



Lovely Nativity sets are on display at the BMT Library

An egg shape one is Peruvian; an older traditional one from Germany; a tiny one with a baby on a mat from Ecuador; purchased at the Luzerne County Fair years ago. A large straw set on platform, all made of straw, was bought at Heritage Days at the Army. This is a unique collection of a special kind and will be at the library until January 17.

New books at the library: "The Brimstone Wedding" by Barbara Vine is a wise and unsettling tale of the power and the poison of love. Genevieve Warner, 32 years old, thirteen years into a loveless marriage, and recently swept into her first passionate love affair says she cannot tell the gracious, dignified, dying woman who she cares for in an English nursing home because she's too old; she'll have forgotten what sex is. But the dying woman has not forgotten. She knows all about love: its promises, its betrayals, its sometimes deadly consequences. She learned 30 years ago in a country house she still owns.

"Mistress of the Bones" by T.J.

MacGregor is a satisfying and suspenseful novel in the series featuring the husband and wife team of Quin St. James and Mick McCleary. The rich history of Florida's Tango Key provides a lush and evocative backdrop to a story that begins with the discovery of a body in a house in the center of a mango grove. It is Lou Hernando, and the chief suspect is his 17-year-old sidekick Ross Blade, a refugee from a troubled family, who's found a real home with Lou in the cliffside house, a repository of secrets from a time when pirates roamed the nearby waters. This is a treasure hunt of a different order.

"Angel" by Nicholas Guild begins with news clipping about a grim murder in a Dayton motel that shatters the lives of a father and son who share a prosperous New England law practice. The father suffers a fatal heart attack and the son, who had reluctantly chosen to forego a career with a prestigious New York firm, succeeds him as the trustee of dark secrets.



Traditional holiday treat for the old folks

Dallas High School art students who recently visited the Valley Crest Nursing Home to carry on their class's tradition of painting the windows for the holidays were, first row: Jim Ryan, Keith Sassaman, Jamie Sabol, Cheryl Love and Jany Kozak; second row: Debra Bayer, Greg Cobleigh, Kelly Johnson, Brianne Natitus, Sandy McCloud, Janel Burakewicz, Don Holdredge and Jolynda Brown.



Art students bring cheer to county nursing home

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By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is showing a collection of Nativity sets in the display case at the library. These were borrowed from Marilyn Gregorski of Dallas. She began to collect these sets in 1972 and now owns over 50 different sets. The sets were collected during trips to Italy, Germany, Austria, Nassau and Mexico. Some are gifts from family and friends.

There is a stained glass set from Long Beach Island, NJ; a home made one with small trees from Nassau; a wooden set from the Met in New York; a special one with a star from Austria and a Precious Moments nativity set. There is a pyramid nativity from Germany; a large fuchsia colored glass from Mexico and a miniature glass set also from Mexico.

Cosgrove attends science seminar

Dallas High School student Joseph Cosgrove recently attended Susquehanna University's tenth annual Science in Action Day.

Cosgrove attended a lecture on the "Restoration of Chesapeake Bay: Status and Trend" given by Cynthia Adams Dunn, Pennsylvania program director for the Alliance at the Chesapeake Bay and chose one of seven hands-on laboratory sessions from math and computer science to molecular biology.

Students graduate from Kutztown

Two Back Mountain residents received degrees when Kutztown University held its Winter Commencement Dec. 16.

Brian M. Jordan, Dallas, Bachelor of Science, Telecommunications/Production/Journalism & Public Relations.

Andrea D. Bunney, Shavertown, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Business Administration/Marketing.

LaBar begins studies at Messiah College

David W. LaBar began his studies as a freshman at Messiah College this fall. LaBar, a computer science major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood LaBar, RR 4, Dallas and is a 1995 graduate of Ebenezer Faith Christian High School.

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OBITUARIES

MADELINE SZALKOWSKI

Madeline Szalkowski, 87, former resident of Nanticoke and Lake Silkworth, died Dec. 24, 1995, in the Kingston Health Center, Kingston, where she had been a patient for the past three months.

Born June 20, 1908, in Hanover Township, she was the daughter of the late Augustus J. and Mary Calpin Fisher.

She was a 1926 graduate of Sugar Notch High School. She received her nursing degree from the Nanticoke State Hospital School of Nursing in 1931.

Before her retirement, she was employed as a registered nurse at St. Stanislaus Nursing Home, Nanticoke. Earlier in her nursing career she had served at Nanticoke State Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Elizabeth, NJ; and Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, NJ.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth and its Womens Society.

She was a Lioness of the Lake Silkworth Lions Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; brothers, John and Leo P. Fisher; sister, Regina Fisher.

Surviving are brothers, Aloysius Fisher, Korn Krest section of Hanover Township; John Fisher, Wyoming; Lawrence Fisher, Sugar Notch; sisters, Anna Brennan, Wilkes-Barre; Augusta Makoski, Iselin, NJ; Gertrude VanLeuven, Sugar Notch; Catherine Rostock, Pittston; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:45 a.m. Thursday from the Luther M. Kniffen Funeral Home, 465 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. The Rev. Thomas R. Hudak, will officiate.

Interment will be in the parish cemetery, Lehman Township.

LOUISE HAMRICK

Louise A. Hamrick, 83, a former resident of the Meadows Apartments, Dallas, and Buffalo, NY, died Dec. 24, 1995 at the home of her great-niece, Rebecca Kupstas, Lehman Township.

Born Jan. 21, 1912 in Hanover Township, she was a daughter of the late William and Louise Schley Nancarrow.

She was a graduate of Hanover Township High School and West Chester State Teachers College, where she received a teaching degree.

She taught in the public schools of Coatesville and Hanover Township.

Before retirement in 1965, she was in charge of sales promotions for the Sylvania Corp., Buffalo. Previously she was a program director of a Chicago radio station.

She was a member of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas, and the Episcopal Church Women. She was active in its annual bazaar and antiques show.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl "Tiny" Hamrick; brothers, Arch and William Nancarrow; sisters, Viola DeHaven and Wilma Sakoski.

Surviving are nephews, Charles Sakoski, Hanover Twp.; the Rev. Robert Clements, San Diego; William Connors, Kingston; Charles Connors, Mountaintop; nieces, Louise Ann Offshack, Tunkhannock; Aileen Dymond, Shavertown.

Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street, Dallas, 18612 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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