

OBITUARIES

LEROY J. LUCAS

Member of Dallas United Methodist

Leroy J. Lucas, 76, of Shavertown, died May 6, 2005, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Hanover Twp. July 3, 1928, he was a son of the late Leroy and Rose Tckach Lucas.

He was a graduate of Edwardsville High School and he served in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Prior to his retirement, he had been employed as a guard at the Luzerne County prison.

He was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Josephine; by brother, Roddy; and sister, Dolores Gorgol.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Simons; daughters, Sandra Jukas and husband, John, Newport Richey, Fla.; Renee Wyano and husband, Martin, Newport Richey, Fla.; sons, Leroy Lucas, Newport Richey, Fla.; Mark Lucas, Dupont; stepchildren, John Simons, Killingworth, CT; Susan Williams, Forty Fort; Gail Wyberski, Dallas; grandchildren, John and Jason Jukas; Jessica and Ashley Lucas; Heather and Krista Gaul; step grandchildren, Mary Beth, Joseph, and Michael Wyberski; Madison and Rylee Simons; and brothers, Eugene, Wilkes-Barre, and Alan, Exeter.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

DANIEL HIGGINS

Graduate of Lake-Lehman

Daniel V. Higgins, 53, of Plymouth, died May 8, 2005, at the Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Higgins was born in Wilkes-Barre, June 9, 1951, and was a son of Hilda Sites Higgins, Harveys Lake, and the late Lewis H. Higgins Sr. He has resided in Plymouth for the last 22 years. He was a 1969 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He was employed by Ittec Corp., Plains, for 13 years. Mr. Higgins was preceded in death by a brother, Ren Higgins.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife of 31 years, the former Susan L. Donlin; sons Nathan Higgins and his wife, Cindy, Larksville; Jeremy Higgins, at home; brothers Theodore Higgins, Dallas, and Lewis Higgins, Harveys Lake; sister Gail Thompson, Williamsport; and granddaughters Nikki and Dianna.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the S.P.C.A. of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

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RUTH BURGESS

Born in Tunkhannock

Ruth B. Burgess, of Mehoopany, died on May 8, 2005, in the Highlands Care Center, Laporte.

She was born in Tunkhannock on February 28, 1927, daughter of the late Roy and Sara (Burgess) Schrader.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a licensed practical nurse and was a member of the Lovelton Bible Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Burgess, and brothers, Harold and Leland Schrader.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Rubert Merritt of Barstow, CA; Linda and John Schriener of Columbia Falls, Montana; sister-in-law, Lillian Schrader of Effort; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; and five nephews.

Interment, Vaughn Cemetery, Mehoopany.

JAMES MILBRODT

Lake Township native

James Milbrodt, age 75, of Lehman-Outlet Road, Lake Twp., died May 11, 2005, at home.

Mr. Milbrodt was born in Lake Twp., December 15, 1929, and was a son of the late Christ and Rose Ann Fox Milbrodt.

Prior to retirement, he was employed by Ryan Brothers Construction and was a coal miner for various area mines.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Edward, Leo, and William; and sisters, Mary Keithline, Catherine Hoover, and Ruth Milbrodt.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Jennie London; sons, James D. Milbrodt and Forest A. Milbrodt, both at home; sisters, Donna L. Romanchick, Lake Twp.; Bonnie Higgins, at home; Debra Yarasheski, Lake Twp.; brother, Emmett Milbrodt, Noxen; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

NANCY NICHOLS

1970 graduate of Tunkhannock High

Nancy C. Nichols, of Forkston, died on May 4, 2005, at her home. She was born in Meshoppen on December 12, 1952, a daughter of the late Arthur and Gladys Hunsinger Kasson.

She was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School, Class of 1970, a member and past worthy matron of the Meshoppen Eastern Star, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Irem Temple Shrine and the Lovelton Bible Church.

