

## Memorial and honor books donated to library

The following memory and honor books have been given recently to the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

In Memory of Ida Marie Morris, "The Day the Babies Crawled Away" by Peggy Rathmann, presented by Mary Ann Wintersteen

In Memory of Ida Marie Morris, "Buster" by Denise Fleming, presented by Mary Ann Wintersteen

In Memory of Buddy Boris, "The Game" by Ken Dryden, presented by Mike and Jean Loftus

In Memory of Ruby Rochelle Terrill Lomax, "Last Cavalier: the life and times of John A. Lomax" by Nolan Porterfield, presented by Florence H. Sherwood, Alpha Rho Chapter of Alpha Alpha State Delta Kappa Gamma International

In Memory of Floyd Leo Gallup, Sr., "The Big Band Almanac" by Leo Walker, presented by Joan Gallup

In Memory of William L. Conyngham, "More Stories from the Round Barn" by Jacqueline Dougan Jackson, presented by Robert and Kimberly Ferrucci

In Memory of William L. Conyngham, "Cattle: an informal social history" by Laurie M. Carlson, presented by Frank Burnside Family

In Memory of Helga Dannert, "The Island at the Center of the World" by Russell Shorto, presented by Susanne Dannert

In Memory of Alice and Edward Wodaski, "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Trees" by David More and John White, presented by Chris and Dana Stone

In Memory of Jan Nesbitt, "Firestorm" by Iris Johansen (audiotape), presented by Jean and Frank Hughes

In Memory of Jan Nesbitt, "Home to Harmony" by Philip Gulley (audiotape), presented by Jean and Frank Hughes

In Memory of Jan Nesbitt, "Ted Williams: the biography of an American hero" by Leigh Montville (audiotape), presented by Jean and Frank Hughes

In Memory of Alice Wodaski, "The Vermont Encyclopedia" edited by John J. Duffy, Samuel B. Hand, and Ralph H. Orth, presented by Children Zukoski

In Memory of Lenchen Townend, "Kate Hannigan" by Catherine Cookson (large print), presented by Alice and Jack Sallada

In Memory of Alys J. Woolbert, "PS, I Love You" by Cecilia Ahern (large print), presented by Anne N. Davies

In Memory of Ruth Morgan Daniels, "The Four Seasons" by Mary Alice Monroe (large print), presented by Abby and Paul Campbell

In Memory of Ruth Morgan Daniels, "The Forest Lover" by Susan Vreeland (large print), presented by Abby and Paul Campbell

### HONOR BOOKS

In Honor of Brook Kryston, "Mountaineering: the freedom of the hills" edited by Steven M. Cox and Kris Fulsaa, presented by John and Jill Kryston

## Fresh Air Fund plans for 2004 summer visitors

The Fresh Air Fund's (Dallas/Wilkes-Barre Area) committee has begun its campaign to find local families who are interested in helping The fund provides free summer vacations to needy children from New York City.

Through the fund's Friendly Town Program, volunteer host families in 13 states and Canada open their homes for two weeks or more to inner-city children each summer.

In 2004, The Fund celebrates its 127-year-old tradition of serving children. For more information on how you can make summer special for a Fresh Air child, call Denise Moskaluk at 674-3727, or The Fresh Air Fund at (800) 367-0003. You can also visit The Fund online at [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).



## Remembering Jane Fund helps to fight cancer

The "Remembering Jane Fund" administered by the Luzerne Foundation recently presented a check for \$5,000 to the Northeast PA affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Thanks to the generosity of those who supported last September's Remembering Jane Concert/Fundraiser, approximately \$15,000 was raised to benefit cancer victims and other charities.

Preparations are already underway for the third annual "Remembering Jane" event which will be held at the Irem Temple Pavilion in Dallas on Saturday, September 11.

Presenting the check to the Komen Foundation are, from left: Brad Yocum; Dolly Woody, executive director of the NEPA affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; Rob Yocum and Charles Barber, executive director of the Luzerne Foundation.



From left, first row: Sally Daylida, Brenda Misson, Lorraine Coburn, Arlene Lopez, Nancy Jones, Mary Ann Skammer. Second row: Bobby Doran, Jessica Hurst, Barbara Keating, Dolores Baltuskonis, Viola Mazur, Betty Spencer, Ellen Smith. Third row: Catherine Stritzinger, Ronald Christian, Bernard Mazur.

