

OBITUARIES

BLACKWELL - Pauline "Polly," a native of Dallas and longtime resident of Troy, died Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

Born October 8, 1927 in Dallas, she retired from Paper Magic Troy in 1994 after 27 years of service where she was an inventory control clerk.

She was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, was a Past Matron of Eastern Star, was on the board of directors of Alparon Park and was involved in the Troy Vets Club.

Surviving are her daughters, Diane Blackwell-Hutsick, of Athens; Judy Chaapel and Barbie Blackwell, both of Troy; Nancy Oldroyd, of Gillett; sons, Jim and David, both of Troy; 11 grandchildren; 10-great-grandchildren; brothers, Elwood Ide and Willis Ide, both of Dallas; Ken Ide, of Demarest, Ga.; Jim Ide, of Williamsport, Md.; sisters, Peg Coblegh, of Troy; Barbara Osborn, of Campbell, N.Y.; Jan Russell, of Dallas; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the memorial fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, 1231 W. Main St., Troy, PA

FINK - Ida R., 87, formerly of the Back Mountain, died Thursday morning, January 10, 2008 at Highland Manor Nursing and Convalescent Center.

Born in Lehman, Mrs. Fink resided in the Back Mountain for many years until entering Highland Manor four years ago. She was a pillar in the Apostolic Church of West Pittston for 55 years under the direction of the late Rev. Charles Webb and the present pastor Rev. Philip Webb. She was employed as a seamstress in the garment industry until her retirement in 1985. Mrs. Fink was also a member of the International Ladies Garment Worker's Union (ILGWU).

Surviving are sisters, Fay Gaveck, of Exeter; and Dorothy Crosby, of New York; five grandchildren; several great-grandsons, great-granddaughters, nieces and nephews.

FITZGERALD - Elizabeth L., of Tunkhannock, died Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Golden Care Personal Care Home in Tunkhannock.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on March 8, 1945, she was a 1963 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and attended the Eaton Baptist Church and Tunkhannock Baptist Church.

Surviving is an uncle, Richard Cleveland, of Tunkhannock; and cousins.

KING - Carol, a longtime Back Mountain resident, died Friday, January 4, 2008 in Berkeley, Calif., after a brief illness.

Born in January 1921, she grew up in Chicago and Washington, D.C. She earned her degree in teaching French from Wilson Teachers College in 1941 and

worked as secretary, first for the War Department and then for the Chamber of Commerce in Washington.

Having moved to Dallas in 1967, she operated her own nursery school for two years. She then obtained a teaching certificate in elementary education and taught first grade at Wyoming Seminary Day School from 1969 to 1989.

She was a member of the DAR, supported the Dallas library and published exhaustive genealogical research on both her own ancestry and that of her late husband, Hugh.

Surviving are a brother, Walter, of Doylestown; and sons, Adrian, of El Cerrito, Calif.; and Randall, of Truckee, Calif.

OLIVER - John G., 88, a former resident of Hunlock Creek, died Thursday, January 10, 2008 at Bloomsburg Hospital, Bloomsburg.

Born July 26, 1919 in Gillette, Wyo., he was a member of the Town Hill United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was employed for United Gas Improvement Company at Hunlock Creek and retired after over 38 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, the former Esther McMichael; daughters, Nancy Saxe, of Cleaville; Jean Dorshefski, of Hunlock Creek; Mary Lou Bodek, of Koonsville; sons, John H., of North Wales; Michael J., of Fountain, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brother, Paul, of New Providence.

Memorial donations to the John Oliver Memorial Fund, c/o Town Hill United Methodist Church, 417 Town Hill Rd., Shickshinny, PA 18655, or to the John Oliver Memorial Fund for the Patterson Grove Camp Meeting Association, c/o Keith and Annie Smith, Apt. 405, 1300 Country Club Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

RADONAVITCH - Josephine P., 90, of Chase Road, Shavertown, died Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at her home.

Born in Jackson Township on September 17, 1917, she was a member of the Resurrection of the Lord Polish National Catholic Church, Edwardsville. She was employed by General Cigar Manufacturing, Kingston, for 32 years, retiring 40 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Robert, of Jackson Township; daughters, Josephine Bunney, with whom she resided; and Jennie Rice, of Jackson Township; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Salvation Army, 17 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, or Hospice Care of the VNA, 468 Northampton St., Edwardsville, PA 18704.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Club plans King observation

The Misericordia University Diversity Club will set up table tent displays in the dining hall and Cougar Den in the Banks Student Life Center featuring famous quotes from Dr. King's many historical and memorable speeches and sermons on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The club will also host a roundtable luncheon discussion from noon to 1 p.m. in Mercy Hall, room 325. The discussion is open to the public.

To register for the roundtable discussion, please RSVP to Dr. Hinton at mhinton@misericordia.edu.

Zen Meditation program slated

An introduction to Zen Meditation will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Mercy Center on the campus of Misericordia University.

The program includes a description of meditation practice, a short period of practice and time for questions. Pre-registration is required. Call Sr. Barbara Craig at 675-1872.

A free will offering will be taken.

Legion plans Pig Roast for Feb. 2

Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 Dallas American Legion will hold its 47th Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Post Home on Route 415 in Dallas. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and there will be dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The menu includes roast pork, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dessert and beverages.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and should be purchased from any committee member or at the Post Home. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Take-outs will also be available.

For additional information, contact Clarence J. Michael, commander, at 675-0488 or the Post home at 675-6542.

Contra dance slated for February 2

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore Society features music by "Dr. Twamley's Audio Snakes" and caller Ted Crane at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Church of

Christ Uniting in Kingston, Sprague Avenue, Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission to the dance is \$8 for adults and \$20 for families.

For more information, call 333-4007 or log onto folkloresociety.org.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, in the board room of the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 West Center Hill Road, Dallas.

Young actor sought for leading role

The Music Box Players are looking for a young actor (age 16 and over) to play the leading role of Barnaby Tucker in the musical HELLO, DOLLY! at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St. Swyersville. Production dates are: Feb 14-17, 21-24, 28, 29, March 1 and 2.

Anyone interested should call 283-2195 for an audition.

Music Box to present "Hello, Dolly!"

"Hello, Dolly!" will be presented at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swyersville, February 14-17, 21-24, 28, 29, March 1 and 2.

The show is presented at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 3 p.m. on Sundays. A buffet dinner will be served 90 minutes before curtain.

Tickets are on sale for dinner and show and show/only with discounts available for children, students and senior citizens. Group rates are also available.

For more information, call 283-2195.

'Go Red' Fashion Show set for Feb. 16

The Fifth Annual "Go Red" Fashion Show, scheduled for noon on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Plains, will feature models who are directly involved in the struggle against heart disease, all wearing the latest in everyday fashions available at and donated by local retail stores.

Tickets cost \$20 per person and proceeds will benefit The Heart and Vascular Institute at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and the AHA. Reservations can be made by calling Wyoming Valley Health Care System at 552-7408.

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