

OBITUARIES

JOAN MacMILLAN

Joan I. MacMillan, 55, of Noxen died April 29, 1999, at her home. Born Feb. 28, 1944, in Kingston, she was a daughter of Myrtle Turner MacMillan, with whom she resided, and the late Jeddie MacMillan. She resided in Noxen all of her life.

She was a 1962 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

She was employed by the former Nancy's Fashions at Bowman's Creek and the former Country Manor at Harveys Lake.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruth Jurista.

Surviving in addition to her mother, are her brother, John L., with whom she resided; sister, Nancy Vilasi, Binghamton, NY and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care in Kingston.

CONNIE WERNER

Connie Ann Werner, 47, of West Mount Airy Road, Shavertown, died April 28, 1999, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late Adam and Anita (Stravinsky) Steinberg. She was a 1969 graduate of Kingston High School and had resided in Shavertown for the past 24 years. She had been employed by Hechinger Home Project Center in Wilkes-Barre. She previously owned and operated Four Paws Pet Boutique in Wilkes-Barre.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church in Shavertown. Surviving are her husband of 26 years, Stephen E.; sons, Eric, Pittsburgh; and Robert, at home; daughter, Stephanie, at home; brother, Ronald Steinberg, Lofton, SC and sister, Mary Patton, Luzerne.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kingston Township Ambulance Association, East Center St., Shavertown, 18708; or the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill, Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

The Dallas Post publishes obituaries of local residents at no charge. Photographs are welcome.

ELIZABETH GERALD

Elizabeth Gerald, of Mountain View Drive in Lehman Township, died April 29, 1999 at her home.

Born in Lithuania, she was a daughter of the late Adam and Anna (Wychulis) Kamus. She was formerly of Swoyersville.

Before her retirement, she was employed as a floor lady by General Cigar in Kingston.

She was a member of St. Ann's Church in Luzerne.

She was preceded in death by her son, Francis, brothers, John, Frank and Alfred, and sisters, Bernice Kennedy and Constance Urban.

Surviving are her husband of 72 years, Frank; daughters, Mary Kazokas, Wyalusing; and Helen Major, Lehman Township; son, Jerome, West Chester; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; brother, Adam, Cocoa, FL; sisters, Anna Urbanovich, Kingston; Genevieve Deren, Perkassie; and Mary Ebenhack, Green Valley, AZ; nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Pringle.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care in Kingston.

FRANK POKORNY

Frank K. Pokorny, 87, of Dallas died April 27, 1999 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas.

Born Jan. 10, 1912 in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Charles F. and Belle (Athey) Pokorny. He was a graduate of local schools.

Before his retirement, he was employed for 30 years as a foreman at Native Textiles in Dallas.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Trucksville United Methodist Church and was a life member of the Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude (Phillips) Pokorny.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Interment, Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Trucksville United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Road, Trucksville, 18708.



Staff of Northeastern Eye Institute, Shavertown, seated, from left, Nancy Mulligan, receptionist; Roseanne Gallagher, optician; Theresa Pagoda, optometric technician; David Mooney, ophthalmic assistant. Standing, David A. DeRose, M.D.; Curtis Goodwin, O.D.; Marietta Bachman, optometric technician.

BMT Eyecare merges with NE Eye

Curtis Goodwin, O.D., Back Mountain Eyecare Center, 170 N. Memorial Highway, Shavertown, recently merged his practice with that of Northeastern Eye Institute, Scranton.

Dr. Goodwin earned his Bachelor's from East Stroudsburg State College and received his doctorate in Optometry from Indiana University College of Optometry. He completed externships at Ft. Knox Ophthalmology/Optomety Clinic in Kentucky, Indianapolis Low Vision Clinic and Bloomington Contact Lens Research Clinic in Indiana, where he was awarded the Wesley Jessen Contact Lens Research Award.

Dr. Goodwin is certified in the pre and post-operative care for PRK and LASIK laser corrective procedures and was certified in 1997 for the treatment and management of ocular diseases.

He is a member of the Northeast Optometric Society,

as well as the Pennsylvania Optometric Society and the American Optometric Association. Dr. Goodwin is also a member of VOSH—Volunteers of Optometric Service to Humanity and the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association.

Dr. Goodwin practices primary care optometry and specializes in pediatric optometry, contact lenses, pre and post-operative care for laser vision correction and low vision.

Also associated with the Shavertown office is David A. DeRose, M.D. Dr. DeRose specializes in treating glaucoma, diseases of the cornea, cataract surgery and the latest refractive surgery procedures (PRK and LASIK).

Office hours at Shavertown are: Mon. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 675-3627.

Mayor

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said. "Borough council was sort of the next logical step."

The new mayor had been a council member since 1991 and had served as council president for four of those years. He assumes the mayoral reins at a time of general prosperity in the borough. "I just hope to keep the train on track because right now we're running pretty good," said Cooper.

Dallas borough is currently operating in the black and that makes the new mayor very happy. "It used to be, we would start the year with a tax loss anticipation and we'd have to sweat it out to the end," said Cooper. "Now, because of good sound management and smart investments, we have a surplus."

The good economic conditions also have a downside. The prosperity may be making it difficult to fill positions on the town council. There are four borough council seats available in this year's election but only two applicants, both incumbents, have announced their candidacy.

"I think there are benefits and detriments to the current situation," said councilman Charles Kane. "People are happy with the way things are going so they don't feel there is a need to become personally involved with the process."

One of the officials seeking re-

election was sworn in as a council member, at the April 20 meeting filling the position made available by Cooper's resignation. William Berti was nominated to the council and will serve the time remaining in Cooper's term prior to likely starting a four-year term of his own.

Bill Peiffer, who is also on the ballot in May's primary, currently serves as council vice president. "Dallas has come so far from where we started in 1991 when I was first appointed to the council," he said. "At that time, the borough was basically broke."

An increasing tax base is a critical component to the economic revival of the borough. "We are always looking to attract new business to the town," said Cooper. "Projects like the Twin Stacks development are great for the local economy and the community as a whole."

Leadership is also crucial to the continued growth according to the new mayor. "I am very comfortable working with this council; the integrity of its members is most important to successful government," he said.

Anyone wishing to have a voice in borough politics over the next four years is encouraged to contact the borough office at 675-1389 to find out about becoming a write-in candidate in the primary election to be held May 18.

BIRTHS

MERCY CAMPBELL, Edward M. and Debra, Dallas, a son April 20.

EVANS, James and Debra, Harveys Lake, a daughter, April 22.

NESBITT ANDERSON, Mark and Georgiann, Dallas, a son, April 23.

SZCZECINSKI, Curtis and Kristina, Trucksville, a son, April 25.

PENN STATE GEISINGER PELLAM, David and Darlene, Dallas, a daughter, April 22.

DEMBOWSKI, Jeff and Debby, Dallas, a son, April 28.

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