**The Dallas Post** 

# **OBITUARIES**

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#### VALENTINE **SWIDERSKI**

Loved to dance

Valentine Swiderski, 77, of Tunkhannock, died Saturday morning, Jan. 22, 2005, at Tyler Hospital, Memorial Tunkhannock.

Valentine was born Feb. 14, 1927.

He retired from United Rehabilitation Services, Tunkhannock. He loved to dance and attend the Tunkhannock Senior Citizens Center. He will be missed by all his friends.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

# ONNA KOSAKOWSKI

Graduate of Lake-Lehman High School

Donna M. Kosakowski, 49, of Idetown Road, Lehman passed away Township, January 22, 2005, shortly after admission to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Rahway, N.J., she was a daughter of Joseph Silva, Selingsgrove, and the late Victoria (Lesinski) Silva. She was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. At one time she was employed as a unit secretary in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving in addition to her father are husband of 28 years, Edward T.; daughters Tanya Nghiem, Philadelphia, Kosakowski, Courtney sisters Patricia ngston; ahy, Brick, N.J., Debbie Barziloski, Tunkhannock; grandson Nicholas Nghiem, Philadelphia. Interment, Mt. Olivet

Cemetery, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

#### JANET REYNOLDS

## **Tunkhannock** native

Janet Reynolds, 79, of Tunkhannock, Pa., passed away on January 24, 2005, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley eart Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, er a brief illness. Born in Tunkhannock Jan. 31, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Wilmot and Clio Storey Rosengrant. She was member of the Osterhout Bible Church, Tunkhannock, and was a treasurer of its Sunday school. She was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School and Penn State University, where she received her BS in physical education. She taught physical education in the Perth Amboy, N.J., schools and Lake-Lehman School District. She worked at Gav's True Value in Tunkhannock for over 20 years. She worked as a volunteer at Tyler Memorial Hospital's Cozy Corner and traveled with the P&G Retirees Group on many trips. She was an avid Penn State fan. She is survived by her husband, John, and they would ave celebrated their 50th wedng anniversary on May 28th; a sister, Lois Traver, Dallas; a niece, Sandra Harris, Dallas: two nephews, David Traver, Dallas, and Royce Bellas, Bradford County. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Bellas and Wilma Shippey, and a nephew, Gary Bellas.

# ADELE K. DRUMIN

Native of Germany

Adele Drumin, 99, of Pinecrest Ave., Dallas, passed away January 19, 2005 at Hospice Care of the VNA, Wilkes Barre.

Born in Germany, she was the daughter of the late and Henrietta Wilhelm (Wiemas) Kohnen. Before retiring, she was employed as a seamstress by Bellfair Draperies, New York, N.Y. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are a son, William A. of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

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#### JEAN RACE

Active in Kunkle affairs

Jean Race, 87, of Kunkle, died January 24, 2005 at her home. Jean was born in Avoca, the daughter of the late Joseph W., and Rhuea Ferguson Miller. She attended school in Avoca.

Jean was employed for 9 years as a seamstress for the Falls Dress Factory. She was a member of the Kunkle United Methodist Church and a past member of the Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church, Women's Society Christian Services and Kunkle Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Leon; daughter Bonnie Houck; and brother Russell Miller.

Surviving are daughters Harriet Rought, Falls; Beverly Shannon, Dallas; Audrey Miner, Choconut; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Fitch Cemetery, Falls.

Memorial donations may be made to Northmoreland Baptist Church, Senior Saints, Ripple 49 Brook, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

# WALTER STONIER

## ROBERT E. SHILANSKIS

NEWS

#### Was a square dance caller

Robert Shilanskis, 69, of Brooksville, Fla., passed away January 17, 2005, at the Hospice Care Center in Brooksville. He was born in Kingston, and moved to Fla. in 1992, from Tunkhannock. He was Presbyterian by faith and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Lions Club in Pa. and was a Square Dance Caller in Pa. and Fla. for many years. He is survived by his wife, Florence of Brooksville; two daughters, Cynthia Shilanskis of Kingston; Cheryl Sick of Tunkhannock; three brothers, Edward of Harveys Lake; Albert of Wichita Falls, Texas; William of Sweet Valley; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren.

