

**A TRYING TIME**

# After the shock, we'll stand behind the land that we love

By HEATHER B. JONES

As businesses closed on Tuesday, church congregations opened their doors throughout the Back Mountain to help people through the most horrific attack on American soil in history.

From 9 a.m. on, people gathered around televisions and radios to hear the terrifying details of the terrorist attacks that brought four planes crashing into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in western Pennsylvania.

Many people throughout our community found sanctuary in local churches. At the Hunlock Creek United Methodist Church, a grandmother told a story of how her grandson was supposed to be at the Trade Center at 9 a.m. but had overslept. He was on the subway when the planes slammed into the world-famous landmark of American commerce.

Many of us sat still, not knowing about family and friends in the areas under siege. I sat with a cell phone on my lap waiting to hear from a very close college friend who lives only blocks from the World Trade Center and who worked in building number seven.

When my cell phone rang in the middle of the congregation's prayer service, I almost believed I was about to experience a miracle. But it wasn't him. It was a friend calling who was concerned about me.

For 12 hours, I waited to hear news of my friend's fate. The whole time, I dreaded the worst. I kept thinking of my trip to visit him in July. We stood in the lobby of the World Trade Center debating if we should go to the top. I said, "No, let's do something else. I can come here anytime and do the tourist stuff. One day I'll actually get to the top to see

the view."

Around 7:30 p.m. I not only started to think about the fact that I will never get to see the view from the Twin Towers, but more importantly, what if I never get to see my dear friend again?

Finally at around 9:30 p.m. the call came. He was one of the lucky people who escaped. For the first time Tuesday, I felt some relief.

As we watch over and over those dismal videos of the attacks and the humanity lost, we must remember to have hope for those who still need to have a phone ring and hear a loved one's voice.

For our neighbors who may not receive that call, we must be their shoulders to cry on. We will all grieve for their loss and our own as a nation.

From personal experiences over the years of working for the Federal Government and the United States Navy, I knew America was always a potential terrorist target. Did I ever believe I would see something of this magnitude 120 miles away from my backyard? No.

One of the worst parts about being so close, but yet so far from the disaster, is feeling helpless. There was absolutely nothing I could do for my friend in New York. And I started to believe there was nothing I can do for those people buried under the rubble.

But there are things we can all do to help our fellow Americans in this time of need. Doctors, nurses, emergency personnel, firefighters and police officers from our area are volunteering to help relieve their counterparts. Citizens are lining up to donate much-needed blood. And I am flying my American flag proudly on the front of my home. God bless America, this the land that I love.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kubasti

## Kubastis note 40th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kubasti of Dallas celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2001.

They were married in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, by the Rev. Michael Rafferty.

Louise Kubasti, Sweet Valley, was matron of honor and Robert Kubasti, of Swoyersville, was best man.

Mrs. Kubasti is the former Elizabeth DeRemer, daughter of the late Richard W. and Ruth DeRemer.

Mr. Kubasti is the son of the late Joseph and Victoria Kubasti. He is retired from El Kay Weaving of Wilkes-Barre. Prior to that he served in the U.S. Army.

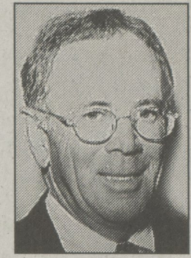
Mrs. Kubasti is retired from the garment industry.

The couple have two children, David Kubasti and Melanie Geffert and have six grandchildren: Justin, Chad, and Kristen Marie Kubasti; also Andrew, and Kevin Kopco; and Kara Elizabeth Geffert.

A trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada is being planned to mark the occasion.

## Randolph feted by Arthritis Foundation

The N.E. PA Unit of the Arthritis Foundation has announced that John M. Randolph, Jr., CPA will receive the prestigious Arthritis Foundation Community Leader of the year Award for Northeastern Pennsylvania on Thu., Sept. 13. The awards ceremony and dinner will take place at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner.



JOHN RANDOLPH

Randolph is presently chairman of the board of directors, chief administrative officer, and secretary of MotorWorld Automotive Group, Inc. From its founding in 1970 through 1995, Randolph was a partner with

the accounting and consulting firm of Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates.

