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Nice day at the Post Office

The Dallas office of the U.S. Postal Service recently held a "Customer Appreciation Day." No, they weren't handing out free stamps, but the next best thing was free food and plenty of hospitality. Danielle Simmons, and employee of Shelley Trucking in Lehman, was on the receiving end of a slice of cake made by Carol Socik, a USPS employee. Charlie Innamoratti, a supervisor at the post office, looked on approvingly, or maybe it was hungrily.

OBITUARIES

ELWOOD WEAVER

Elwood W. Weaver, 39, of Noxen, died Feb. 28, 1999 at the Community Medical Center in Scranton as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident at Harveys Lake.

Born Aug. 17, 1959, he was the son of Charles and Carolyn Butler Weaver, Noxen.

He resided in Noxen all of his life.

He graduated from West Side Area Vocational-Technical School in 1978 and was employed by Lou Maffei Auto Body, Kingston, for the past 23 years.

He was a member of St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen; the National Rifle Association; the Noxen Sportsmen's Club; the A.B.A.T.E. (Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education) of Pennsylvania, Susquehanna Chapter, and the Bros. Motorcycle Club.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his daughter, Julie A. Weaver, Harveys Lake; brother, Charles D. Weaver, Noxen; sisters, Linda Patton and Dorothy Konopatski, both of Mill City; Karen Eaton, Lehman Township; Debbie Doughton, Noxen; Barbie Kraft, Landstuhl, Germany; paternal grandmother, Irma Weaver, Noxen; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, Inc., corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, Lake Township, with the Rev. Keith F. Benjamin, pastor of the Noxen United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will be in the Dymond section of Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

NORMA KNECHT

Norma B. Knecht, 95, of Mountainside Manor in Dallas, died Feb. 22, 1999 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Edwardsville, she was the daughter of the late John and Lilybell Smith Boulton.

She attended Edwardsville schools and resided in Dallas Township for most of her life.

She was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church and its Brickell Class. She was preceded in death by her husband, James E.; a son, James J.; and daughter, Norma Clark.

Surviving are a daughter, Elva Elston, Kunkle, Dallas Township; sister, Kathryn Howe, Endicott, NY; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dallas United Methodist Church in Dallas.

ROBERT WILLIAMS

Robert Morse Williams, of Newberry Estates in Dallas, died Feb. 23, 1999 in Hospice Community Care at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre.

Born June 22, 1918 in Exeter Township, he was the son of the late Joseph and Esther Williams.

He resided in Morris Plains, NJ for many years and owned Williams Surgical Appliances in Morristown.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corp veteran, serving as a pilot in World War II. He was a life member of the American Legion.

He was a member of Cincinnati Lodge 3 F&AM of New Jersey; the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of North New Jersey and a Noble Irem Temple, AAONMS of Wilkes-Barre; the Arab Patrol; the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Ann Elizabeth Hunt of Dallas; son, Robert M. II, Hudson, OH and three grandchildren.

Interment, Fern Knoll Cemetery, Dallas.

NAOMI NUSS

Naomi R. Nuss, 92, formerly of Mountainview Drive, in Lehman Township, died Feb. 24, 1999, at Manor-Care Health Services in Kingston.

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Nell (Pettebone) Jones.

She was a graduate of Dorranceton High School and resided in Lehman Township most of her life.

She was a member of Lehman United Methodist Church and the parish Women's Society of Christian Services and Women's Christian Temperance Union.

She was a mastercraftsman of the Harly American Craftsman Guild in Rochester, NY.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles S. Nuss.

Surviving are sons, Charles R., Bothel, WA; Arthur T., Schenectady, NY; and J. Ronald, Seattle; daughter, Susan Masters, New Hope; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; brother, Earl Jones, Moneta, VA; sisters, Mildred Wagner, Selma, CA; Hazel Butcher, Hagerstown, MD.

She donated her body to medical science.

A memorial service will be at a time to be announced.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lehman United Meth-

odist Church, P.O. Box 1, Lehman, 18627.

WILLIAM PIEKANSKI

William J. Piekanski, 44 of East Luzerne Street, Larksville, died Feb. 28, 1999, at his home.

Born May 13, 1954 in Plymouth, he was the son of Raymond and Elizabeth Jean Kratz Piekanski, Larksville.

He was a graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

He was a member of St. Vincent's Church, Plymouth, and the Sons of the American Legion Post 655, Larksville.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are a son, William and a daughter, Loni, both of Dallas; sisters, Elizabeth Wengrzynek, Dallas; Valentina Piekanski, Atlanta, GA; brother, Raymond Piekanski, Jr., Atlanta, GA; several nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services will be held from the Kopicki Funeral Home, Zerbey Ave., Kingston, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Vincent's Church.

Interment, will be in the parish cemetery, Plymouth.

There will be no calling hours.

PAUL JOBSON

Paul D. Jobson, Jr., 36, of Plains Township, died Monday at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the Harold C. Snowden Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown, Kingston Township.

MARY LAMOREAUX

Mary Ruth Lamoreaux, 77, of Lamoreaux Road, Lake Township, RR1, Sweet Valley died Feb. 19, 1999 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Aug. 24, 1921, in Larksville, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Catherine Anderson Doyle.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Lake Silkworth.

She was self-employed in the notary public service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steward (Mike) Lamoreaux; a son, Thomas; and a sister, Patricia Chverha.

Surviving are a daughter, Molly Lamoreaux, at home; a son, James, RR 1, Sweet Valley; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Catherine Yudichak, Larksville and a brother, Joseph Doyle, Wilkes-Barre.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Shawanesee resident Bruce Patrick Helms, 19, was arrested Jan. 19 by Harveys Lake Borough patrolman Mark Karlonis after police were notified of a burglar alarm at Grotto's Pizza. When police arrived, they saw Helms walking across Grotto's parking lot.

In a written statement to police Helms said he was not involved in the burglary and saw a male come from the kitchen area of Grotto's and run when he saw the police car. Four days later Helms told police that he did commit the burglary of Grotto's, stealing cigarettes and bottles of alcohol from the Grand Slam bar. He was charged with criminal trespass, criminal mischief, falsifying written statements, theft by unlawful taking and burglary.

Helms was again arrested Jan. 23 in connection with at least eight car break-ins and two other incidents that occurred on Dec. 23. When questioned about the incidents, Helms told police that he broke into about 14 cars and stole cell phones, a CD, gum, cigarettes and a lighter. He was charged with 10 counts of criminal mischief and tampering with property, three counts of burglary,

three counts of theft by unlawful taking, 10 counts of disorderly conduct and 10 counts of criminal trespass.

The following people waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

D.U.I. CHARGES

• Millville resident Rhoda Kile, 31, was arrested Dec. 19 by Dallas Borough patrolman William Norris after police at D.U.I. roadblock check observed Kile stop 100 yards before the roadblock and turn around. Police observed her driving erratically.

After failing field sobriety tests, she was taken to Wilkes-Barre General where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .117. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

• Dallas resident Craig William George, 41, was arrested Nov. 18 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin when he was observed driving erratically on Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .214, more than twice the legal limit of .10. He was charged with driving under the influence of al-

cohol and careless driving. A related charge of driving without a valid inspection was dismissed.

• Pittston resident Andrew L. Prebola, 72, was arrested Nov. 20 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on E. Center Hill Rd.

After failing field sobriety tests, Prebola was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .164. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to use low beams. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

• Harveys Lake resident Kevin McHale, 41, was arrested Dec. 18 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Drury after he was stopped at a sobriety checkpoint on Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests, McHale was taken to the Luzerne County Central Processing Center where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .133. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

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