

OBITUARIES

MARK YURKO

Mark M. Yurko, 39, of Harveys Lake, died Mar. 29, 1999, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born Nov. 11, 1959 in Newark, N.J., he was a son of Joseph and Ruth (Grapski) Yurko, with whom he resided. He had resided at Harveys Lake for the past 27 years.

He was employed by Mountain Stream Construction in the Pikes Creek section of Lake Township. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church and the Outlet Sportman's Hunting Club, both at Harveys Lake.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas P.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his brother, Joseph M. Jr., Georgetown, TX; sisters, Patricia B. Ruger, Thornhurst; and Donna L. Yurko, Noxen; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

VIRGINIA ROAN

Virginia L. (Llewellyn) Roan, formerly of Harveys Lake and Shavertown, died April 3, 1999, in Oviedo, FL.

Born Aug. 3, 1928, in Plymouth, she was the daughter of the late Albert B. and Marian Durbin Llewellyn.

She was a graduate of Plymouth High School and Edgewood Park Junior College in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

While residing in the Back Mountain, she was associated in business along with her husband, Andrew F. Roan, and son, Andrew F. Roan Jr.

She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

She was active with the Shavertown Fire Company Auxiliary, Ladies of Kiwanis and scouting organizations.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Albert J. Llewellyn.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew F., Oviedo; sons, Andrew F. Roan Jr., Harveys Lake; Stephen Roan, Dalton, GA; daughter, Mimi Asby with whom she resided in Oviedo; sister, Marilyn Jones, Harveys Lake; six grandchildren; four nieces, one nephew; great nieces and nephews; two aunts.

Private funeral services were held Wednesday, from the Hugh Jones Funeral Home, Kingston with the Rev. William Kennard officiating.

JOSEPH ROGOWICZ

Joseph R. Rogowicz, 44, of Kingston Township, died April 3, 1999 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born June 29, 1954, in Nanticoke, he was the son of Martha Strozkeski Rogowicz of Lake Silkworth and the late Joseph Rogowicz.

He was a graduate of John S. Fine High School in Nanticoke. He was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Wilkes College and he graduated from Stonier Graduate School of Banking in 1987 and PBA Central Atlantic School of Commercial Lending.

He began his career in banking at First Eastern Bank in 1972. He served as senior vice-president and was in charge of the bank's credit policy and loan administration unit. He most recently owned and operated Rogowicz Consulting in Plains Township. He also served as adjunct instructor for Marywood University, Wilkes University, Luzerne County Community College and the American Institute of Banking.

He was a past board member of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Huntsville Golf Club. He was also past treasurer of the American Cancer Society, Wyoming Valley Unit.

He was a member of the Luzerne County Business and Industry, the Wyoming Businessmen's Association, Robert Morris Associates, the American Institute of Banking, the President's Society of King's College, the Irem Temple AAOONS, the Shriners, the Irem Golf Club, the Royal Orders of Jesters #154, Lodge 395 F&AM in Kingston and the Westmoreland Club where he served as treasurer.

He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, where he served as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are his wife, the former Karen Szychowski; sister, Theresa Byczek, Lake Silkworth; two nieces and one nephew.

A Memorial Mass will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, with Monsignor Peter Crynes officiating.

Private interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. Wednesday at the family home in Kingston Township.

CLETUS HOLCOMB

Cletus "Sandy" A. Holcomb, 49, formerly of Sweet Valley, died April 4, 1999 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born July 22, 1949, in Kingston, he was the son of Kathryn Jean Ballantine Holcomb of Sweet Valley and the late Cletus L. Holcomb.

He resided in Sweet Valley for most of his life. He moved to the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, six years ago.

He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are a brother, Gene Holcomb, Sweet Valley; one niece and three nephews.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

MARIAN KENNEDY

Marian J. (Jones) Kennedy, 83, of Newberry Estate, Dallas, died April 3, 1999, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Dec. 2, 1915, in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late John Henry and Delhia Roderick Jones.

She was a graduate of GAR Memorial High School and Wilson College in Chambersburg.

She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas. She was also a member of the Westmoreland Club, the General Hospital Auxiliary and the Visiting Nurses' Association Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard E. Kennedy, Esq., former solicitor for the city of Wilkes-Barre; sisters Alice McCormack and Dorothy Jones.

Surviving are her sons, Attorney John H. Kennedy, Harveys Lake; David R. Kennedy, Montandon; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday from the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home, 140 N. Main St., Shavertown, with the Rev. Mark Harper officiating.

Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Hanover Township. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

THEODORA GREY

Theodora L. (Lubinski) Grey, 84, of Forty Fort and formerly of Harveys Lake, died April 3, 1999 at her home.

Born June 12, 1914, in Ross Township, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rosalia Trynaski Lubinski.

She resided at Harveys Lake most of her life before moving to Forty Fort two years ago.

She was employed by the former Native Textiles in Dallas, retiring 10 years ago.