## Sisters of Mercy honor employees for service

A luncheon was held in the Rivers Room at Mercy Center on March 30, for the employees of Mercy Center and the administrative staff. The leadership team recognized employees for their years of service and thanked all employees for their dedication and service to the Sisters of Mercy. Employees that were honored include:

Five years: Deborah

Kopines, Personal Care; Johnette Zacharias, Personal Care; Arlene Lopez, Nursing Unit; Jessica Hurst, Activities; Ellen Smith, Activities; Ronald Christian, Dietary.

10 years: Dolores Baltuskonis, Personal Care; Barbara Keating, Personal Care; Nancy Jones, Nursing Unit; Sally Daylida, Dietary; Brenda Misson, Dietary; Mary Ann Skammer,

Switchboard; Betty Spencer, Housekeeping; Michael Barber, Maintenance.

15 years: Lorraine Coburn, Nursing Unit; Catherine Stritzinger, Dietary; JoEllen Engelhardt, Finance; Susanne Stash, Finance; Janis Babcock, Administration.

35 years: Robert Doran, Dietary.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

**Dr. W. Scott Blanchard**, professor of English at College Misericordia, is the recipient of a grant from the Renaissance Society of America to conduct research in Milan, Italy, this spring.

During a two-week stay in Milan, Dr. Blanchard will conduct his research at the Biblioteca Ambrosiana and the Biblioteca Trivulziana to read 15th Century manuscripts related to the

career of Francesco Filelfo, a humanist banned from Florence, Italy, in the early 1400s. His banishment occurred at the same time as the banishment of wealthy banker Palla Strozzi, after the coup that put Cosimo de' Medici and his family in power for most of the rest of that century.

In addition to his role as an English professor at College Misericordia, Dr. Blanchard serves as the advisor to the new humanities summer research fellowship program for gifted upperclass students interested in studying and researching a subject in the field of humani-

ties during the summer months.

**Michele Firmstone**, Shavertown, has been inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society at King's College. Alpha Sigma Lambda is the national honor society for students in continuing higher education and is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and the recognition of high scholastic achievement by adult learners in continuing higher education.

## Olympic medalist to address Girl Scouts

Olympic medalist Dominique Dawes will be the featured speaker at a luncheon honoring the latest winners of the Girl Scout Gold Award from the Penn's Woods and Scranton Pocono councils.

The Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. Successful completion of the Gold Award encompasses five requirements and demands efficient organizational, time management and leadership skills in service to the greater community. Personal and spiritual growth, positive values and community service are all essential to a successful Gold Award endeavor.

At the 1996 Olympic Games,

Dawes and the U.S. Gymnastics Team stole the hearts of Americans with their team gold medal. At those Games, "Awesome Dawesome" (as she is known by her coach and teammates) became the first African-American to win an individual gymnastics medal with her bronze on the floor.

Dawes is now president-elect of the Women's Sports Foundation.

Presented by Fleet Bank and EGC Construction, the May 16 event will honor 31 young women from both councils at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information about the luncheon, contact Girl Scouts, Scranton Pocono Council at 344-1224 or email [nkeller@spgsc.org](mailto:nkeller@spgsc.org).

## IN THE SERVICE



### Citation honors Carverton serviceman

Rep. Phyllis Mundy recently presented a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honoring Staff Sgt. Timothy Mullen of Carverton for his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the 424th Medical Logistics Battalion. Pictured at left is his fiancée, Margaret Stair, also of Carverton.



### Citations honor Jackson Twp. servicemen

Rep. Phyllis Mundy recently presented citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honoring Army Major Rayford Petroski and National Guard First Lt. Francis Petroski for their service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pictured at left are the servicemen's parents, Rayford Petroski Sr. and Ann Petroski of Jackson Township.

**Navy Airman Scott S. McBride**, son of Tracy L. McBride of Dallas, recently participated in Operation Vigilant Resolve, while assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 131, aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

During the operation, McBride's unit and Carrier Air Wing Seven launched F/A-18 Hornets from the Washington, and conducted a 20-mm strafing run against an enemy position and dropped two 500-pound laser guided bombs on

another enemy position in Fal-lujah, Iraq.

McBride joined the Navy in August 2002.

**Army Reserve Pvt. Shane M. Snyder** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values.

Snyder is the son of Paul Snyder of E. Center St., Shavertown. In 2002, the soldier graduated from Dallas High School.

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