

OBITUARIES

ANTOS - Phyllis I., 62, of Dallas, died Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Born on October 28, 1946 in Parsons, she was a 1964 graduate of Coughlin High School.

Surviving are her husband, John; daughter, Holly, of Dallas; sister, Evelyn Kanyok, of Tunkhannock; and brother, Leroy Jones, of Wilkes-Barre.

CRAWFORD - Marguerite Ann, 70, of Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, May 2, 2009 in The Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born March 13, 1939 in Wilkes-Barre, she was formerly employed by Ace Hoffman Studios in Plymouth and also by Wachovia in Plymouth.

She was a member of All Saints Parish and was a volunteer for the Catherine McCauley House and the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen.

Surviving are her children, P.J., Wilkes-Barre; Molly Richardson, Harleysville; Michael, Wilkes-Barre; sister, Helen Folek, New Jersey; brothers, William Nilon, Ashley; Robert Nilon, Wilkes-Barre; eight grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Catherine McCauley House.

CULVER - Christopher A. Sr., 39, of Pittston, died Monday, April 27, 2009 at home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on April 18, 1970, he was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

He was a graduate of Dallas High School, Class of 1988 and a graduate of the Culinary Institute of American, New Hyde Park, N.Y. He was employed as head chef at Parente's Restaurant, Main Street, Pittston.

Surviving are his parents, William and Dianna (Paul) Smith, of Trucksville; step-father, William Smith; son, Christopher Jr., Swoyersville; sister, Kimberly Karasinski, Swoyersville; three half-sisters; a half-brother; and his fiancée, Patsy Hubert, Duryea.

Memorial donations to the Christopher Culver Jr. Educational Fund, c/o Dianna Smith, 23 Elizabeth St., Trucksville, PA 18708.

DENNIS - Florence L., 85, of Dallas, died Monday, April 27, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on July 17, 1923, she graduated from Larksville High School in 1940 and from Wyoming Seminary Business School in 1941.

She was employed in the accounting office of Luzerne County Human Resources Department for 20 years and also by the former Commonwealth Telephone Co., of Dallas.

She served as a past Worthy Matron and also sang in the choir of the Dallas Chapter 396 Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Valley View Union Chapel of Larksville, the Civil War Roundtable, the Back Mountain Senior Citizens Club, the Lake Silkworth Protective Association and was an honorary member of the Americal Division of World War II Veterans.

Surviving are her son, Donald, of Doylestown; daughter, Diane Julian, of Jefferson, Md.; brothers, Robert Law, of Dallas, and Thomas Law, of Larksville; sister, Grayce Hicks, of Meshoppen; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Valley View Union Chapel, c/o Robert Law, 154 Jackson St., Dallas, Pa. 18612.

DULA - Agnes A. (Kruzel), 82, of Dallas, formerly of Lake Shickshinny, died Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

Born on December 9, 1926 in Plymouth, she was a member of All Saints Parish, Plymouth, and a graduate of Plymouth High School, Class of 1943. Prior to retirement, she was employed at A&P Market, Plymouth and Wilkes-Barre.

She was a member of the Al-bright Church, Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the Rainbow Seniors, the Wyoming Valley United Way, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 359 of Nanticoke, the Teamsters Local 401 Retirees, the American Retired Alliance of AFL-CIO Group and the Veterans Administration Medical Center Volunteer.

Surviving are her children, Edward M., of Coatesville; David P., of Jacksonville, N.C.; and Denise A. Newcomb, of Dallas, with whom she resided; seven grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

EMERSHAW - Louis A., of Dallas, died Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on May 12, 1962 in Kingston, he was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas. He was employed by Pride Mobility.

Surviving are his father, Louis, Wyoming; his wife, the former Deborah Cease, Dallas; sister, Diane Fabbo, Clarks Summit; two brothers, Bryan, Shavertown; Edward, Dallas; one nephew.

Memorial donations to Blue Chip Farm, 974 Lockville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

HOLMES - Doris Frances, 91, formerly of Center Moreland, died Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Diamond Ridge Health and

Rehabilitation Center, Lecanto, Fla.

She was born on April 3, 1917. Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Nancy) Knizer, of Beverly Hills, Fla.; and Mrs. John (Lorraine) Norris, of Lompoc, Calif.; sister, Jean Heller, of La-Plata, Md.; and five grandchildren.

MEKA - Dr. Edward M., of Harveys Lake, died Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at home.

Born July 1, 1928 in Jessup, he was educated in Clifford Township and graduated from Forest City High School, Class of 1946. He graduated from Temple University in 1953.

After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps as Lt. j.g. aboard the U.S. Shenandoah from 1953 to 1955 during the Korean War. Dr. Meka then set up a private practice in Benton in 1955. He retired from private practice and continued to be the dentist for the Benton School District. His last employment was at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas as a dentist from 1985 to 2000.