#### LOUISE ARNOLD

#### A founder of Lake-Lehman PTA

Louise F. Arnold, age 59, of Jackson Township, died January 22, 2005, at home. She was born in Wilkes-Barre, February 21, 1945, and was a daughter of the late Warren and Erma (Rhone) Sutton. She graduated from Dallas High School, class of 1962. She was employed as a secretary for the Irem Shrine, Dallas.

She was a member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church and was one of the original founders of the Lake-Lehman Elementary School PTA. She was past secretary for the Red Rock Chapter of the NWTF, and was past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jackson Twp. Fire Co.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Richard I. Arnold; daughters, Christine Lamoreaux, Chase; Cathy Tarity, Falls; Cindy DeRosa, Kingston; and a son, Richard Arnold, Chambersburg; brother, Warren Sutton, Shavertown; Erma Stark, sisters, Shavertown; and Tammie Sutton, Dallas Twp; six grand-

# **BYRON SICKLER**

# Farmed in Northmoreland

Byron T. Sickler, of Northmorland Twp., Falls, died January 21, 2005 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. He was born in West Pittston on January 19, 1912, son of the late Byron and Delia (McNulty) Sickler.

Prior to his retirement, he worked as a coal miner in the Exeter breaker and as a farmer in Northmoreland Twp. He attended Blessed Sacrament Church in Center Moreland. He was preceded in death by

his first wife, Tessie Lucksavage, and his second wife, Leona Carmolovicz; sons, Edward and Byron Jr.; sisters, Grace Manhennett, Irene Garrahan, Hilda Roberts; brothers, Perry, Joseph and Earl Sickler.

Surviving are daughters, Patricia Boyes, of Loveland, Colorado; Carol Hayes, of Vinton, Ohio; Bernetta Nanny and Mary Matwey, both of Binghamton, N.Y.; Louise Bachman, of Falls; Elizabeth Morgan, of Tunkhannock; stepsons, Bernie Gulla, Reno, Nevada; Robert Gulla, Levittown; step-daughters, Carol Williams, Tunkhannock; Betty Gordon, Lake Tahoe, Nevada; 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, c/o Catholic Social Services, 33 East Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-2492.

# Legion invites essay, oratorical contest entries

High school students and tively. In addition, contestants home-schooled students of the Back Mountain have been invited by Dallas American Legion Post 672 to compete in the 66th annual National High School Oratorical Contest. The contest has been arranged with the full cooperation of the local school districts who will assist with the contest arrangements.

The subject of the prepared oration portion of the contest must be some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a U.S. citizen. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be 8-10 minutes in length. The three national finalists receive scholarships of \$18,000, \$16,000 and \$14,000, respec-

# **Public swimming at Dallas**

Dallas School District has announced the public aquatic programs for fall and winter 2004–2005 at the district natatorium in the Dallas Middle School.

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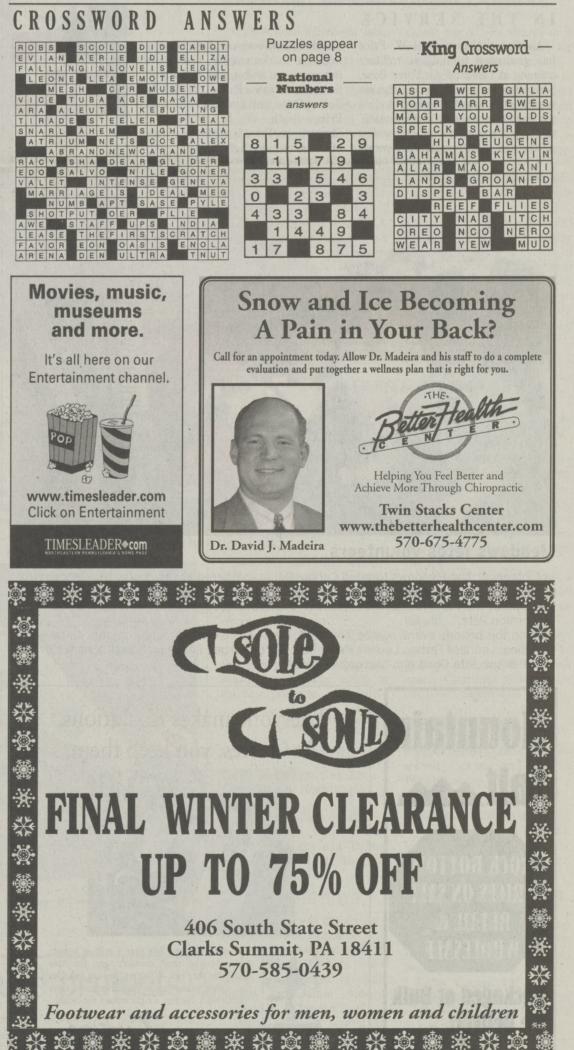
Public swimming sessions are Wednesdays and Fridays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m.

