

## OBITUARIES

## RITA S. SYMONS

Lived in Jackson Township

Rita S. Symons passed away January 29, 2005, after a long illness. At her side were her loving husband of over 50 years, Jim, and her youngest son, Brad. She was a daughter of the late Anthony and Julia (Urbanovitch), of Luzerne.

Prior to moving to St. Petersburg, Fla., she lived on Chase Road, Jackson Township. Rita will be missed by her family and friends.

Surviving are her husband, Jim, and son, Brad, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; son Scott and his family in Lehman, Pa.; brothers Robert, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Bernie, of New York; sister Julia, St. Louis, Mo.; two grandchildren, Rachel and Jason Symons.

Rita's final wish was to spend eternity in the Gulf of Mexico with the assistance of the Neptune Society. There will be no calling hours.

## MARGARET THOMAS BUTLER

Avid square dancer

Peggy Thomas Butler, 88, passed peacefully in her sleep, January 28, 2005.

She was affectionately known by many as Moimom. Peggy lived in the Back Mountain, for over 50 years, then moved to Vermont in 1995 to live with her daughter and family. She was born in Kingston on June 15, 1916.

Peggy was married to the late John Butler for over 53 years.

Survivors include two children, daughter, Sharon Luke and her husband, Peter Luke, of Jericho, VT, and their three children, Susan Luke-Harris and her husband, Mark Harris, of Methuen, MA.; Mark Luke and his wife, Melissa Luke of Essex, VT; Michele Ammon and her husband, Robert Ammon, and their three daughters, Megan, Casey and Jessica of Williston, VT; son, John Butler and his wife, Margaret Butler, of Bentonville, AR, and their two children, Joshua Butler of Bentonville, AR; Melissa Clark and her husband, Carl Clark, and their daughter, Caitlyn of Austin, TX.

Peggy was happiest when her family was at her side.

Peggy and her husband, John, were avid members of the Circle Eights dance group, where they met many of their closest friends. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, sewing, quilting and doing crafts.

At the wishes of Peggy. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Heart Association, Hospice or Local Respite House.

## Nominees sought for preservation awards

The Luzerne County Historical Society is currently accepting nominations for its annual Historic Preservation Awards. The awards are intended to recognize successful examples of restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive re-use of historic buildings and/or properties in Luzerne County.

Nominations will be accepted until April 8.

Private, public, commercial and residential buildings are eligible. Nomination forms and information about the dinner or membership are available at the society's office at 49 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, or by calling 823-6244.

## Public swimming at Dallas Middle School

Public swimming sessions at the district natatorium in the Dallas Middle School 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 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.

## PHYLLIS RUSS

Former nurse, "cool" mom

Mrs. Phyllis Russ, 53, of Dallas, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005, surrounded by loving family and close friends at her home under the care of Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

Born on November 23, 1951, she was a daughter of Pearl



William Hanna, who preceded her in death, and Betty Hanna, Dallas. A graduate of Dallas High

School, class of 1969, she attended Wilkes College and was a 1972 graduate of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as an obstetrical nurse at Nesbitt Hospital from 1972 to 1988, helping to bring thousands of babies into the world; and with the Choices Program from 1988 to 1992. She was the co-owner of PJ's Gifts, Dallas, and was employed by Curry Donuts.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas W. Russ; daughters, Kimberly Curtis (Russ) of Shavertown; Jennifer Russ of Dallas; and Amanda Russ of Dallas; mother, Betty Hanna of Dallas; sister, Janice Curtis of Allentown; two grandchildren, Abigail and Douglas of Shavertown; and seven nieces and nephews.

She and her husband, Thomas, celebrated their 32nd Wedding Anniversary on September 30, 2004. Phyllis was a lover of animals and enjoyed providing a loving home for many pets throughout her life. Her daughters' friends always described her as 'the coolest Mom.'

Memorial gifts may be made to The Back Mountain Library Association, Hospice of The Sacred Heart, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by the Cremation Society of Pennsylvania.

## LESTER POSTEN

Long-time Tunkhannock resident

Lester J. Posten of Stoney Mountain Road, Tunkhannock, formerly of Lake Carey and Arcadia, Florida, died January 26, 2005, at Beverly Health Care in Tunkhannock. He was born in West Pittston on June 1, 1911, son of the late John J. and Jennie (Richards) Posten.

For several years he worked as a farmer for himself and Charles Gay at Spruce Row Farms and at the Gay Murray Company in Tunkhannock. For 25 years he worked at Horlacher and Sherwood Tire Recapping in Tunkhannock. He retired from Roy's Lock Shop in Tunkhannock.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Helen Woodruff Posten; brothers, George and Daniel Posten; sister, Martha Wandall; grandson, Eric Youngbluth.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Valla Posten; son, LeRoy Posten, of Tunkhannock; daughter and son-in-law, Lillian and Fred Youngbluth; sisters, Mary Button, Lynn; Grace Newberry, Tunkhannock; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Jersey Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Carey Sportsman's Club or to the Osterhout Bible Church.

## EDWARD SORBELLI

Loved the outdoors

Edward A. Sorbelli, 66, of Tunkhannock, died January 27, 2005 in the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, surrounded by his beloved family.

