



POST PHOTO/IRON BARTIZEK

Blake Williams joined other game players at Gizmos. From left, Williams, Rob James, Brandon Reichart, Jay Demnicki.

## Gizmos attracts young computer game fans

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DALLAS — Spurred by chatter among teenagers, Gizmos has attracted teenagers like bees to honey. The appeal? A chance to play video and computer games in teams on the latest high-tech equipment.

Gizmos, in the 309-415 Plaza, is the brainchild of Blake Williams of Kingston. Inside the bland strip center space are eight computers hooked up to an internal network and a fast digital subscriber line (dsl) to the World Wide Web. For video gamers, there are eight Microsoft X-Box players, each with a large-screen television and all connected on a local network.

Williams said he came up with the idea for Gizmos about 18 months ago, and researched it on — what else — the Internet. He didn't find a whole lot of similar ventures, and none with a large X-Box network. But he sensed that being able to play with and against friends would be a big draw, and set out to provide such a venue. Gizmos opened just after Thanksgiving.

"Generally, people want to play locally among each other," said Williams. "That's the most value for players."

It seems to be working. On the first day schools reopened following the New Year's holiday, five kids showed up before 4 p.m., and more followed throughout the evening.

Williams said once six or eight kids arrive, they usually agree on what game to play on the internal network. Fewer players may prefer to go on an Internet server, where they can play with enthusiasts from around the world.

Eric Gula, 17, a senior at Dallas High School, was playing Counterstrike with his friends Tuesday night. He echoed Williams' hunch about the shop's appeal.

"It's a good environment, and we get to play with people we know," he said.

Cory Shultz, 17, who accompanied Gula, said it was his first night playing the game.

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on site nearly all of the time during the first year, and when he's not there his wife or brother will keep an eye on things. That duty includes seeing that no one uses the computers to log on to inappropriate sites.

"We're right here all the time," Williams said, and there haven't been any issues yet. "They're really here for the games."

Just in case, though, Williams said the computers have filters installed to block access to unwanted material, including some games that have, in his words, "senseless violence."

That doesn't mean there's nothing harsher than Pac-Man, though, as games named "Counterstrike," "Warcraft" and "Battlefield 1942" illustrate. But those games, Williams said, have strategy and tactics, "kind of like chess."

On the other hand, Gizmos' computers don't carry one of the most popular, and senselessly violent games, Grand Theft Auto. "I just don't believe in it," said Williams.

On Tuesday, Gula and his friends started out on the computers, then moved over to the X-Box players for a game of NFL 2004.

The proprietor is a player himself, and is working with his 7-year-old son at the game, "Halo." That game, and the Pentium 4 computer it is played on, are a big step up from his first computer, an Apple II, which came loaded with Choplifter and Serpentine.

"It's way more fun than playing by myself," he said, underscoring the point of his business.

A few other parents have come in to play games with their children, and most have at least stopped in the check out the place.

## OBITUARIES

### DOROTHEA JAGGER

Head of 5 generations

Dorothea M. Jagger, of Holbrook Road, Tunkhannock, died January 12, 2004 at the Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born July 17, 1920, in Port Jervis, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Walter C. and Lillian Birdsall Hill. She was employed as a seamstress at Rowker Dress Co., Tunkhannock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryce; brothers, Robert, Mickey and Alvin; and sister, Evelyn Wayman.

Surviving are sons, Walter, Wyalusing; Bradley, Tunkhannock; Kevin, Factoryville; daughters, Sandra Hutchins, Glennville, Ga.; Karen Kretchman, Cincinnati; Judy Snyder, Jamestown, N.Y.; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Lillian Pease, Chenango Forks, N.Y.; Marian Finch, Port Crane, N.Y.; Mabel Hartman, Kirkwood, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Overfield Cemetery, Meshoppen.

### SARAH MORROW

Member of Alderson United Methodist

Sarah F. Morrow, 77, of Harveys Lake, died January 11, 2004 at home.

Born in Ceasetown, she was the daughter of the late Olin L. and Beatrice Hunsinger Harris.

She was a member of the Alderson United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen C.; daughter, Sheila Morrow; brother, Arthur Hunsinger.

