

BUFALINOS DONATE TO WVCA



Atty. C.J. and Maureen Bufalino, of Dallas, recently made a donation to Wyoming Valley Children's Association, an agency which provides therapy for local children who have developmental and neurological disabilities, including speech delays, and preschool education to all children. Shown here, in front, is Abigail Frazier. Second row, Maureen Bufalino, Kristina Ramos, Clarissa Snyder, Dawn Gaudino, board member, Wyoming Valley Children's Association; Atty. C.J. Bufalino and David Drauschak.

OBITUARIES

CASE - Alice B., 91, of Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Born in Wyoming on September 14, 1917, she is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Robinson, of Tunkhannock; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Joseph Dymond, of Baltimore; and Herbert Dymond, of Tunkhannock.

GROSE - Melba Thomas, 80, of Pomona Street, Forty Fort, died Monday, May 18, 2009 at her home.

Born in Forty Fort on October 9, 1928, she was a graduate of Forty Fort High School and Wyoming Seminary School of Business.

Although she resided in Dallas for a few years, she spent most of her life in Forty Fort. While in Dallas, she and her husband, Robert N. Grose, owned and operated Colonial Restaurant in Dallas. She had been employed as a secretary at the Forty Fort High School and later for Forty Fort Borough.

She was a member of Forty Fort United Methodist Church for over 65 years and a Sunday school teacher for over 55 years. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women and the Amicitia class at the church.

Surviving are her daughter, Amy Grose-Fugate, of Forty Fort; son, Robert, of Forty Fort; brother, Charles Thomas, Forty Fort; one granddaughter.

HOYT - Margaret "Elsie," 88, died Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

Born in West Hazleton on June 30, 1920, she resided in the Back Mountain/Dallas area most of her life. She was a member of the Huntington Mills Church of Christ.

Surviving are her sons, Gersham, of Mountain Top; Glenn, of Tunkhannock; Oscar, of Plymouth; and Leonard, of Harveys Lake; daughters, Shirley Zajkowski, Connie Dymond and Bonnie Goodrich, all of Beaumont; and Theda Cragle, of Shickshinny; 24 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren; two

great-great-grandchildren; a brother, David "Mitta" Keiper, of Kingston; and sisters, Theda "Dolly" Cook, of Wilkes-Barre; and Lois "Tootie" Lamoreaux, of Mountain Top.

Memorial donations to the Residents Fund at the Lakeside Nursing Center, RR 4, Box 357, Dallas, PA 18612.

LUNDY - Grace S., of Tunkhannock, died Saturday, May 23, 2009 in Mountain View Care Center in Scranton.

Born in Kingston, she was a 1945 graduate of Kingston High School and a graduate of Wyoming Seminary. She was employed by the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., for several years. She then returned to Pennsylvania and founded the Lundy Real Estate Office in Tunkhannock, which she ran until her retirement.

She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Tunkhannock, board member of Wyoming County Board of Assistance, board member of Rural Health of NEPA, Wyoming County Republican Women and the Tunkhannock Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 74.

Surviving are a sister, Helen Dewar, of Tunkhannock; brother, James W., of Tampa, Fla.; two nephews and a great-nephew.

Memorial donations to the Humane Society of Wyoming County, P.O. Box 219, Tunkhannock, PA 18657

MRAK - Genevieve, of Shavertown, died Sunday, May 24, 2009 at home.

Born in Plains Township, she was educated in the Plains Township schools.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital as a dietary aide.

She resided in Plains Township until moving to Shavertown in 1984. She was a volunteer at the senior center in Dallas and a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Louis; sons, Louis Jr., Flager Beach, Fla.; Robert (Rocky), Plains; three grandchildren; and a brother, Anthony Malys.

SANTANELLO - Rose Marie, 89, of Shavertown, died Thursday, May 21, 2009 at home.

Born July 22, 1919 in Scranton, she graduated from Scranton Technical High School and then worked in the business offices of the International Correspondent Schools and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

She was employed over the years at several positions, including the tax collector's office at the Lackawanna County Courthouse and as a ward clerk at Moses Taylor Hospital. Her last job was as a volunteer coordinator at the Mercy Hospital, from where she retired at the age of 79. She also volunteered as an inspector during local elections and at the Ronald McDonald House.

Surviving are her daughters, Katherine Bacon, of Binghamton, N.Y.; Christine Balavage, of Shavertown; sons, Joseph, of New York City; Frank and Michael, both of California; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters, Ida Sabatella and Ann Nappi, of Scranton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

WOLFE - Nora M., 85, of Dallas, died Sunday, May 24, 2009 at the Mercy Center, Dallas.