The pool is open to the public for lap and recreational swimming during those times. No one under 18 will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Proof of residence and \$2 daily fee apply.

# **KT Lions welcome members**

The Kingston Township Lions Club meets the first and third Thursday of every month at Tommy's Roadhouse, Rt. 309, Trucksville, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a member can call Mike at 905-6865.

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Sunday, January 30, 2005

who win their state finals con-

test and represent their state

at the national contests will

receive no less than \$1,500 in

scholarship funds. The

American Legion will pay the

expenses of state winners at

The Post is also sponsoring

an essay test. The topic this

year is "America - Sweet

Land of Liberty." All essays

must be no less than 600

words and no more than 1,000.

The local school must deter-

mine its own winner by Feb. 5.

Prizes will be awarded locally

Students interested in

either competition may find

complete rules at their respec-

tive schools or by contacting

Clarence J. Michael at 675-

and at the state level.

the national contest.

Interment, Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Osterhout Bible Church, c/o Sandra Callwitts, 204 SR 29 N., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

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 ratefully accepted and needed order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

Born in Tunkhannock

Walter R. Stonier, 59, West Nicholson Rd., Factoryville, died January 21, 2005, at the United Medical Center West, Cheyenne, Wyoming, after being stricken with a heart attack.

born in He was Tunkhannock, son of the late Leon and Doris (Weiss) Stonier. He was married to the former Lynn Otto and they would have celebrated their 32nd anniversary in May. He was formerly employed by Golden Assocs. of Springville, as a salesman and delivery man. Walt graduated from Tunkhannock High School, class of 1963, and served with the Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was a member of NRA and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Also surviving are sister, Susan Keefe, Cheyenne, Wyoming; five brothers, Leon and George, Tunkhannock; Charles, Mehoopany; Scott, Sweet Valley; Kenneth, San Diego, CA; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The Post publishes obituaries of local residents, natives or those who have a long connection to the area. Send obituaries to: THE POST 15 N. Main St. Wilkes-Barre PA 18711

MONDAY: Baked pork chop,

TUESDAY: Chicken caccia-

WEDNESDAY: Liver and

THURSDAY: Stuffed peppers,

FRIDAY: Baked fish, rice,

Roman vegetable medley,

parsley boiled potatoes, veg-

etable medley, fresh orange.

peaches.

sweet potatoes, peas, fresh pear.

tore, oven roasted potatoes,

onions, whipped potatoes,

green beans, apple sauce.

beets, chocolate pudding.

children.

Memorial contributions be sent to Irem Transportation Fund, PO Box 1232, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-1232.

# JEAN TREDINNICK

## Dallas woman

Jean L. Tredinnick, 81, formerly of Jackson Street, Dallas, died January 19, 2005, in **Kingston Commons.** 

Mrs. Tredinnick was a daughter of the late Harry A. and Carrie Mae (Morgan) Cole. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Tredinnick, Sr.; a son, William H. Tredinnick, Jr., who died January 7; and a sister, Elizabeth Mintzer.

Surviving are nephews, Lee and Fred Mintzer of Florida. Private interment, Denison Cemetery.



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