She was a member of the Democratic Women's Club and the Outlet Bible Tabernacle of Harveys Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland Grey; brothers, Jack, Adam and Valentine Lubinski; sisters, Blanche, Margaret, Josefa and Viola.

Surviving are her sons, Blynn, Sweet Valley; Daniel, Scotia, NY; Paul, TN; Timothy, Harveys Lake; daughters, Janet Elko, Harveys Lake; Roseadell Sculley, Dallas; Grace Lutz, with whom she resided; Marsha Cragle, Edwardsville; Mildred O'Brien, Amsterdam, NY; Jayne McDermott, Sweet Valley; sister, Clara Morgan, Berwick; 36 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

FRANCES LENAHA

Frances D. Lenahan, 81, of Shavertown, died Mar. 29, 1999, at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas.

Born Dec. 20, 1917, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Julia (Yanosky) Balucha of Dallas and the late John Andreuszkiewicz.

She was a graduate of Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre.

She had been employed for a time by the Social Security Administration in the Wilkes-Barre office.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward F.; sisters, Jeane Brown, Evelyn Fetterman and Eleanor Andreuszkiewicz and brother, John.

Surviving in addition to her mother, are her daughter, Frances Bednar, Millbrook, NY; son, Edward R., North Kingstown, RI; four grandchildren; sisters, Florence Loftus, Parma, OH; and Bernadine Martin, Lansdale; siblings from a subsequent marriage, Dorothy Haydu, Colonia, NJ; Marie Tomascik, Swoyersville; Frank Balucha, Kingston; Steve Balucha, Wilkes-Barre; numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

17 Gate of Heaven students are science winners

Gate of Heaven won special honors at the annual Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition held at King's College March 6. More than 700 students from 44 schools participated in this annual event. Gate of Heaven received the trophy for having the highest percentage of first award winners. Seventeen of 20 participants received first awards and won the opportunity to present their projects at the state competitions in May.

Special recognition was given to Morgan Carey, eighth grade, for her project titled "Is One's Taste Affected by the Knowledge of the Brand Name?" She performed her task with the help of 3rd, 5th and 8th grade orange juice tasters. She received a perfect score and the Junior High Behavioral Science excellence award. Nora Stepanitis also received a perfect score for her project, "Which Surfaces in the Rooms of Your Home Promote the Most Bacteria and Mold?"

Other first award winners who will be traveling to Penn State in May are seventh graders Blake Bradley and Dorothy Cashore, and eighth graders Liz Ambrose, Gen Blanc, Jill Durr, Molly Guntli, David Lohin, Paul Mentis, Adam Onzik, Elise Persico, Courtney Reap, Susan Rutolo, Daniel Suhocki, Alison Taroli and Kristin Wagner. Anna Bruns, Sharleen Casey and Stephanie Gionta will go to the state meeting to serve as technicians.

A project involves identifying a problem to be solved, hypothesizing an answer, designing and conducting an experiment, recording



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTZEK

Members of the Pennsylvania Jr. Academy of Science from Gate of Heaven School, from left, seated; Nora Stepanitis, Morgan Carey, Jill Durr, Paul Mentis, Dorothy Cashore. Standing; Nedda Cashore, science teacher, Anna Bruns, Liz Ambrose, Courtney Reap, Alison Taroli, David Lohin, Molly Guntli, Stephanie Gionta, Susan Rutolo, Adam Onzik, Blake Bradley, David Suhocki, Shaleen Casey, Kristin Wagner. Absent from photo, Gen Blanc, Elise Persico.

findings and analyzing data to determine if the hypothesis was correct or incorrect.

Students start researching and

planning their projects in December. The final step is presenting the completed project to a panel of judges in March at the regional

competition. Mrs. Cashore, science teacher, sponsors this activity with help from Mr. Simon, math teacher.



Gators win Regis trophy

The Gate of Heaven 6th grade basketball team recently won the Regis Academy post season championship trophy defeating the Regis Gold team in the finals.

Pictured above, 1st row, Jim Dereere, Greg Suhocki, Mike DeRojas, Robert Baur; 2nd row, Steven Goode, Ken Regan, Johnathan Stevens, Matt Wilson; 3rd row, head coach, Chuck Wilson, coach Jim Regan. Missing, coach Dr. Juan DeRojas, player Dan Drury.

Dog license applications at the Post

Mail-in applications for 1999 dog licenses are available at the office of The Dallas Post. Dog owners can pick up application forms Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Fees are \$8 each, or \$6 for spayed or neutered dogs. Senior citizen fees are \$2 less. The forms can be completed and mailed to the Luzerne County Treasurer's Office, 200 River St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711.

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Close plays

Sara Stolarick put the tag on Debbie Botke of Abington Heights in last week's exhibition softball game in Clarks Summit (below). In bottom photo, Sarah Rodgers tried to get to the plate around Comets catcher Aimee Pearce. Both runners were safe.

The Lady Mounts opened the regular season at home against Crestwood. Results were not available for this issue.

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