Randolph currently serves as a member of the board of directors of MotorWorld Automotive Group, King's College, Greater Wilkes-Barre Partnership, Huntsville Golf Club, and The Luzerne Foundation. He is a trustee emeritus of College Misericordia and a prior board member of Keystone College. Other memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs, and Glensmaura National Golf Club.

Randolph and his wife, Sharon, are residents of Dallas, and are the parents of two sons, John III, and Scott.

For additional info concerning the Community Leader of the Year Dinner, call 823-2888.



70 Years Ago - Sept. 11, 1931

### FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND CROPS IN HUNTSVILLE

Fire destroyed a large barn owned by Roman Kozemchak of Huntsville. Thirty tons of hay, a large amount of oats, farm machinery and almost all of Mr. Kozemchak's harvested farm crops were destroyed. The loss was only partially covered by insurance. Dallas and Shavertown fire companies responded to the alarm but lack of water supply and headway of the fire prevented their assistance.

Efforts of Congressman C. Murray Turpin and Postmaster Ruth Waters to have village delivery service established at Dallas will not be successful at once. Service will be established where there are passable sidewalks, named streets, houses numbered, and street lights etc.

60 Years Ago - Sept. 12, 1941

### COURT MAY ORDER APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICERS

With an application for the installation of new traffic lights in Dallas-Trucksville highway resting with the State Highway Department, Kingston township supervisors are waiting for a decision of the court as to learn whether or not they must appoint special police officers for the additional safety of school children. If plans are carried through, lights will be installed and at least two special police officers appointed.

First actual construction work on the new Harvey's Lake boulevard will begin soon when workmen of the Central Pennsylvania Construction Company start laying the concrete foundations of the bridge at the foot of Machell Avenue. This construction was delayed several days due to the dangerous bed of Toby's Creek.

At the Himmler Theatre in Dallas, some of the shows that played were: "Billy The Kid" (in technicolor) with Robert Taylor; "The Old Barn Dance" with Gene Autry; "The Strange Alibi" with Arthur Kennedy; "Mail Train" with Gordon Harvey; and "Moon Over Miami" starring Don Ameche and Betty Grable.

50 Years Ago - Sept. 14, 1951

### FIRST NAT'L BANK WILL OPEN FRIDAY EVENINGS

First National Bank of Dallas will be open Friday evenings from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. This decision was taken at a meeting of Board of Directors who have felt

that many persons whose occupations are in Wyoming Valley would like to do their banking before leaving for work.

Showing a 20 percent increase enrollment over last year in its pre-primary and intermediate departments, Wyoming Seminary Day School opened this week with forty-four Back Mountain students enrolled.

40 Years Ago - Sept. 14, 1961

### KUNKLE FIREMEN PLAN NEW BUILDING

In order to more adequately house its equipment and to increase its social facilities for its increasing membership, Harry Smith Fire Company will construct another building on its lot at Kunkle. It will be used for equipment only and the present building will be used for recreational, social and business functions.

Robert M. Boyer has been named manager of the McCrory Store in Back Mountain Shopping Center, succeeding Thomas Hobbs who has been promoted to a McCrory store in Lancaster.

30 Years Ago - Sept. 16, 1971

### LEHMAN TAKES WYALUSING FOR OPENER

The Lehman Gridders met Wyalusing for the local school's first game of the season. The Knights of Coach Ray Caucci defeated the favored Wyalusing team by a score of 44-14 on the gridiron in a non-conference contest for the black and gold-Lake-Lehman team.

John J. Juris, rural carrier for the Dallas Post Office was the recipient of a 20-year Expert Driver Award. The award was presented by Edwin M. Buckley, Dallas postmaster. Mr. Juris has been a carrier since 1951.

The Dallas Farm Team finished its season with a 7-3 record. Trophies were awarded to Eric Haigh for the highest batting average (.750); Brian Muldoon for high scoring runs (22); Alan Sappe for most wins (3-0); and Jeff Besecker for slugging the farthest hit. Alan Sappe was also named most valuable player.

20 Years Ago - Sept. 2, 1981

### LOCAL BODIES GET \$14,000

Lake-Lehman School District, Harveys Lake Municipal Authority, and Dallas Area Municipal Authority have been sent checks totaling more than \$14,000 from the State Department of Environmental Resources. Lake-Lehman receives \$1,434.53, Harveys Lake MA, \$1211.69, and Dallas AMA, \$12,039.96.

