

## OBITUARIES

**DEWEES** - Frederick P., 64, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009 at his home.

Born in Kingston, he was a graduate of Forty Fort High School and attended the University of Miami prior to joining the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War.

As president of Carbon Sales Inc. and Treasurer of Unifilt Corporation, he was involved in the anthracite coal and water filtration industries for over 35 years.

He served as a former member of the board of directors of St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, former board member of Planned Parenthood of Northeast Pennsylvania, a member of the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge, Loyal Order of Jesters, Irem Temple and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marguerite Carrigg; sons, Matthew, Dallas; and Brian, Jacksonville, Fla.; daughter, Leslie Anne, New York City, N.Y.; three grandchildren; sister, Helen Ann Vasconcellos, Honolulu, Hawaii; and stepmother, Jeanne Dewees, Dallas.

Memorial donations to St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen, 30 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, or Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

**FEDORCZAK** - Theresa Fedorcak, 87, of Wyoming, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009 at her home.

Born on June 8, 1922 in Orange, she volunteered at John Heinz Rehabilitation Center and the Wyoming Free Library. She was an active member of the Christian Mothers Society of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, West Wyoming.

Surviving are her children, John Gatti, Jean Gatti Ragantesi, Larry Gatti, Angela Gatti Stout, Raymond Gatti, Donna Hooper Cerza and Judy Fedorcak Marley; sisters, Rosemary Locascio and Josephine Walters; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to John Heinz Rehabilitation Center/Allied Services Foundation, 100 Abington Executive Park, Clarks Summit, PA 18411; Wyoming Free Library, 358 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming, PA 18644; or Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 363 West 8th St., West Wyoming, PA 18644.

**LABAR** - William E., 54, of Lake Carey, Tunkhannock, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 after a battle with cancer.

Born in Meshoppen on September 21, 1955, he was a 1973 graduate of Tunkhannock High School. He was the owner of La-Bar Contracting for 25 years and, more recently, of BilDon Enterprises.

He was a member of the Elk Lake American Legion Post 154.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Donna Cook LaBar; daugh-

ter, Monica, of Tunkhannock; sister, Linda Twordusky, of Tunkhannock; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Interfaith Friends, 57 East Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**LAPINSKI** - Albina H., 78, of Pond Hill Road, Mocanaqua, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 at home.

Born Dec. 17, 1931 in Sweet Valley, she graduated from Lake Lehman High School and was employed by the former Gent-J Manufacturing, Plymouth, until she retired.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua.

Surviving are her sons, Michael, at home; and Vincent A. Jr., Mocanaqua; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert and Leo Pall; and two sisters, Irene Stasko and Jennie Kulakowski.

Memorial donations to the M.O.A. Prescription Assistance Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704.

**MAHLER** - Rosanne H., 66, of Nuangola, formerly of Dallas, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 at her home after a battle with breast cancer.

Born on September 6, 1943, she was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School, Forty Fort, Class of 1960. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Barnard College, New York City, N.Y., Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz., and Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre.

She began a teaching career in 1964 at the Harrisburg Academy and then taught at the Wyoming Seminary Upper School. Her teaching career concluded in 2004 as a professor of mathematics at the Pennsylvania State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Paul R. Mahler; sons, Paul Jr., Mountain Top; Eric, Nuangola; and Nicholas, York; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Medical Oncology Prescription Fund at 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704, c/o Dr. David Greenwald.

**MIHALKO** - Lori A., 33, of Lehman Township, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born on November 23, 1976 in Wilkes Barre, she graduated from GAR High School, Class of 1995, and Wilkes University, Class of 1999, with a Bachelor of Arts in music performance and a minor in computer science. She also attended post-graduate classes at the University of Scranton.

She was formerly employed as a systems analyst at Prudential. She worshipped at the Wyoming United Methodist Church, Wyoming.

She was presently the leader of the Daisy Girl Scout Troop 172 and the assistant leader of the Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3965.

Surviving are her parents, Bernard and Carol Savage; husband, Taras; daughters, Samantha and Natasha; sister, Deborah Ziadie; brothers, Stephen Tovcimak and Bernard Savage Jr.; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Service Unit 319 at PNC Bank or the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School PTA.

**SHOOK** - Betty R., 79, a life-long resident of Noxen Township, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 at home.

Born in Noxen on October 12, 1930, she graduated from Noxen High School in 1947.

She was employed as a checker for the former Shook Economy Store of Noxen and later for the former Acme Markets in Dallas and Shavertown, retiring as a seamstress from the former Rowker Dress Factories in Noxen and Falls.

Surviving are her sons, Terry, Carl and Kurt, all of Noxen; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Forty Fort, PA 18704.

**SPESS** - Eleanor, 83, formerly of Sweet Valley, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009.

A graduate of Plymouth High School, she and her late husband, John, were the owners of the Snack Shack Restaurant, Sweet Valley.

Surviving are cousins, nieces

and nephews.

**TITUS** - Kathryn Joanna (Smith), 80, of Shickshinny, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 at the Berwick Hospital Center, Berwick.

Born on December 13, 1929 in Dallas, she had resided at Bonham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Stillwater for several months.

Her past employers included Commonwealth Telephone Co., Luzerne Outerwear and Travelers Insurance.

Surviving are her sister, Eleanor Deremer, Florida; daughter, Debra Laubach, Berwick; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; stepchildren, Vaughn Titus, Berwick; Lois Cragle, Berwick; Rena Diatterick, Berwick; and Dennis Titus, Shickshinny.

Memorial donations to First United Methodist Church, 6 E. Butler St., Shickshinny PA 18655.

**VERHUEL** - Nora M., 73, of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009 at Hospice Care of

the VNA, Inpatient Unit, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on May 6, 1936, she was employed as a van driver for handicapped children.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her son-in-law, James M. Johnson, of Florida; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial donations to the American Heart Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**WALSH** - Arlene A., 72, formerly of McCauley Drive, Dallas, died on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at Hospice Community Care, Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston on May 2, 1937, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps and attained the rank of PFC.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth Pascucci; a brother, Jack Walsh; one grandson; nieces and nephews

## Sem schedules Scholarship Exam

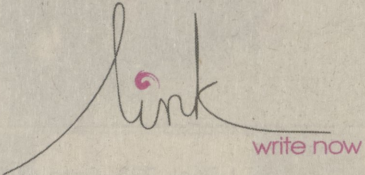
Current fourth through seventh-graders not already enrolled at Wyoming Seminary Lower School are encouraged to register for Sem's Middle School Merit Scholarship Exam to be held Saturday, Feb. 6, at the school's Forty Fort campus.

All students planning to take the merit scholarship exam should complete a visit to the Lower School, shadowing a class day with a current Lower School student, on or before February 15 to qualify for an award.

Exam registration will be at 8:15 a.m. and the exam will be given at 8:30 a.m., ending at 11 a.m.

For more information about the Wyoming Seminary Middle School Merit Scholarship Exam, call the Admissions Office at 718-6610.

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