

OBITUARIES

ARNONE - John P. Sr., 69, died Sunday, July 6, 2008 in Florida.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he graduated from school in Wilkes-Barre Township where he excelled in both basketball and football. He continued his education as a personnel manager in the Navy while stationed in San Diego, Calif. He was honorably discharged in 1958. He was owner of J.M.A.'s bar located in the Grand Hotel in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

He helped manage Jay's bar at Harveys Lake with his parents. He was elected constable and attained president of the P.A. Constable's Association. In 1962, he attained membership as an apprentice in the Operating Engineers Local 542 and was recognized as UNICO's Man of the Year.

Upon retirement, he managed Arnone Realty from Harveys Lake and Florida.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Marie, Florida and Harveys Lake; daughter, Dorothy Joyce, Ashley; sons, Nicholas, Harveys Lake; John Jr., Hanover Twp.; Joseph, Cary, N.C.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

BAUR - Robert J., Sr., of North Maple Avenue, Kingston and Harveys Lake, died Sunday, July 13, 2008 in the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was a graduate of GAR High School, Class of 1943. In 1949, he received his diploma in Drafting and Estimating from ICS in Scranton. He was formerly employed by Power Engineering Corp. for over 40 years as manager of the Sheet Metal Division and was a member of Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 44.

He was a member of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, where he was an usher for 25 years and a member of its Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, the for-

mer Jean Durkin; daughter, Linda, Virginia; son Robert, Dallas; three grandchildren; brothers, John, Wilkes-Barre; and Frank, Forty Fort, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Lehigh Valley Parkinson's Support Group, 1445 Westgate Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

DANIELS - Brian D., 33, Sweet Valley, formerly of Mount Zion, Exeter Township, died Tuesday, July 8, 2008 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Kingston, he attended Wyoming Area High School and had been a welder most of his life, working at Finch Machine Co., West Pittston, for many years. He was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Exeter Township, and of the 1,000 Yard Bench Rest Rifle Club, Williamsport.

Surviving are his parents, Brainerd W. ("Skip") and Nancy Carpenter Daniels, Mount Zion; sister, Linda, Pittston; two nieces; one great-niece; fiancée, Amanda Tobin, Sweet Valley.

Memorial donations to Shriner's Hospitals, c/o Irem Shrine Center, Box 307, Dallas, PA 18612.

HOFFMAN - William "Fisher-man Bill," 66, of Mountainside Manor, Dallas, a former resident of Harveys Lake, died on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

JACOBSEN - Brenda, 50, a na-

tive of Harveys Lake, died Monday, July 7, 2008 in Oakland, New Jersey, after a courageous year-long battle with cancer.

Born on January 2, 1958, she was a 1975 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School and a 1979 graduate of Moravian College where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work. She was employed as an advocate for the Center for Food Action in Elmwood Park and also as a research assistant for Jacob Publications, a family-owned publishing business.

Surviving are her husband, Michael; three children, Kevin, Keith and Colleen, all of Oakland; her mother, Rosemary Merrill, Tunkhannock; siblings, Dr. Fred Merrill III, of Martinez, Georgia; Jane Puckett, of New Columbia; and Larry Merrill, of North Hampton, New Hampshire; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was a past president of the Dogwood Hill School PTA, a member of the Oakland Mothers' Club and a long-time assistant recreation soccer commissioner. She was a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oakland and a member of the parish's Homeless Overflow Shelter.

Memorial donations to the Center for Food Action, 21 Church St., Elmwood Park, NJ 07407.

KARPOV - Joseph F. Sr., of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, July 9, at Geisinger Hospital in

Danville.

Born in Dushore in December 1933, he worked as a technician for Procter & Gamble for 27 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the National Guard and was active with the Wyoming County Food Pantry, FEMA Wyoming County, the Lackawanna County Audubon Society, the Endless Mountains Nature Center, Greenpeace, and the Bonsai Society of NEPA.

Surviving are his wife, Claire Fielder Karpov; sons, Joseph Jr., of Yardley; and Mark, of Montrose; three grandchildren; brother, William Karpovich, of Newark, Del.; sisters, Betty Voyton, of Wilmington, Del.; and Mary Potuck, of Dushore; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County Food Pantry, P.O. Box 165, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

KENNEDY-CITSAY - Shirley, 55, of Trucksville, died Wednesday, July 9, 2008 in Hospice Care of the VNA at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a 1974 graduate of E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, and earned an associate's degree from Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.

Surviving are her husband, Michael; daughter, Megan Kennedy, Trucksville; son, James Smith, Wilkes-Barre; one grandson; brothers, Gerald, Richard, Stephen and Paul, all of Wilkes-Barre; sister, Jeanette Nesbitt,

Wilkes-Barre; and Lorraine, Plains Township; numerous nieces and nephews.

KOCHER - Harold "Coke", 88, died Monday, June 23, 2008 at Majestic Oakes in Orange City, Fla.

Born in Harveys Lake, he moved to Orange City in 1993 from St. Louis, Mo. He was retired as an executive for the YMCA after 45 years of service in New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and, most recently, St. Louis. He was a member of the United Church of Christ, the Rotary Club and the Democratic National Committee.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; daughter, Carolyn Fisher, State College; sons, Ronald, Palm Coast, Fla.; and Jeff, Clermont, Fla.; three grandchildren; and sisters, Jessie Swan, of Lehman; and Vivian Moyer, of Dallas.

Memorial donations to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

TURNER - Beatrice, 88, of Tunkhannock, and formerly of Moosic and Harrison, N.J., died Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at home.

She was born in Moosic on August 26, 1919.

Surviving are daughters, Sally Kane, Arlene Kelly and Edna Chadwick; son, Elwood A.; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Auditions let you try your hand at theater

The Back Mountain Youth Theatre Company will conduct auditions at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, at Major Performing Arts Center, Carverton Road, Trucksville for a summer production to be performed in late August at Penn State. A second audition date will be added the following week if necessary.

This production, "Folk Tales from Around the World," marks the 10th annual summer theatre tour event produced by the company.

Individual "tales" being used will be from the cultures of Sweden, Japan, Germany, Mexico, Egypt, Turkey, Norway and Liberia. All roles are open and all types of roles are available, including character roles as animals, humans, narrators, etc.

Anyone wishing to pre-read the scripts prior to the auditions may arrive by 6 p.m.

Actors and actresses should be 18 years of age or under and no experience is necessary to audition. Actors will be asked to read from a script and participate in some character improvisation.

Actors cast will receive scripts and be asked to memorize lines by mid-August. Rehearsals will be held three times a week during the month of August. The production will be directed by Gina Major Ackerman, veteran youth musical theatre, voice and drama instructor.

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