

CRAFTY FUNDRAISER



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

The Dallas Soccer Booster Club holds a Craft Fair every year - and every year it gets bigger. This year was no exception as vendors featuring jewelry, candles, home decorations and all kinds of crafts were on hand, hoping to entice fair-goers with their merchandise. All proceeds benefit the Dallas High School soccer program. Above, Jeannie and April Freeman, of Beaumont, have a hard time deciding which decoration to buy. Below, Kara Kochanski, of Shavertown, checks out the necklaces at the fair.



OBITUARIES

BARLETTA - Joseph A. (Bullets) Sr., 59, of Trucks-ville, died Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on September 13, 1948 in Exeter, he was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Exeter and was a 1967 graduate of Wyoming Area High School.

After high school, he worked at a local radio station as a sports newscaster and also worked at the former Consolidated Cigar Co., West Pittston. He also worked for Pa. Gas and Water and later at PAWC as a meter reader.

Surviving are his daughter, Kimberly Barletta, Wilkes-Barre; sons, Joseph A. Jr., at home; and Bryan, Edwards-ville; sisters, Mary Lou Day, Plains; Carmella Coolbaugh, West Pittston; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

GULLA - Andrew Jr., 87, of Dallas, died Monday, March 3, 2008 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born August 18, 1920 in Johnstown and raised in Swoyersville, he was a graduate of the former Swoyersville High School Class of 1938. Prior to his retirement, he was employed for 40 years as a lineman for Pennsylvania Power and Light, retiring in 1982. In his earlier years, he was employed as a foreman for Sordoni Construction, Wilkes-Barre.

A United States Marines veteran, he served his country during World War II, participating in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal. He was a member of the first crew to enter Nagasaki, Japan, after the atomic bomb was dropped. Upon his honorable discharge on January 22, 1946, he attained the rank of Corporal.

As a young man, he was a semi-pro baseball player.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre; a life member of American Legion Post 644, Swoyersville, where he served as the commander for 10 years; a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 395, Kingston; a life member of the Marine Corps League; a life member of the Disabled American Veterans; a member of the Scorna Corpus Club of Pennsylvania Power and Light; a member of the Bloomsburg Lodge 531, F&AM; and a former member of the Irem Temple Shriners.

Surviving are his daughter, Debbie Sobek, Harveys Lake; brother, George Gulla, Pittston; sisters, Mary Matusek, Swoyersville; Helen Kas-kus, Tunkhannock; Elizabeth Paris, Illinois; Emma Horen-sky, Wilkes-Barre; three grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 667 N. Main St.,

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705.

KLOCKGETHER - Margaret, a resident of Mercy Center, Dallas, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at the age of 102.

Born July 9, 1905 in Pittsburgh, she had been active in the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary for over 30 years, serving twice as the president and volunteering in the hospitality shop until the age of 90. She was also active in the Mother's Club of Central Catholic High School, St. Ignatius Altar and Rosary Society and the St. Therese School Guild.

Surviving are daughters, Helen Bain of Williamsburg, Va.; Martha Douglas, of Swoyersville; and Alice Teufel, of Kingston; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws.

MENTA - Audrey M., 65, of Loyalville, died Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Hospice Care of the VNA, Inpatient Unit, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on June 19, 1942, she resided with her sister and brother-in-law, Theresa and Donald Mills.

Surviving, in addition to her sister and brother-in-law, are an uncle, Elwood Menta, of Jenkins Township; and several cousins.

SAYRE - Elwood M. Sr., 70, of Sweet Valley, died Sunday, March 9, 2008 at home.

Born in Nanticoke on March 5, 1938, he was employed as a truck driver for many years and retired from Phoenix Manufacturing, Nanticoke.

Surviving are daughters, Audrey Roper, of Sugar Notch; Debra Pearson, of Plymouth; Cindy Shalata, of Sugar Notch; Rita Kosicki, of Plymouth; sons, Elwood Jr., of Hanover Township; William, of Hunlock Creek; Thomas, of Lake Silkworth; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; stepmother, Lillian Sayre, of Courtdale; sisters, Rita Rittenhouse, of Plymouth; Beverly Tirpak, of Larksville; and Carol White, of Lake Silkworth; brother, Craig, of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

STUCKEY - James G., 64, of Tunkhannock died Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Born in Hendersonville, N.C. on May 18, 1943, he was a

graduate of Clinton High School, Clinton, Tenn., Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. and Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, Pa. He served in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator from 1966 to 1986, flying the A4 Skyhawk on 83 missions off of the USS Intrepid during the Vietnam War. During his service, he also lived and worked for two years on the 6th Fleet staff in Italy.

After retiring from the military, he co-owned Jonah Frames with his brother, David Stuckey. He was a member of Community Bible Church, Tunkhannock, serving as an elder.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Stuckey; son, Chad, Macungie; daughter, Springer, Harrisburg; three granddaughters; sister, Carol Farmer, Knoxville, Tenn.; and brother, Pastor David, Tunkhannock.

Memorial donations to the Muldova-Missionary Fund at Community Bible Church.

THOMAS - Bette S., of Dallas, died December 20, 2007.

A graduate of Coughlin High School, she received her B.S. degree in elementary education from East Stroudsburg University and a master's of education degree, magna cum laude, from Penn State University. She did further graduate work at the University of Scranton, Bucknell University and Wilkes University.

After serving as an assistant librarian at East Stroudsburg University for two years, she taught school in Laurel Run Borough and Buck Township and was a member of the faculty of the Dallas Area School District for 35 years. Mrs. Thomas was a former member of the P.S.E.A., N.E.A. and Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Rho. She was also a member of the PASER and the National Honor Society.

A member of the Dallas United Methodist Church, she was a former member of the Council of Ministries and the Administrative Board. She served as Sunday school teacher and leader of the Crusaders for Young Children. For many years, she volunteered with the American Red Cross. She was also a member of the East Stroudsburg University and Penn State University Alumni Associations and a member of the Pocono Mountain Land Development Association.

Surviving is her sister, Mary Salberg, of Concord, Calif.

Memorial donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 4 Parsonage St., Dallas, PA 18612.

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