel slide, part of the third and fourth graders' area," she added. "We're waiting for warmer weather before we install the fifth and sixth graders' fitness course."

The playground area also has open space for kickball and other group games.

Lehman-Jackson PTA president Debbie Miscalis added that the group also hopes to provide picnic tables for board games in the fifth and sixth graders' area and a larger free-standing slide in the kindergarten through second grade area.

Three types of candy bars (crunch, almond and nut) are still available for \$1 each from any PTA member. And volunteers are needed to help install the fitness course, once warm weather arrives.

Here's how you can help

Although a lot of new playground equipment has been purchased and installed, the proposed obstacle/fitness course in the fifth and sixth grade area needs to be installed. Picnic tables, a larger free-standing sliding board and mulched ground cover are also needed.

- To help sell candy bars (or to buy them yourself), contact any Lehman-Jackson PTA member.
 - To volunteer to help install the equipment, contact: Helen Roderick at 675-4071 or Debbie Miscalis at 477-4956
- The PTA and the children will appreciate your help.



Lake-Noxen Elementary makes a difference

The Lake-Noxen Elementary School held a "Make-a-Difference Day" on Saturday, February 29. Over 70 students participated in activities ranging from juggling classes to working with computers to rescue breathing lessons. Teacher Sandy Goodwin originated the idea. Fifteen adults, eight teachers, and two administrators from the district coordinated the activities. Shown are several students making bead jewelry. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

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