

OBITUARIES

GARDNER - Bette Lynn, of Tunkhannock, died on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in the Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Kingston on July 2, 1943, she was employed as a social worker at St. Michael's School prior to her retirement.

She was a member of the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church, the Chancel Choir and a 20-year member of the Tunkhannock Community Ambulance Association, serving as an EMT and board secretary.

She was also an EMT and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross and EMS and had served on the Tunkhannock Borough Council as a member for 18 years.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Bruce; sons, David, of Manchester, N.H.; Stephen, of Tunkhannock; and Paul, of Courtdale; daughter, Terri Velez, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister, Heidi May King, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; eight grandchildren; two great-granddaughters.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, or the American Cancer Society, 57 Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

GELSLEICHTER - Robert R., 75, of Dallas, died Monday, June 1, 2009 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he attended Dallas Township schools.

Before retiring, he was employed as a chemical compounder by Ciba Chemical Corp.

He was a member of the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; the Dallas Legion; and the Back Mountain Rod and Gun Club. He served with the U. S. Army.

Surviving are a brother, Frank C., of Dallas; companion, Dianne Marsh; nieces; nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews.

PRICE - Gilbert D. "Sheriff," 96, of Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Geisinger

Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born January 8, 1913 in Lehman Township, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a truck driver for the First Battalion 357th Infantry Combat in the Alps of Italy. He was self-employed as a timber log contractor for 60 years.

He was an avid supporter of M.A.D.D. and a member of the Hanover Township American Legion Post 609.

Surviving are his daughter, Dorothy Price Gray, of Breeding, Ky.; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to M.A.D.D., 2323 Patton Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112.

SCHULTZ - Robert M., 81, of Carverton Road, Kingston Township, died Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

Born September 9, 1927 in Wilkes-Barre, he graduated from Hughestown High School and was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was employed by Glenn Alden and, prior to his retirement, was employed for over 32 years by Air Tron, a division of Litton Corporation, Dover, N.J.

He was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Louella Coolbaugh Schultz; and a sister, Marquerite Ciannelli, of Hughestown.

SMITH - Dr. Jay Charles, 80, of Sweet Valley, died Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Smith began his military career as a private in 1946 and retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a full Colonel in 1976. His appointment as Unit Commander, 183rd U.S. Army Terminal Station compliment was made by the President of the U.S. Smith was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 1974 and 1962.

He received the Navy Unit Commendation in 1972 for exceptionally meritorious service.

While coordinating relief operations and providing rescue and logistical support to flood victims in the state of Pennsylvania from June 23, 1972 to September 25, 1972, Smith received his B.S. degree in education and English. He further earned a Master of Science in Education degree from the University of Pennsylvania and the Degree of Doctor of Education from Temple University in 1974.

He was hired by the Board of Education to become the new principal and superintendent of Upper Marion High School.

He devoted his public activities as a speaker against the death penalty as part of author's "Dead Man Walking," Sister Helen Prejean's Witness to Innocence organization.

He also volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen Ann Leary-Smith; a daughter, Sherwyn Smith, Dallas; step-children, Tammy Klucitas, Kingston; Rayleen Burkhardt, Swoyersville; and Raymond Leary, Swoyersville; four step-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre.

SMITH - Marilyn Williams, 78, of Elizabeth City, N.C., died Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, N.C.

Born in Idetown, she had over 20 years of work experience from the early 1960s through the mid 1980s as a nurse in the Lake-Lehman School District.

She was a member of the Dallas Community Church and the Pennsylvania Nursing Education Association

Surviving are a daughter, Jennie Smith Roach, of Elizabeth City, N.C.; a sister, Nancy Williams Bonning, of Shavertown; brother, William Bruce Williams, of Cape Cod, Mass; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces.



Auxiliary volunteers at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, preparing for their annual "Market on the Pond" fundraiser to benefit residents from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, on the center grounds are, from left, kneeling, Marilyn Gregorski and Betty Sorchik, volunteer coordinators. From left, first row, Margaret Smith, Irene Transue, Virginia Clark, Gloria Bronson, Fran Dierolf, Margie Hislop, Mary Wilkes, Bernie Hill and Hilda Healy. Second row, Gary Kirk, Lloyd Rynman, Cristina Tarbox, Bob Law, Maryann Daily, Pete Klein, Mary Bershee and Nelson Ashburner.

'Market on the Pond' is Saturday

Auxiliary volunteers at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, are set for their annual fundraiser to benefit residents from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, on the center grounds.

This year's "Market on the Pond" is the auxiliary's 25th event of its kind and will feature over 120 vendors offering a variety of goods and treasures.

The auxiliary booths include baked goods, odds and ends,

kitchen items, plants, jewelry, books, raffle baskets, residents' crafts, refreshments in the pavilion and much more.

Parking and admission are free. Ran date is June 27.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Vacation Bible School planned

Vacation Bible School at Sweet Valley Church of Christ is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21, through Friday, June 26.

The theme of this year's school, which is open to children ages 2 years to sixth grade, is "Studio Go Game Show."

The last night will be the "fun Fair" of games and prizes with the closing program.

Center Moreland UM 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 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.

Craft vendors needed

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Route 118, Dallas) is looking for craft vendors, selling new homemade items, to be sold at Summerfest on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Registration fee is \$25 for a 10' x 10' space; vendors need to provide their own table and tent.

For more information or to request a registration form, call Laura Stearns at 675-7045 or the church office at 675-3859.

10th Anniversary

You are cordially invited to the
10TH ANNUAL GEISINGER GALA

presented by
The Auxiliary at Geisinger Wyoming Valley

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Grounds of the Luzerne County Courthouse
200 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre

6 TO 7:30 PM

Reception, open bar and silent auction inside the Courthouse rotunda

7:30 TO 9 PM

Dinner and cash bar on the Courthouse lawn
Dinner service provided by The Westmoreland Club

9 PM TO MIDNITE

Live auction and dancing under the summer stars
Music provided by The Bruce Fagan Orchestra

Reservations are required. Please call 570.808.5367 for pricing and information before June 5. A portion of the ticket cost is tax deductible.

Proceeds benefit pediatric services.

The
Auxiliary at
GEISINGER WYOMING VALLEY

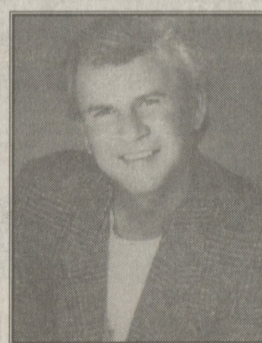
Volunteers in Medicine

Music, Memories & Medicine Gala

Featuring:

Bobby Rydell

A 50's themed entertainment event to benefit
Volunteers in Medicine



Friday June 19, 2009

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
6:00 p.m. Evening Begins

Let's Rock! Let's Roll! Get the Poodle skirt and Chinos out and enjoy an evening of food, beverages and a variety of entertainment reminiscent of the 1950's.

For cost of ticket and sponsorship opportunities

Call 570-970-2864

Please make checks payable to:

Volunteers in Medicine
190 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Volunteers in Medicine is a community based nonprofit organization established to help meet the health and wellness needs of the working uninsured populations in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The clinic opened in June of 2008 and has served more than 1700 patient visits by providing free quality compassionate health care to those individuals who work, have income below 200% of the Federal poverty guidelines and have no access to or cannot afford health insurance.