Born July 11, 1938, in the Hudson section of Plains Township, he was a son of Nazzareno Sorbelli, who died May 30, 1987, and the former Anna C. (Catani) Sorbelli of Hudson. He was a hard-working man who was employed as a security guard, worked in construction and had owned his own business. He was a graduate of Plains Memorial High School, Class of 1956, and a graduate of the first class of operating room technicians from Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre. He was a devoted husband, loving father and a wonderful friend who loved the outdoors and fishing. He lost his fight with cancer, though his courage did not go unnoticed. Edward was an Army Medical Specialist with the Army Emergency Medical Unit. He was a member of the American Legion Post 558, Plains.

He was preceded in death by a son Christopher, March 27, 1973, and a brother Primo, Oct. 4, 2003.

Surviving in addition to his mother Anna are his wife, the former Dolores Karasinski, at home; daughter, Angela D. Sorbelli, Blue Bell; stepdaughter, Diane Evanosky, Lancaster; stepson, David Evanoski, Florida; five step-grandchildren; brothers, Paul, Albert and Quinto, all of Jenkins Township; and his two loving pets Baby and Barney.

Interment, the Italian Independent Cemetery, Wyoming.

## TODD CIPRICH

Tunkhannock native

Todd M. Ciprich of Mehoopany died at his home on January 26, 2005. He was born in Tunkhannock on July 3, 1978, son of Michael and Karen (Brown) Ciprich.

For the past 10 years he was employed at R.G. Brown Refuse of Laceyville. He enjoyed hunting, playing pool, music and singing karaoke. He also enjoyed working with his grandfather fixing farm tractors and anything else that had to do with the family farm.

Surviving are daughters, Taylor and Melissa Ciprich, of Tunkhannock; brothers, Kenneth Johnson, of Chicago, Ill.; Wayne Ciprich, of Laceyville; Craig Ciprich, of Mehoopany; sister, Kendra Tollaksen, of Mehoopany; nieces and nephews, Abigail and Thomas Tollaksen and Dylan Ciprich; maternal grandparents, Ken and Anna Brown, of Mehoopany.

Interment, North Flat Cemetery, Laceyville.



## Latin sound of Triangulo at College Misericordia

The musical trio Triangulo will bring their 2005 international tour to the Walsh Auditorium on the College Misericordia campus on Thursday, Feb. 17.

Flutist Marco Granados of Venezuela, cellist Gustavo Tavares of Brazil, and pianist Pablo Zinger of Uruguay make up Triangulo, playing music from throughout Latin America, from the Caribbean to the Andes. Their performances are applauded for their red hot passion, lyricism and authority. The group's acclaimed international performances have included tours of Brazil, Germany, Norway, Slovenia and Puerto Rico. Appearances in the U.S. have included the Miami International Festival, Americas Society in New York City, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall in New York. Triangulo's latest CD, "Tango Dreams," features tango diva Katie Viqueira as guest vocalist, and unique arrangements of rarely heard music by Astor Piazzolla and other tango composers.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call the box office, 674-6719.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

Edward Marrabell per sheriff to Harris Trust & Savings Bank, 2 Parrish St., Dallas, \$3,139.

Thomas A. Phillips to Abraham Simon Jr. and spouse, Dallas Township, \$2,000.

David Trego and others to F. Paul Lumia, Dallas Township, \$365,000.

Deborah West to Paul R. Bigus, College Manor, Dallas Township, \$124,000.

William Auchus to Robert Hogan, Dallas Township, \$215,000.

Charles Wilson and spouse to John Wertman and spouse, Bellevue, Dallas Township, \$363,750.

Heritage Hills Estate Inc. to Sherri Kaminski, Bluff Point, Dallas Township, \$139,900.

PNC Bank to Robert D.

Kuschke, Point Breeze, Harveys Lake, \$135,000.

Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. to Joseph Blaine and spouse, Maywood Drive, Harveys Lake, \$50,000.

William Huntington per sheriff to Wachovia Mtg., Baird St., Harveys Lake, \$3,635.

Brian Russoniello and spouse to Daniel Allen and spouse, Kingston Township, \$211,000.

Mark Davies and spouse to Andrew Vavrek, Kingston Township, \$165,000.

Scott Stephenson and spouse to Sean Robbins, Ferguson Estate, Kingston Township, \$121,750.

Charles Gelso co partner to Brian Bufalino and spouse, Windsor Farms, Kingston, \$58,900.

Samuel Piccolotti and spouse to Charles Karpati and others, Kingston Township, \$181,000.

Michael Shanko and spouse to Jason Rose, Meadowcrest, Kingston Township, \$145,800.

William J. Cooper per sheriff to Aurora Loan Service, 119 E. Franklin St., Kingston Township, \$2,416.

James Sabol Jr. to Harry Fithian, Lake Township, \$30,000.

Alberta Steltz to Albert Kerns, Lehman Township, \$97,500.

Matthew Ruch and spouse per sheriff to Wachovia Bank, Lehman Township, \$3,577.

Linda S. Patalonis per sheriff to Deutsche Bank Nat'l, Firehouse Road, Lehman Township, \$1,773.

John Stroud to Rita Kempton, Ross Township, \$63,000.

Agnes Sorber to Brian Cooper and spouse, Ross Township, \$67,000.

Rosemary Schaidler to Michael Parisi and spouse, Ross Township, \$59,900.

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## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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King Crossword Answers

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RACE	TRES	SILVER	FISH
IRA	FIE	FALLA	GOO
MYSTIC	ACADEMY	GORIOT	
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THE	GOLDBUG	PIPE	ELSE
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Rational Numbers answers

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