Surviving are her husband of 29 years, Joseph W. Nichols; daughters, Jody Wilcox and Jennifer Nichols, both of Forkston; stepson, Joseph L. Nichols of Plains; stepdaughter, Kim Ozmanski of Miners Mills; brothers, Russell Kasson of Nipomo, CA; Lloyd Kasson of Forkston; grandchildren, Zana and Zander Wilcox; step grandchildren, Brian and Kaylee Patronick; and Gabrielle and Mia Nichols.

KARL BESTEDER

A founder of Northmoreland Ambulance Ass'n

Karl C. Besteder, 87, of Dallas, formerly of Centermoreland, passed away May 7, 2005, in Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston, he was a son of the late Walter and Ruby (Schoonover) Besteder. He was a graduate of Dallas Borough High School. Before retiring, he was a construction supervisor for J. Mark Robinson, Tunkhannock, and later served as Regional Director for the Department of Agriculture of Wyoming County. Karl was a member of the Centermoreland United Methodist Church, the Moose Lodge, Tunkhannock, Laborer's Union, Plains Township. In community affairs he was a founding member of the Northmoreland Ambulance Association, served as chairman of the Democratic Party of Wyoming County, and was a blood donor giving over 3 gallons of blood. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a loyal Yankee fan. He was preceded in death by brothers Floyd, Corey, and Kenneth.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, the former Helen Edwards; son, Karl C., Tunkhannock; daughter, Susan Riggs, Virginia Beach, Va.; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton section of Kingston Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Centermoreland United Methodist Church, or the American Diabetes Foundation.

FRANCES ANDERSON

Valedictorian of her 1923 high school class

Frances H. Anderson of Tunkhannock died May 8, 2005, at the Beverly Health Care in Tunkhannock. She was born in Idetown, Pa., on July 29, 1909, a daughter of the late George W. and Anna Smith Rogers.

She was a graduate of Beaumont High School class of 1923 and was the class Valedictorian. Prior to her retirement, she worked as a seamstress for the Rowker dress company in Tunkhannock. She attended the Vernon Church, Vernon.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Herbert Rogers, and her second husband, Carl Anderson; daughter Barbara Crider; granddaughters Cindy Cole and Linda Wardenberg; grandson Erik Rogers; great-grandchildren Timothy and Gary Cole and Jamie Dixon; brothers Edward, Robert and Carlton Rogers; sisters Edith Brown, Dorothy Sickler, Hilda Vivian and Vivian Southworth.

Surviving are sons George Rogers, Hunlock Creek; Herbert Rogers and Bruce Rogers, both of Tunkhannock; daughters Joan Ayers and Joycelyn Ross, both of Tunkhannock; Jean Bell of Lake Winola; and Nancy Sechrist of Lancaster; 26 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Interment, Idetown Cemetery.

BACK MOUNTAIN BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASS'N

Business Fair is May 24

A few spaces still available.

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association will hold its fifth Business Fair and Card Exchange Tuesday, May 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Stax & Co. restaurant, in the Twin Stacks Center, Rt. 415, Dallas. A wide range of members will display their products and services, and most exhibitors will

raffle off door prizes.

The event is intended to foster business-to-business relationships, and to give the general public an opportunity to learn about local products and services. Exhibitors will include retail businesses, real estate firms, restaurants and even auto dealers. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served.

Major sponsors of the event are Twin Stacks Center, Luzerne Bank, Autoworks International, Stax & Co., and Chiropractic and Rehab Associates.

A few tables are still available, at a cost of \$50 to member businesses. New members can get a table and membership for \$110. To reserve a space, call Diane Dreier at 675-5696.



Members of the board of the Back Mountain Food Pantry who attended a recent review of activities in 2004, seated from left: Louise Hazeltine, pantry coordinator; Rev. Michael Bealla; Lisa Banta, treasurer; Sandy Peoples, publicity chairperson. Standing: George Gaylord, Walter Gosart, Bill Palmer, Martin Everhart, convenor of the Back Mountain Ministerium, Sandy Valenti, Carol Eyt.

