

# DHS Lock-In provides fun and safety for grads

You didn't even have to close your eyes to feel like you were in Hawaii. The walls and halls of the Dallas Senior High School were so well decorated for the annual Senior Lock-In, it's wasn't hard to imagine what the islands of Hawaii actually look and feel like. Members of the 2008 graduating class of Dallas High School were guests of honor at the event which keeps graduates inside - and out of harm's way - the night of graduation. There was plenty of food, plenty to do in the way of games and socializing and plenty of chaperones in parents and faculty members to keep members of the graduating class busy until 6 a.m. the following morning.

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Kyle Arnaud, left, and Peter Steve enjoy the amusements at the Dallas High School Lock-In.



Most of all, the Dallas High School Lock-In is loads of fun for seniors like Nikki Rave and her classmates.

## OBITUARIES

**BRUBST** - Eugene S., 72, of Trucksville, died Saturday, June 14, 2008 at home.

Born March 10, 1936 in Dallas, he was a graduate of Westmoreland High School where he was an avid football, basketball and baseball player. He also played Legion and semi-professional baseball.

Before retiring in 2002, he was employed at Pocono Downs and Whitesell Brothers. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the 8th Air Force 42nd Bombardment, 42nd A & E Squadron, stationed in Maine during The Korean War.

He was a member of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly Anderson Brobst; children Tauna Thomas, David Brobst and Tammy Lugiano; six grandchildren; and brothers Clinton and Herb Brobst.

Memorial donations to the Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund by contacting 800-427-1902, ext 5989.

**FABIAN** - Ceil L., 94, of Shavertown, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

Born in Nanticoke on May 28, 1914, she attended Nanticoke schools. She had been employed by and retired from the Atwater Company, Plymouth. She was a member of All Saints Parish, Plymouth, where she was an active member of the Silver and Gold Club and the Friendship Club.

Surviving are sons, Bernard Ragukas, Plymouth; Robert Ragukas, Larksville; stepchildren, Jerome Fabian, Dallas; Frank Fabian Jr., Plymouth; and Eleanor Ivan, Kingston; four grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; sister Helen, Woodbridge, N.J.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**GABLE** - Janice Marie, Ph.D., 46, of Phoenixville, formerly of Tunkhannock, died Friday, June 13, 2008 in Tunkhannock.

Born in Scranton, she was a professor and Chairman of the Arts and Sciences Department of Valley Forge Christian College of Phoenixville. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

A graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School, Class of 1979, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Penn State University in 1983, her Master's Degree from the University of Scranton and her Ph.D. from Lehigh University in 2003. She was a former journalist and had worked for the Scranton Tribune, Citizens Voice and Wyoming County New Age-Examiner. She formerly taught at King's College, the University of Scranton and Lehigh University.

Surviving are her parents, Author and Frances Jacques Gable, of Tunkhannock; sisters, Jacqueline Dippold, Royersford; Judy Protz, Wake Forest, N.C.; brother, Arthur Jr., of Fairport, N.Y.; eight nieces and nephews; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations to Storms Research Center, Valley Forge Christian College, 1401 Charlestown Rd., Phoenixville PA, 19460.

**GAVEK** - Emma Fay, 93, formerly of Beaumont, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008 in the Highland Manor Nursing and Convalescent Center, Exeter.

Born in Dallas, she was employed at Native Textiles, formerly of Dallas, for many years.

Surviving are her children, Wil-

liam Smith, Pensfield, N.Y., Norma Mullison, Deptford, N.J.; Linda Grey, Beaumont; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Crosby, Binghamton, N.Y.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to American Cancer Society of Wyoming Valley, 190 Welles St., Suite 118, Forty-Fort, PA 18704 or Cystic Fibrosis, 1541 Alta Drive, Suite 204, Whitehall, PA.

**HUNTER** - Arden E., of Baltimore Maryland, died on Saturday, June 8, 2008.

Born in Sweet Valley on May 3, 1931, he graduated from Lehman High School in 1948 and was a member of the baseball team and band. He tried out for the Cleveland Indians, but was too young to make the team.

He served in the Army and was stationed in Japan. He was employed as a long haul truck driver until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Raiko; son, Francis; daughter, Linda Ritter; sister, Kathleen Cornell; brother, Kenneth Hunter; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

**KUCIRKA** - Dr. Jerome, 64, of Dallas, died Monday, June 9, 2008, in Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of James M. Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, Class of 1962, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967 from the former Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, and a doctorate of physics from Drexel University, Philadelphia.

