

## STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM LCCC TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM



Students in the Professional Truck Driving program at Luzerne County Community College recently completed their training. The LCCC Professional Truck Driving Program is dedicated to providing quality training for professional entry-level tractor-trailer drivers. The program emphasizes safety and driver courtesy as well as the skills needed to operate the equipment successfully. Recent graduates of the truck driving program at LCCC are, from left, Brian Clark, Plymouth, instructor, LCCC; Dwayne Yenkevich, Hazleton; Roberto Benenati, Hazleton; Stephen Urban, Dallas; and Thomas Miller, Hazleton.

### OBITUARIES

**BONHAM** - Thomas R, 82, was a graduate of Dallas Bor-ough High School and enlist- ed in the U.S. Army in 1938. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and served with the Air Force 5th Communications Group from 1950 to 1953 during the Korean Conflict.

Born in Hunlock Creek on May 4, 1925, he was a gradu- ate of Harter High School, class of 1943 and held a Bach- elor of Divinity degree from Lancaster School of the Bible.

He was a World War II veter- an, having served in the U.S. Army for three years. He served in the Anti-tank Com- pany, 222nd Infantry.

A Bronze Star Medal was awarded to him on Sept. 22, 1943.

For seven years, he was em- ployed by the State Correc- tional Institution, Dallas.

In 1967, he established Cal- vary Bible Chapel. In 1975, he established Muhlenberg Christian Academy, kinderg- arten through 12th grade.

M.C.A. was the first Merit School within the A.C.E. sys- tem.

He did missionary work in Haiti, Russia, Romania, Saint Croix and Spanish Wells.

He and his wife, Margie es- tablished "Helping Others," an organization that distrib- uted clothing, food and help to people all over the nation.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Marjorie (Brace) Bon- ham; three daughters, Debo- rah, of Hunlock Creek; Chris- tine, of Hunlock Creek; and Dawn, of Benton; 14 grand- children; seven great-grand- children.

Memorial donations to Out Island Ministries, P.O. Box 16414, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.

**HARVEY** - Wayne I., of Dal- las, died Sunday, December 30, 2007 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen- ter, Plains Township.

Born in Harveys Lake, he

nook; a niece, and cousins.

**LYONS** - Margaret Ann, 83, of Rydal, Pa., formerly of Dal- las, died Wednesday, Decem- ber 26, 2007 at Abington Hos- pital, Abington, Pa.

Born in Star Junction, Pa., she grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. where she graduated from Manual Training High School.

She worked for Citibank in Manhattan, N.Y.

She volunteered with Gate of Heaven School and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Surviving are her daughter, Nancy, of Point Pleasant, N.J.; son, John, of Austin, Texas; brother, Bill Hamilla, of New City, N.Y.; an uncle, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort, PA 18704.

**WANDEL** - Walter E., 92, of Harveys Lake, formerly of Stull, Noxen, died Monday, December 24, 2007 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Thurston Hollow on September 4, 1915, he served in the U.S. Navy dur- ing World War II.

He was a member of the Noxen Bible Baptist Church and the Gideons Internation- al.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed by R&H Manu- facturing, Edwardsville.

Surviving are his children, Jeanette, of Powell, Tenn.; S. Ray Sr., with whom he resid- ed; Priscilla Hayner, of Spring Hill, Fla.; Walter Elton Jr., of Lehman; Pastor Mark, of Nox- en; 13 grandchildren; 23 great- grandchildren.

Memorial donotions to the Noxen Bible Baptist Church for the young people's mis- sion trip, P.O. Box 11, Noxen, PA 18636.



Members of the Music Box Dinner Playhouse Board of Directors who recently announced the Chairman's Capital Expansion Fund Drive are, from left, Michael J. Costanza, Attorney Jennifer Rogers and Debbie Zehner.

## Music Box announces Capital Expansion Drive

The Music Box Dinner Play- house, under the direction of Chairman of the Board Mi- chael J. Costanza, recently made a long-term commit- ment to Northeastern Penn- sylvania by establishing the Chairman's Capital Expansion Fund Drive.

In order to continue neces- sary improvements to the building and to insure the safety and comfort of audienc- es and performers, Costanza asks the community for its generous support to keep the playhouse operational for an- other 25 years.

With a goal of \$50,000, the Fund Drive will allow the non- profit group to repair and up- grade the theater's auditori- um, restrooms, dressing rooms, backstage areas and exterior.

A full 2008 season, January through December, will be presented during the improve- ment period along with a new education program for young adults and two original musi- cals for children.

Donations may be sent to 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, Pa 18704 and are tax deducti- ble due to 501 (c)(3) status.

## MEMORIES

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signs.com, from a blind search on the internet-search engine Google by entering words such as "hand-painted wedding invitations" and "artistic wedding invitations." She also advertises in online listings and is fea- tured on www.luxuriouswed- ding.com, a website in which an editor hand picks business- es. Some people find her through word of mouth in spe- cific regions such as Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Rice has even attracted in- ternational clients through the internet and has worked with customers in Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, Japan and Korea. She hopes to gain cus- tomers from Central and South America, Europe and Asia throughout the next year and says, if a language barrier pre- sents itself, she will hire an in- terpreter.

Three part-time employees and Rice's mother, Linda Rice of Trucksville, currently assist Rice with her workload. Next year, she expects to make sta- tionary for approximately 200 weddings. Since business is ex- panding, she is also consider- ing moving her studio about 500 feet away from her home to a commercial space that is owned by her husband's par- ents.

Rebecca Bria, a staff writer for The Dallas Post, may be reached at 970-7436.

## HISTORY

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headstones throughout the cem- etery, the nun would tell Pulling a story about each person buried there. Pulling took down all of the information the nun offered and, before she knew it, wrote "Cresson Sisters of Mercy of Lo- retto-Cresson."

Pulling returned to Dallas in 2005 to live at the Mercy Center. She is the receptionist at Mercy International Education Devel- opment and works as a clerk in the Mercy Center gift shop.

Aware that the "History of Dal- las" has already been written by

D.A. Waters, Pulling says her book will be different by the pic- tures, updated information and the decades added (the "History of Dallas" was written in the 1960s) as she plans to cover Dal- las from its onset to the present day.

"I like to find out why things happen the way they do," she re- marked.

For her book, Pulling re- searched old farmlands, why the county and borough were formed, businesses and the rise of Main Street with blacksmith shops and automobile stores. She explained how the area was once a popular summer resort and that many people stayed at the former Raub Hotel on the corner of Lake

Street, named so because it was located on the only route to get to Harveys Lake from Dallas at one time.

During her research, Pulling al- so looked at archives of The Dal- las Post from 1989, the year of the newspaper's 100th anniversary, and read "The History of Dallas."

With much of her research al- ready complete, Pulling expects her book to be finished sometime in 2008. She intends to submit her work to several publishers once it is complete.

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## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### King Crossword

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Solution time: 25 mins.

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