Born in Hamlin, she was a graduate of Dunmore High School. Before retiring, she was employed as a payroll clerk at Natona Mills, Dallas, from 1956 until 1986.

She was a 50-year member of the Dallas United Methodist Church and a member of the Harveys Lake Yacht Club for 53 years.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Ernest D.; daughter, Nancy Campbell, Dallas; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, John R. Kimble, Naples, Fla.

Memorial donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Summer reading starts June 17 at the Back Mountain Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will kick off the national summer reading program, "Be Creative @ Your Library," with a visit from the Scranton/Wilkes Barre Yankees on Wednesday, June 17, and a Claymation program with Noah Sunday-Lefkowitz on Thursday, June 18. Both programs begin at 11 a.m.

Pre-school through sixth graders may enroll for summer reading before or after the programs and throughout the summer.

Summer reading is fun and simple!

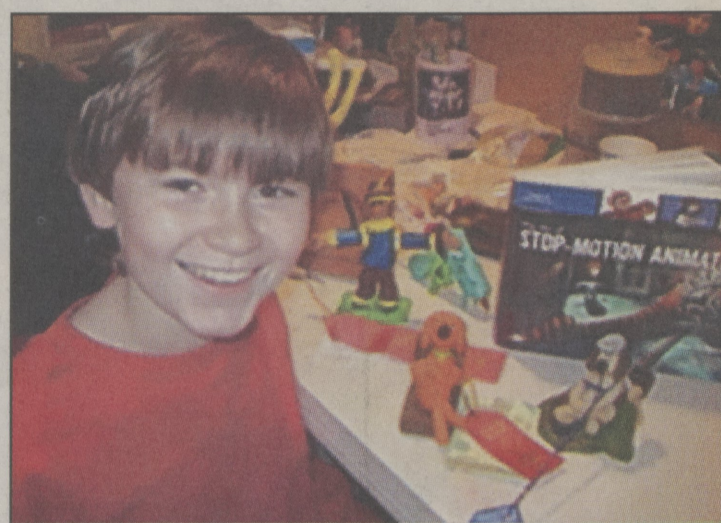
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Just go to our website and look for the summer reading icon (backmountainlibrary.org).

There are prizes each week, fun programs and, when you complete your eight books, you will receive a grand prize and a concert ticket to see the local singing sensation group, The Karaoke Kids, at the final party!



Noah Sunday-Lefkowitz will demonstrate the art of Claymation at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Attend one or all of these creative, fun programs at the Back Mountain Memorial Library: Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, Wednesday, June 17, 11 a.m.; "Claymation with Noah," Thursday, June 18, 11 a.m.; "Dance Styles" with the Joan Harris dancers, Monday, June 22, 6 p.m.; "Watercolor with Jill," June 30, 4 p.m.; "Nature Wonders with Kathy Kelchner," Wednesday, July 15, 2 p.m.; "Pottery with Skip," a two-part make and learn about pottery project, Tuesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on July 21 and 28; "La Nota Latin Dancers," Thursday, July 23, 2 p.m.; "Music with Crescendo of the Philharmonic," TBA and the Final Party Concert with The Karaoke Kids on

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1 p.m. The annual Luzerne County Library System program will once again be held in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center at King's College. All library patrons are invited to hear "Didge-ridoo Down Under," an hour of Australian music, entertainment and education, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 28.

"Madcap Mondays" will be held for children grades one through five in the Children's Room from 10 to 11 a.m.

Maria Sorokin will read and explore "Fractured Fairy Tales" on June 22 and silly poems, rhymes and tongue twisters on June 29.

Call the library at 675-1182 for more information.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Center Moreland Methodist Church sets Bible School

"Studio Go! Game Show" will be the theme of Vacation Bible School this year at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church June 22-26.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 22, and 9 a.m. to

noon on Tuesday, June 23, through Friday, June 26.

Children and youth will participate in the large group music, skits, Bible stories, crafts, refreshments, games and special mission projects where the children will be encouraged and motivated to go out and serve others.

Bible stories will be applied to

their everyday life. Pre-registration is encouraged and should be done by June 14 by calling Meg Venn at 333-1016.

HL American Legion sponsors blood drive today

Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, May 31, at the post home.

All donors will receive a collectible Memorial Day t-shirt.

Those involved in planning the drive are John Peter Farrell, Dawn Vitack, Marge Sims, Mary Kay Mital, Bob Park, Ray Hillman, Charlie Ritts, Art Pimm, Francis Kopko, Stan Sims, Bill Exarhopoulos, Dave Hanson and Larry West.

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