#### OBITUARIES

MARY KUNKLE Active member of Bowman's Creek church

Mary E. Kunkle, of Evans Falls, died Jan. 22, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born Sept. 9, 1917, in Forty Fort, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Susan (Swainbank) Rodda Evans. She attended Courtdale and Beaumont schools. She was a member of the Bowman's Creek Free Methodist Church and its Women's Missionary Society. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; son, Lloyd, Jr.; brothers, Fred, Jr., Howard and Robert Rodda; and sisters, Mildred Weber, Ruth Karpinski and Dorothy Belcastro. Surviving are her daughter, Shirley Mae Brody, Jenks; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; sisters, Leah Russell, Shickshinny; Clara Price and Helen Miller, both of Swoyersville, and many nieces and nephews. Interment; Orcutt Grove Cemetery, Noxen.

# ROBERT MUCHLER

U.S. Army veteran of Korea

Robert C. Muchler, 66, of Hanover Township, died Jan. 23, 2001 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes Barre. Born April 25, 1934, in Wilkes Barre, he was a son of the late James and Louise (Royal) Muchler. He was a graduate of Plymouth High School. He was a baker at Mr. Donuts, Exeter, before retiring. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of St. Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Carlie Jean Homa, Ruthie and Lorraine; and brothers, James, Bill and Gardner. Surviving are his wife of 27 years, the former Frances G. Clayton; sons, Jamie, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; Jerry Poepperling, Mountaintop; Bernard Poepperling, State College; and Dwayne Poepperling, Shavertown section of Kingston Township; daughters, Connie Kopp, Middleburg; Charline Eckhart and Rebekah Muchler, both of Wilkes-Barre; 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; brothers, Charles, New Jersey; and Paul, Johnstown; sister, Elsie Sasko, Lyndwood section of Hanover Township; and several Association, Wilkes-Barre. nieces and nephews. Interment; Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Wilkes-Barre.

#### ROBERT HOSPODAR SR. Owned garage and mini-mart

Robert Hospodar Sr., of Shoemaker Street, Swoyersville, died Jan. 24, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, shortly after admission. Born in Swoyersville, he was a son of the late John and Anna (Hodika) Hospodar. He owned and operated Hospodar's Garage and Mini Mart, Swoyersville. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Holy Name/St. Mary's Church and American Legion Post 644, both of Swoyersville. He was preceded in death by his brother, Steven. Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Reggie; sons, Robert, Jr., Edwardsville; John, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; and Christopher, Swoyersville; daughters, Margaret, Luzerne; and Jessica, Swoyersville; eight grandchildren; and brother, John, Georgia. Interment will be in the parish Holy Name/St. Mary's Church cemetery,

#### PAULINE YASKULSKI Son lives in Sweet Valley

Pauline Yaskulski, of West Church Street, Nanticoke, died Jan. 25, 2001 at her home. Born in Slocum Township, she was a daughter of the late Morris and Freda (Johnson) Smith. She worked for the General Cigar Co., Nanticoke, before retiring. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward. Surviving are her children, John Belnoski, Nanticoke: and Louise Belnoski, with whom she resided; two grandchildren, three grandchildren; brothers, Jacob Smith, Reedsville; John Smith, Nanticoke; Leonard Smith, Sweet Valley section of Ross Township; and Robert Smith, Glen Lyon section of Newport Township; and sisters, Caroline Meck, Plymouth; and Janet Florida. Interment: Jones. Slocum Township Cemetery.

#### NANCY MAKAREWICZ Lived at Harveys Lake, son lives in Dallas

Nancy Ann Makarewicz, of Vulcan Street, Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Mountaintop and Harveys Lake, died Jan. 22, 2001 at Hospice Community Care of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Born in Mountaintop, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Julia (Bobalko) Mack. She was a 1940 graduate of Fairview High School. She worked at Carpenter Nursing Home and Maher Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael. Surviving are her sons, Matthew, Plymouth; Michael, Wilkes-Barre; Raymond, White Haven; John, Pittston; Joseph, Dallas; and Anthony, Hanover Township; daughters, Sophie Hertel, Mansfield; Stephanie Engelman, Tunkhannock; and Veronica Makarewicz, Kingston; 19 grandchildren, one greatgrandson; brothers, George Mack, Georgia; Warren Mack, Florida; and Edward Mack, Mountaintop; and sisters, Elizabeth McClosky, Mountaintop; Helen Mack, North Carolina; and Catherine Songaila, Sugarloaf. Interment; Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas. Memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Association, Wilkes-Barre; or to the American Heart