She is survived by sons, Mark A., Lehman Township; Eric, Harveys Lake; daughter, Kathleen F. Willauer, Harveys Lake; sisters, Bernice Stine, Noxen; Audrey Tomshaw, Harveys Lake; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc. corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek. The Revs. W. William Kennard and Dolly Tarreto will officiate.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

### ROBERT GOOD

Member of Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club

Robert Good, of Weavertown Road, Jackson Township, died January 8, 2004 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Larksville, he was the son of the late George and Julia Arabinick Good. He was a 1949 graduate of Larksville High School. He was employed by Royer Foundry, Kingston. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Larksville and Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, the former Joan Moses; son, Mark, Lehman Township; daughters, Patricia Lorusso, Street, Md.; Kathleen Zarbella, Point of Rocks, Md.; two grandchildren; and sister, Florence Carey, Larksville.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Kingston Township.

### JOSEPH KARPAVICH

Marine Corps veteran of WWII

Joseph "Jesse" Karpavich, 82, of Church Road, Kingston Township, died January 8, 2004 at home.

Born Sept. 13, 1921, in Port Griffith, he was a son of the late Frank and Margaret (Petritis) Karpavich. He attended Jenkins Township schools. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. He was employed in the maintenance department of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, and the Lithuanian Social and Beneficial Club, Pittston.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ann McDyer.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, the former Violet Nauyokas; brothers, Charles, Port Griffith; and Anthony, Inkerman; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Casimir's Church parish cemetery.

### JOYCE OELLER

Belonged to Harveys Lake Legion Auxiliary

Joyce E. Oeller, 62, of Kunkle, Dallas Township, died January 7, 2004 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Eleanor (Sayre) Turos, Dallas, and the late Lester Campbell. She was a graduate of Edwardsville High School. She was a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by son, James Dunbar; brother, Terry Campbell; and stepfather, John Turos.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are sons, Randolph J. Dunbar, Shavertown, Kingston Township; Brian H. Oeller, Bradenton, Fla.; daughter, Rachanee Oeller, Edwardsville; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; brother, Lester Campbell, Dallas; sisters, Audrey Campbell, Harveys Lake; and Linda Belardinelli, Trucksville.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Kingston Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### JOAN SKOPIC

Graduate of Kingston Township High School

Joan E. Skopic, 74, formerly of Dallas and Sweet Valley, died January 7, 2004 at Indian River Memorial Hospital, Vero Beach, Fla.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late John and Madeline (Kraft) Baur. She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. She was employed by RCA, Mountain Top. She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, the Meadows Auxiliary, and the Republican Women's Club of Indian River.

She was preceded in death by sister, Lt. Col. Madeline Baur.

Surviving are sons, Carl W. Brobst, Vero Beach, Fla.; Donald Brobst, Drums; Henry J. Brobst, Harveys Lake; daughter, Joan M. Hunter, Philadelphia; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, John, Shavertown; and sister, Clare Domnik, Trucksville.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Association of the Blind.

### DOROTHY DAVIS

Daughters, son live in Dallas

Dorothy Mae Davis, 90, of Cameron Street, Plymouth, died January 8, 2004 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late George and Rachel (Thomas) Carpenter and attended Larksville High School. She was employed as a clerk by the Woolworth Co. for many years. She was a former member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and its Mission Society and a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, its Women's Improvement Society, the Plymouth Cambrian Club, the Shawnee Senior Citizens and the Silver and Gold Senior Citizens Club, all of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; brothers, David, Wendel and George Howard; and a sister, Elizabeth Tischler.

Surviving are daughters, Margaret Pickering and Dorothy Brown, both of Dallas; sons, Edward, Dallas; Robert, Indian Lake; David and Richard, both of Plymouth; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Edge Hill Cemetery, West Naticoke.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston; or to the Pilgrim Congregational Church, East Shawnee Avenue, Plymouth, PA 18651.

## Back Mountain Senior Citizens

The Back Mountain Seniors meet on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 1 p.m. in St. Thereses' Hall at Pioneer Ave. and Davis Street in Shavertown.

For information call Lil at 696-1828 or Marie at 696-3095.

## 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. The following is the menu for the week of Jan.

12-16. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

TUESDAY: Baked pork chop with stuffing and gravy, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, chocolate chip cookie.

WEDNESDAY: Stuffed peppers, peach cobbler, vanilla ice cream.

THURSDAY: Sweet and sour pork over rice, oriental vegetables, won ton cookie, lemon water ice.

FRIDAY: Tuna salad on sandwich roll, lettuce and tomato, cole slaw, vegetable soup, pear.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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