Dr. Meka was a member of the American Dental Association, VFW Post 4909, Dupont; Catholic War Vets 274 and the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, the former Lois Egenski; nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

NELSON - Julia E., 89, a resident of Wesley Village, Jenkins Township, died Monday, May 4, 2009.

Born in Tunkhannock, she was a graduate of Tunkhannock High School.

She was a volunteer for the Bucks County Association for the Blind. In 2003, she relocated to Brooks Estates, Jenkins Township and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of West Pittston.

Surviving are a step-daughter, Deanna Price, Lodi, Calif.; two step-grandsons; several great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen Biles, Jenkins Township; Ida Ellis, Jenkins Township; Esther Alt, Zionsville, Ind.; Mildred Ellis, Jenkins Township; brothers, Albert Ellis, Montrose; Bud Ellis, Exeter; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the First United Methodist Church of West Pittston, 408 Wyoming Ave., West Pittston, PA 18643, or to The Serenity Unit at Wesley Village, 209 Roberts Rd., Pittston, PA. 18640.

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SPEAKS TO LIONS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dr. Richard G. Coslett, a member of the Dallas School Board, was the guest speaker at the Dallas Lions Club Charter Night at the Castle Inn in Dallas. Dr. Coslett gave a detailed presentation of the new high school which is being built and had architect's drawings and graphs illustrating the costs and time frames for construction which will be started shortly. Dr. Coslett, above right, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Lions President Joseph Dwinchick.

Blood drives scheduled

The American Red Cross will conduct three blood drives during the month of May.

The first drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, at St. Therese's Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Routes 415 and 118, Dallas will sponsor a drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27.

The last drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday May 31, at the American Legion, Post 967, Harveys Lake.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Cibula graduates

Melanie Cibula, daughter of Richard and Laura Cibula, of Shavertown, will earn a degree in vascular technology during commencement ceremonies on May 16 from Lackawanna College.

Cibula is a graduate of West Side Vocational-Technical School, Luzerne County Community College and Allied Medical & Technical Career School.

She has been a member of the dean's list and the president's list at Lackawanna.

Named to dean's list

Alia Pyros, of Shavertown, has been named to the dean's List of Academic Achievement for the winter 2009 term at Elmira College.

The daughter of Jeff and Teri Pyros, she is majoring in Business Administration and is scheduled to graduate in 2010.

Grange sets open house

April 2009 was declared as "Grange Month" and the Mountain Grange is inviting community members to learn more about its purpose, as well as its programs and activities.

In addition, Mountain Grange will acknowledge the good works of a community citizen by presenting an outstanding individual with the "Grange Community Citizen Award."

The Reverend Daniel Miller, Back Mountain Harvest Assembly of God Church, will be on hand to say a few words about community service.

Our open house and award ceremony will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Armed Forces Day, May 16, at Mountain Grange Hall, 1632 W. Eighth St., Kingston Township, Wyoming. All members of the community are invited. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

"For over 140 years, the Grange has worked to advance the interest of rural Americans by providing a legislative voice for their political concerns and by showing them how to strengthen their neighborhoods through community service," said Mountain Grange President Carol Swanson. "During Grange Month, we want our community to know that the Grange is a living organization that has a lot to offer."

The Grange not only provides fun-filled and educational programs and activities for its members, it also provides them with a forum to voice their political concerns and teaches them how to strengthen their community through legislative action. The Grange is a non-partisan organization.

To find out more about the open house and award ceremony, contact Swanson at 696-3415.

PUBLIC MEETING PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT



OF TRANSPORTATION

S.R. 0309 SECTION 330
Upper Demunds Road, Hildebrandt Road &
S.R. 0309 Intersection Project
S.R. 0415, SECTION 301
Dallas Borough 5-Leg Intersection Project
LUZERNE COUNTY

PLACE: Misericordia University
Insalaco Hall
Room 218 & 219
301 Lake Street
Dallas, PA 18612

DATE: May 19, 2009
TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO PROVIDE THE PENNDOT STAFF AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THE PROJECT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. PRELIMINARY DESIGN PLANS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.

HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES MAY BE PRESENT IN THE PROJECT AREA AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF CULTURAL RESOURCES AND THE EFFECT OF THE PROJECT ON THESE RESOURCES IS BEING SOLICITED.

THE PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS HAVING DISABILITIES. ANY PERSONS HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUIRING SPECIAL AIDS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT AT (570) 963-4064 PRIOR TO THE MEETING EVENT IN ORDER THAT SPECIAL DISABILITY NEEDS MAY BE ACCOMMODATED.

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