Food Pantry marks successful year

Rev. Michael Bealla, chairman of the board of the Back Mountain Food Pantry, recently reviewed the 2004 activities of the food pantry at a board meeting held at Trucksville United Methodist Church which houses the pantry.

During the year, the pantry collected and distributed more than 22 tons of food to 478 clients, up from 315 clients served the previous year.

In 2000 the Back Mountain Ministerium launched a campaign to raise \$62,000 to relocate the food pantry into the lower level of the

Administration and Education Building of the church. The goal has been reached thanks to donations from many individuals, groups and businesses.

Forty-eight volunteers logged 3,320 hours during 2004 to serve the clients of the pantry. They are: Lena Bauer, Josephine Besecker, Marjorie Brown, Theresa Brown, Shannon Dingle, George and Kathleen Grady, Jennie Hill, Gail and Dan Kistler, Bobbie May, Jayne and Dick Montgomery, Jeanne Thomas, Carol Paxton, Karen and Megan Pietraccini, Carol and Bob Eyt,

Lucy and Mike Messersmith, Alice Summa, Sandy Valenti, Ann Strasky, Mary Ann and Bob Popalarz, Fern and Paul Sabol, Emily Dlugash, Sarah Vozzak, John, Janet, Lee and Serena Kozakas, William McHenry, Tom Oliver, Ron Rhone, Jack Evans, George Gaylord, Walter Gosart, Richard Harrison, Donald Holdridge, William Long, William Ostrum, William Palmer, Dianne and Wayne Long and Joe Hardisky.

Anyone who would needs assistance or would like to volunteer may call the food pantry at 696-2917.

New books at the Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection:

EXPRESS LOAN (1 WEEK)
"Two-Dollar Bill" by Stuart Woods; "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks; "The Forgotten Man" by Robert Crais; "Blood Memory" by Greg Iles; "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld.

FICTION
"Bubbles Betrothed" by Sarah Strohmeyer; "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks; "Two-Dollar Bill" by Stuart Woods; "The Breakdown Lane" by Jacquelyn Mitchard; "Empire Rising" by Thomas Kelly; "The Motive" by John Lescroart; "The Forgotten Man" by Robert Crais; "Blood Memory" by Greg Iles; "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld; "Saturday" by Ian McEwan; "The Rising" by Tim F. LaHaye; "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer.

NONFICTION
"Men in Black: how the Supreme Court is destroying America" by Mark Levin; "An End to Suffering" by Pankaj Misha; "Secrets to Affordable Antiques" by Frank Farmer Loomis IV; "Scarf Style" by Pam Allen; "Faux Mosaics" by Tera Leigh; "A Public Betrayed" by Adam Gamble.

BIOGRAPHY
"The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls; "My Life So Far" by Jane Fonda; "Garlic and Sapphires" by Ruth Reichl.

STORY COLLECTION
"Poking Around the Poconos and Other Stories" by Irving Stettner.

AUDIOTAPES
"Sullivan's Law" by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg; "The Rosary Girls" by Richard Montanari; "A Thread of Grace" by Mary

Doria Russell; "The Cat Who Went Bananas" by Lilian Jackson Braun; "Honeymoon" by James Patterson; "Murder at Union Station" by Margaret Truman.

BOOKS ON CD
"Love Overboard" by Janet Evanovich; "15-Minute French"; "Murder List" by Julie Garwood; "To the Last Man" by Jeff Shaara; "Landis End" by Michael Cunningham; "The Five Essential People Skills" by Dale Carnegie; "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom; "Deception Point" by Dan Brown; "The Teeth of the Tiger" by Tom Clancy.

YOUNG ADULT
"The Arab-Israeli Conflict" by Cath Senker; "Prom" by Laurie Halse Anderson; "Bound" by Donna Jo Napoli.

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