

## No puzzles this week

Due to circumstances beyond our control, puzzles were not available to us this week. If you would like to see the puzzles continue in The Dallas Post, please let us know. Call Editor Dotty Martin at 970-7440.

### CHURCH BRIEFS

#### Election Day fund raiser planned

"Soldiers of Christ" youth group of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church will sponsor several activities on Election Day, Tuesday, April 22.

All proceeds will go to the youth group's upcoming mission trip fund. In June several youth will travel to West Virginia for a special mission work project.

A bake sale with Welsh cookies will be held from 8 a.m. until all items are sold at the Northmoreland Fire Hall. Election Day meals (breakfast, lunch and supper) will be served from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. at the church on Creamery Road.

For more information, call Doug Jones at 333-4608.

#### National Day of Prayer scheduled

The Center Moreland United Methodist, Creamery Road, will hold a National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 1.

This year's theme is, "Prayer! America's Strength & Shield."

The prayer event schedule is as follows: 6 a.m., Quiet prayer time & coffee hour (especially for those on their way to work); 7-7:45 a.m., Prayer breakfast; 8 a.m. Prayer service.

Reservations are requested for the prayer breakfast and can be made by calling 333-4226.

There is no charge for the prayer event but an offering basket will be available for a donation to the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

To learn more about the National Day of Prayer and the Task Force you may log on to its web sight at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

#### Spring Chicken Barbeque set

The Trustees of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold their Spring Chicken BBQ on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, at the Dickson Educational Facility, Church Road, Trucksville.

Take-out orders will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Dining room service will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. each day in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children and must be reserved in advance.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the church office at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or by faxing orders to 696-3898.

#### Prayer Shawl Workshop slated

A Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday May 3, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, co-founders of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, will lead an afternoon of knitting/crocheting, story sharing, devotions, and dessert.

Registration deadline is April 19. Cost is \$25.

For more information and a registration form, call Cathy at 696-2907.

#### New England Contra Dance scheduled

A New England Contra Dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore Society features music by "Tributary" and caller Joyce Rossbach will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday May 3, 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 [folklore-society.org](http://folklore-society.org).

**BANKES** - Glenda Mae, of Bunker Hill, died Sunday, April 13, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on November 14, 1934, she graduated from Westmoreland High School and was employed by Mark Development Holdings for 45 years prior to her retirement.

She was a member of the Carverton United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Fred Banks; sons, Todd, Missouri; David, Exeter; and Brad, Wilkes-Barre; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**BROWN** - Gerald R., 74, of Tunkhannock and Duryea, died on Saturday, April 5, 2008.

He was a founding member of the Pine Flats Lodge, Manchester Township. He also belonged to the American Legion Post 585, Duryea, and Nativity BVM Church, Tunkhannock.

Surviving are his wife, the former Theresa Bauman; daughter, Emily Eaton, of Duryea; son, James, of Willow Grove; sister, Catherine Bossi, of Old Forge; one grandson.

**CAREY** - Robert L. Carey, 93, of Shiremanstown, formerly of Dallas, died on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Camp Hill. Born in Dorrance, he was a graduate of Forty Fort High School and the Wyoming Seminary School of Business. Before retiring, he was the owner of Robert L. Carey Insurance Agency, Wilkes-Barre.

He attended the Dallas United Methodist Church and was previously a member of the Forty Fort United Methodist Church and the George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F&A.M. He was active for 44 years in the Wyoming Valley Barber Shop Chorus of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.A. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Doris Dennis Carey; and a son, David C., Shiremanstown.

**GAFFNEY** - Sister Maureen Catherine, RSM, 73, a member of the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and a resident of Mercy Center, Dallas, died on Monday, April 7, 2008.

Born on May 19, 1934 in Hazleton, she was a 1951 graduate of St. Ann's, Freeland. She entered the Sisters of Mercy at Dallas on September 8, 1951 and made her profession of vows on March 12, 1954.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from College Misericordia in 1958, a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Scranton in 1968 and did post-graduate work in psychology at Fordham University and Syracuse University in New York, as well as post-graduate work in theology and psychology in Rome.

Sister Maureen ministered in the elementary schools in Dallas, New York, Allentown, Pittsburgh and Washington, DC. For many years, she ministered in the Movement for a Better World, an international retreat organization. She also served as a hospice volunteer at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, and on the staff of Mercy Center.

Surviving are her siblings, Ann Marie Ceriani, Freeland; James E. Gaffney, Placencia, Calif.; John S. Gaffney, Freeland; Jo Ann Phillips, Gainesville, Ga.; Gerald Gaffney, Freeland; Kathleen Wilkes, Columbia, S.C.; William Gaffney, Drums; Maurita Medash, Drums; Mary Theresa Gaffney, Hanover Township; Janet Maddon, Mountain Top; Richard Gaffney, Wilkes-Barre; Sharon Medash; Freeland; Patricia Curney, Freeland; nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandneph-

ews and the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid-Atlantic Community.

Memorial contributions to the Retirement Fund, Sisters of Mercy, Mid-Atlantic Community, P.O. Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612.

**KOURY** - Maurice G., 79, of Hanover Township and Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the Inpatient Unit of Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Bristow, Oklahoma on April 5, 1929, he was a graduate of Meyers High School, class of 1947, and a member of St. Anthony's Maronite Church, Wilkes-Barre. He owned Koury's Home Center, Wilkes-Barre, for 30 years and, for the past 27 years, was CEO of Koury Realty, which includes Courthouse Square Towers, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years as of July 2008, the former Dolores Evanko; daughters, Maureen, Harveys Lake; Sharon Miller, Scranton; Jill Katulka, Forest Hill, Md.; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Anthony/St. George's Maronite Church, Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**RIEDLINGER** - Barbara Ann, of Dallas, died Friday, April 11, 2008.