#### **BLANCHE PICCHI** Son lives at Harveys Lake

Blanche I. Picchi, 78, of Plains Township, formerly of Kingston, died Jan. 25, 2001 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born June 2, 1922, in Larksville, she was a daughter of the late Charles Mack and Blanche (Ball) Lawson. She attended schools in the Larksville public school district and was a graduate of Larksville High School. She worked for the Building and Grounds Department of the Luzerne County Courthouse, before retiring. Surviving are her son, Frank C. Harveys Lake; daughters, Carol M. Kosisky, Kingston; Nancy Jean Bohonko, Plains Township; seven grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; sister, Jean Dungan, Kingston; and one niece. Interment; Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Township. Memorial donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Plains Township.

#### **GRACE SEARFOSS**

1927 Laketon High graduate, Sunday school superintendent

Grace L. Searfoss, 91, of Harveys Lake, died Jan. 25, 2001 at the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake. Born June 26, 1909, in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late Leo and Fannie (Kocher) Sutton. She was a 1927 graduate of Laketon High School. She was a member of The Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Harveys Lake, where she was a Sunday school superintendent for several years and president of its Women's Ministries. She was preceded in death by her husband, George F.; brothers, Fred, Thomas and Lawrence Sutton: and sisters. Esther Crossin and Irene Mc-Neil. Surviving are her son, Richard F., Harveys Lake; daughter, Judy Gutch, Utica, N.Y.; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Interment; Kocher Cemetery, Lake Township. Memorial donations may be made to the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, RR 2, Box 122A, Church Road, Harveys Lake, 18618.

#### NED BLAKESLEE

Irem Temple member, leaves daughter at Harveys Lake

Ned Blakeslee, 67, of West Liberty Street, Newtown section of Hanover Township, died Jan. 21, 2001. Born March 23, 1933, in Ashley, he was a son of Irene (Blakeslee) Otscavich and the late Harry Blakeslee. He was a 1951 graduate of Hanover Township High School. He was a truck driver for Roadway Express for 28 years, before retiring in 1995. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Ashley, Coalville Lodge 474, Sugar Notch, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple AAONMS, where he was a charter member of the Transportation Unit. He was also a member of Newtown Fire Co. No. 2, Teamsters Local 401, Amvets Post 59, Hanover Township, American Legion Post 815, Wilkes-Barre Township, and social member of Catholic War Veterans, Post 274, Ashley. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, John Otscavich; sister, Judith Baranowski; and brother. Harry, Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife of 42 years, the former Dorothy Edmunds; son, N. Jeffrev. at home: daughter. Susan Kingston; sisters, Jacquelyn Howatt. Hanover Township; Jill Mendygral, Harveys Lake; Fay Brown, Southington, Conn.; and Betty Mack, Lake Placid, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. Interment; Maple Hill Cemetery, Hanover Township. Memorial donations may be made to the Henry Cancer Center, Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, 1000 E. Mountain Drive, Wilkes-Barre, 18711; or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, c/o Irem Temple AAOMNS, P.O. Box 307, Dallas, 18612-0307.

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# Kingston Twp. Holiday House winners

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently presented the prizes for the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. The Kingston Township Recreation Commission judges the contest. Residents interested in entering next year should call the Kingston Township Administration office at 696-3809. The winners present for the award, and shown left to right in the photo are: first row: 2nd Place Winners Anita and John Grohowski, Supervisor Paul Sabol, and 1st Place Winner Kelly & Alyssa Monoghan. Second row: Supervisor Randall Glidden, Supervisor Herbert Hill, George and Christine Monoghan. Third row: Supervisor William Tippett and Township Manager Jeffrey Box.

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Charles E. Billings et ux to James J. Hennings et ux, Lot 19 Ondish Hills, Dallas Twp., \$216,000.

John Cooke, per tax claim, to Margaret Hunter, Warden Ave. Lot 7, Harveys

Lake Borough, \$569.

Robert E. Roe et ux to Weldon W. Whitenight et ux, see deed, Jackson Twp., \$215,000.

William A. Patton Jr. et ux to Jason C. Aben et ux, pt. Lot 3, Sutton Hills, Jackson Twp., \$175,000.

# Parenting seminar at Fellowship Evangelical

The Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas will hold a Parenting Seminar on Friday, Feb. 9, from 7 - 9 p.m. The evening will include guest speakers Alex and Sallie Turoczi, from New Holland, PA; several seminars; and aparenting panel. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the church at 675-6426.

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