He was a faculty member for more than 28 years serving in the Physics, Engineering, Mechanical Engineering Departments and, finally the Engineering and Physics Division of Wilkes University. He was advisor to the Physics Club and Sigma-Pi-Sigma, the Physics Honor Society, from 1989 to the present. In the early 1990s, he was one of the organizers of the Wilkes University's Core Studies Program.

Surviving are his wife, Gaye C. Gustitus, D.O.; and a brother, John, of Beaumont.

Memorial donations to Wilkes

University, Office of Development, 84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766.

**MATENUS** - Josephine H., 83, of Dallas, died Sunday, June 15, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Dallas, she attended Dallas Township High School. Before retiring, she was a nurse's aide at Wesley Village and had been employed as an inspector by Owens-Illinois. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church.

Surviving are sons, Stanley J. and Raymond S., both of Dallas; brother, Stanley Wroblewski, Baltimore, Md.

**MURPHY** - Charles "Tom" Sr., 75, of Noxen, died Monday, June 9, 2008 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on August 30, 1932, he attended the Beaumont School and resided in Noxen for most of his life. He graduated in 1961 from West Side Vocational-Technical School. He served in Germany as a corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and stateside in the Army Reserve for six years. He was employed by PennDOT, Tunkhannock, for 34 years, retiring in 1994 and served as a Noxen Township supervisor.

Surviving are his wife, the former Beverly Newell; children,

Donna Harvey, James Murphy, Russell Murphy, Tammy Casterline, all of Noxen; Connie Hoover, of Lehman; Brian Murphy, of Tunkhannock; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Ted "Fred" Murphy, of Plains Township; Jay Murphy of Wilkes-Barre; sisters, Ruby Hudock of Wilkes-Barre; Janet Dawes, of Easton; and Susan Baer, of Harveys Lake.

**SELLITTO** - James Gaetano, of Dallas, died June 15, 2008 at Wesley Village Nursing Home.

Born March 2, 1934 in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of Coughlin High School and Penn State University. He served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

He was a member of the Dream Mile Club in Blakeslee, Pa., for more than 30 years, was a member of Trout Unlimited and a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association.

He was an elementary school teacher in the Montrose Area School District for 23 years before retiring in 1993. He was also employed by the Linear Rubber Co. and Seals Rubber Co., South Plainfield, N.J.

Surviving are his wife, Graecann Entriken Sellitto; son, David A., of Raleigh, N.C.; three grandchildren; several nieces, ne-

phews, cousins and a special uncle, Alphonso Sellitto.

Memorial donations to the Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association, 2 Monument Square, Montrose, PA 18801.

**STREDNY** - Antonia, 83, of Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at her home.

Born in Italy, she was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are sons, Joseph J., Fairbanks, Ark., Richard E., Harveys Lake; daughters, Carol Swire and Susan Stredny, both of Harveys Lake; sister, Enza Theodore, Harveys Lake; brother, Salvatore Terrone, Italy; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

**SULT** - Kevin J., 36, of Jackson Township, died Thursday, June 12, 2008 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of the former Bishop O'Reilly High School, Kingston, and attended Penn State University. He worked with his family's business, the Mark II Family Restaurants, for many years where he held numerous positions and was most recently the general manager of the Dallas restaurant.

He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church.

Surviving are his mother, Marilyn Carson; brothers, Bernie, of Lehman Township; Sean, of Dallas; Tom, of Plymouth; one niece and one nephew; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations to Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, PA 18612 or to the Back Mountain Hockey Association.

**TUCK** - Andrew G., 38, of Dallas Township, died Thursday, June 12, 2008, as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he attended Dallas and West Side Technical schools, earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from King's College and was finishing his MBA at Wilkes University. He had been employed as a financial analyst by Mercy Health System in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton and recently by the Unison Engine Components, formerly Smith Aerospace, Mountain Top.

Surviving are his parents, Henry and Janet Shaver Tuck; his wife, Moira; three sons, Andrew Jr., Nolan and Conal, all at home; a brother, Daniel, Shavertown.

Memorial donations to the Andrew Tuck Children's Fund at the Luzerne National Bank, 118 Main St., Luzerne, PA 18709.

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