Now that Valley Video Cable Inc. has extended their system more than a mile down Chase Road, an additional 27 TV-viewing families are enjoying their favorite Philadelphia programs on channel 17, along with two New York channels, 9 and 11.

## How to help

Here are emergency numbers relating to this heinous attack. Please use them only for good and legitimate reasons:

Luzerne County EMA Rumor Control Hotline: 1-800-821-3716 - Local & National Information

Wyoming County EMA Rumor Control: 836-3399

Red Cross Support Line: (Local) 823-7161 (Nat'l) 1-800-205-7161

Red Cross For Blood Donation Sites: 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Family Inquiry Hotline: 215-299-0134

United Airlines Passenger Information: 1-800-932-8555

PA Volunteer Doctors: 1-800-556-7850

Firefighters: 1-800-459-4096

PA Volunteer Nurses: 1-717-657-1222

## SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The following is the menu for the week of September 13-19.

**THURSDAY:** Vegetable lasagna w/cheese sauce, spinach, lemon, fruit compote, italian bread, cranberry juice, banana.

**FRIDAY:** Cold dutch fried chicken, potato salad, pepper salad, dinner roll, birthday cake.

**MONDAY:** Hamburger w/fried onions & gravy, whipped potatoes, vegetable medley, sandwich roll, chilled pineapple.

**TUESDAY:** Turkey ala king over buttermilk biscuit, fruit compote, carrots, grapefruit juice, vanilla sandwich cookie.

**WEDNESDAY:** Liver & onions, buttered noodles, sliced beets, whole wheat bread, cranberry juice, rice pudding.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse from the week of August 24-30, 2001.

Mario Strabinick et ux to John B. McCarthy et ux, Lot 1 Deer Meadow Estate, Dallas Borough, \$262,500.

Helen Boer, per atty. to Jay R. Oliver, Lots 92, 93 Druid Hills, Dallas Twp., \$56,000.

R.N. Fitch & Sons, Inc. to Deerfield by Hallmark, Inc., Lot 35 Deer Meadow Est. II, Dallas Twp., \$47,995.

Charles A. Wilson et ux to David A. Talenti et ux, Lot 8 Northwood Sub., Dallas Twp., \$395,000.

Larry K. Lieb to Richard P. Connolly et ux, Lot 7 Orchard View Terr., Dalals Twp., \$81,500.

William P. Spurlin et ux to Geroge J. Piskorik et ux, Lot 107 Orchard View, Dalals Twp., \$154,000.

Michael I. Gottdenker et ux to Thomas Mack et ux, 6 acres, Jackson Twp., \$798,000.

Sun Pipe Line Company to My-

ron T. Mahalak et ux, Lot 4 Evergreen Estates, Jackson Twp., \$25,000.

Glenn B. Stroh estate to Timothy M. Lawlor et al, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$92,500.

Robert W. Barid et ux to Gary Vandeventer et ux, 233 Cliffside Ave., Kingston Twp., \$110,000.

Brian J. Maher et ux to Mary E. Pope, Lot 7 Woodside Plot, Kingston Twp., \$255,000.

Joan A. Kafas to Jeffrey B. Evans et ux, 133 Warden Ave., Kingston Twp., \$183,000.

John A. Rosnick estate to Joshua John Evans, Lot 58 Midway Manor, Kingston Twp., \$105,000.

Francis Baumont et ux to David Salak et ux, Lot 7 Dallasview, Kingston Twp., \$220,000.

John Dale Parry estate to James T. Orlando, Lot 58 Oak Hill, Lehman Twp., \$70,000.

Michael J. Gagetek to Kevin J. Roche, Lot 170 Raub & Miller Plt., Lehman Twp., \$52,000.

Francis J. Wallace et ux to Back Mountain Recreation, Inc., see deed, Lehman Twp., \$240,000.

## Dance Sept. 22 at HL Legion

American Legion Post 967, Harveys Lake, is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Sept. 22. The renowned DJ, Sound Doctor, will provide entertainment. The dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Contact Post Commander Larry Lucarino for details at 639-2122.

## Williams to speak on Civil War

Bill Williams, the author of 'Days of Darkness - Gettysburg Civilians' will speak at the Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table meeting. The meeting will be held on Sept. 20 at 7p.m. at the American Legion on Route 415, Dallas. For more info. call 675-5790, 675-1696 or 675-3803. New members and guests are welcome.

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