Born October 6, 1942 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a 1960 graduate of GAR High School, Wilkes-Barre, and graduated with a degree in Library Science from Wilkes University. She was employed as librarian at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and the Alzheimer's Association Help Group at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Surviving are her mother, Regina Tolarski Koshinski of Wilkes-Barre; sons, Christopher, Pottsville; and Gregory, Forty Fort; daughter, Regina, Pittstown; and brother, Zigmund Koshinski, Wilkes-Barre.

**REISH** - Arvilla J., 87, a former resident of Harveys Lake and Sweet Valley, died Monday, April 7, 2008 at Kent General Hospital, Dover, Del.

Born June 1, 1920 in Lock Haven, she was married to the late John R. "Russ" Reish Sr. on November 23, 1939.

Surviving are her son, John J. Jr., of Camden, Del.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Ross Library or First Church of Christ.

**ROBERTS** - Mayetta, 90, formerly of Shavertown, died February 22, 2008 at Muhlenberg Medical Center in Plainfield, N.J.

She spent most of her life in Pennsylvania, having grown up in Plains Township before moving to Shavertown. She worked as a comptometer specialist before becoming a nursery attendant at Kasarda's Nursery.

Surviving are her sister, Nettie Sanders, formerly of Kingston; nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

**SHELLY** - Dr. W. Dayton, of Tunkhannock, died Friday, April 11, 2008 at home.

Born February 17, 1943 in Abington, he was a graduate of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and Temple Medical College, Philadelphia. He graduated with Alpha Omega Alpha honors and completed his surgical residency at Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pa.

Prior to medical school, Dr. Shelly was a Vietnam-era member of the U.S. Army stationed at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. Following his residency at Abington Hospital, he joined the practice of surgery with Dr. William R. Host in Tunkhannock.

He moved to Kenansville, N.C., in 1994 where he accepted a position at Duplin General Hospital, then returned to NEPA in 2004 to accept a position at Barnes Kasson Hospital in Susquehanna, a hospital his parents helped establish.

Surviving are his wife, Dianne Banta Shelly, of Tunkhannock; a son, Lee C., of Lansdale; daughter, Melissa R. Kandrov, of Tunkhannock; four grandchildren; father, Dr. Robert M., of Palm Coast, Fla.; sister, Katherine, of Ararat; brother, Arthur, of Thompson; sister, Jane, of Stamford, Conn.; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Tyler Memorial Hospital Surgical Services, 880 SR 6W, Tunkhannock, Pa. 18657.

**SMITH** - Doris R., 78, of Trucksville, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at VNA Hospice, Inpatient Unit, at Community Medical Center, Scranton.

Born April 30, 1929 in Minneapolis, Minn., she spent her life as a military wife.

Surviving are her husband, George, with whom she celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary on December 13, 2007; her children, Kathy Papciak, Mountain Top; Daniel G., Harding; Janice Burke, Luzerne; Donald C., Trucksville; brothers, Robert McLaughlin, South Dakota; sisters, Irene Jaspersen and Helen Meyer, both of Minneapolis, Minn.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Heartland Hospice, 38 North Main Street, Pittston, PA 18640.

**STAUB** - Geraldine, 92, of Trucksville, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at Manor Care, Kingstons.

Born in Trucksville, she graduated from Kingston Township High School. She worked with College Misericordia, Dallas, as a housekeeper for many years until her retirement.

She was a lifelong resident of Trucksville and a member of St. Therese's Church, Trucksville, for more than 50 years.

Surviving are several cousins.

**TEWKSBUURY** - M. Elizabeth, 90, of Elizabethtown, formerly of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, April 6, 2008 at the Masonic Village Health Care Center.

Born in Tunkhannock, she received a B.S. degree from Brown University and a B.S. from the former Columbia-Presbyterian School of Nursing. She worked as a nurse at the Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving are twin daughters, Suzanne Vance, of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Sandra Brown, of Monterey, Calif.; a granddaughter.

Memorial donations to Masonic Village, Office of Gift Planning, 1 Masonic Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

**WALTER** - Maryann, 41, of Sweet Valley died Monday, April 7, 2008 at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Wilkes-Barre.

Born December 1, 1966 in Newark, N.J., she was a member of the 1984 graduating class at Hanover High School. She and her husband, Ken, had been owners of Fred's Buttonwood Inn, Hanover Township, for several years. She had recently been employed at Creditek, Hanover Township.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her mother, Mary Lou Greco Visnefski, of Hanover Township; son, Kenny Jr.; brothers, Butch Visnefski, Connecticut; and Mike Visnefski, Hanover Township; nieces and nephews.

## SUMC continues concert series

The Fine Arts Concert Series of Shavertown United Methodist Church will present "Songs for All Seasons" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 27.

Featured will be vocal and bell choirs from SUMC and guests, along with congregational singing of favorite hymns with organ, bells, trumpet and choirs.

Guest artist will be Rob-

ert "Bobby" Baird, longtime area trumpet player who has delighted audiences for years.

A three-time state champ trumpeter, Baird played in the United States Navy Band and has performed with Bobby Baird's Dixieland Jazz Band for over 50 years. He received the Pennsylvania Jazz Society's Musician Jazzer Award for the

year 2000.

Mark Pall, son of Rev. Jim and Susan Pall, an 11-year-old organist from Dallas, will also be featured on the concert.

A free will offering will be taken and a reception will follow the concert. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave. in Shavertown. For more information, call 675-3616.



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Mark Pall, an 11-year-old organist from Dallas, will be featured at a "Songs for All Seasons" concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, at the Shavertown United Methodist.

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