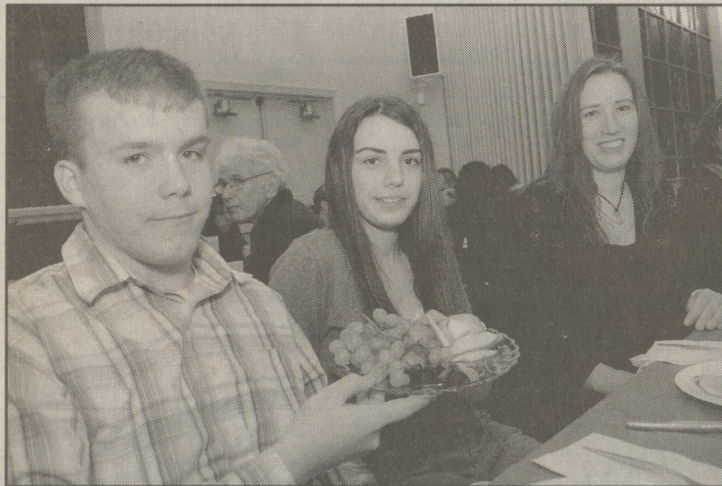




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Back Mountain residents who served as waiters, servers and cooks during Tu Bi Sh'vat services at Temple B'nai B'rith in Kingston are, from left, Steven Levensen, Howard Grossman, Mitch Smolow, David Schwager and Bob Cohn.



Dakota Stritzinger, left, Rachel and Rose Gerstein, all of Dallas, pass a traditional fruit tray during Tu Bi Sh'vat at B'nai B'rith in Kingston.

Tu Bi Sh'vat

Several Back Mountain residents participated in a Tu Bi Sh'vat celebration at Temple B'nai B'rith in Kingston.

The holiday is a celebration of the renewal of vision and awareness, a celebration of connections and connectedness to our inner selves, to the social world of human beings and to the natural world and its source.

Back Mountain residents involved include Bob Cohn, of Dallas; Steve Fendler, David Smith, Mitch Smolow and Steven Libenson, all of Shavertown.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Legion members to discuss dinner

Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 Sons of the American Legion will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, at the post home. Plans for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day dinner will be discussed.

Food will be served following the business meeting.

Mozart Club will meet

The Mozart Club of Wilkes-Barre will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, at the Church of Christ United, Market and Sprague Streets, Kingston.

Following a brief business meeting, the students of Andrea Bogusko Music Studio will perform. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans officer will visit area

Ruth A. Gonzalez, Veterans Service Officer of the Veterans of the Vietnam War and the Veterans Coalition will be at the VVW Headquarters at 805 S. Township Blvd., Pittston, from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Feb. 16, to assist veterans and their families with VA benefits and services.

Call 603-9740 for more information and to register for an appointment.

'Annie' comes to Music Box

"Annie," the popular

family musical, will be presented by the Music Box Repertory Company Feb. 20, 21, 25-28, March 4-7 and 11-14 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Curtain is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays.

For information and reservations, call 283-2195.

Breakfast buffet set

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Company will hold a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, at the fire hall on Stull Road, Noxen.

Price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

Health Fair planned at Meadows Center

Cura Hospitality at The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will host its sixth annual Health Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, in honor of National Nutri-

tion Month.

Various health-related companies will join Cura Hospitality with information, brochures, samples, hearing screens, massages, Daffodil Days pre-sales and more. A healthy lunch will be available for purchase and the community is invited free of charge.

Round Table meeting scheduled

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will hold its annual dinner meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, at the Lakeside Skillet, Harveys Lake. Reservations and payment of \$22 per person are needed by March 5.

Joseph Mieczkowski and his wife, Christine, will present their program on "Gettysburg As You've Never Seen It" in a Power Point presentation. They will be attired in authentic Civil War era clothing.

Those wishing to make reservations may call Lynn at 639-1283.

Bible Study set to begin February 18

Rev. Roger Griffith, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas, will lead a six-week Lenten Bible Study from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings, Feb. 18 through March 25.

A Brown Bag Supper is planned along with the Bible Study.

This study is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee and will include Biblical passages and discussion surrounding older adult issues.

Participants will have an opportunity to improve their communication skills concerning the aging process as well as gain a better understanding of the life issues that confront them.

The Christian Education Committee will add to the bag supper with a bowl of soup.

For more information, call the church at 675-3131.

Following this six-week event, the church will host a post-Easter Healing Service for the congregation and the community at a date and time to be announced.

OBITUARIES

BAUER - Elaine A., 60, of Dallas Township, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a member of the first class graduating from Wyoming Valley West High School. She was also a graduate of Wilkes College.

She was a teacher at Wyoming Valley West High School, retiring after a career spanning 35 years in the school's English Department. She also directed the school's fall and spring plays and musicals.

She was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church and its choir.

Surviving are her mother, Rowena Davis Watson, Edwardsville; husband, William B. Bauer; son, Kenneth B., Cambridge, Mass.; daughters, Kathrine A. Klemmer, Burk, Va.; and Kristine L. Sharar, Sewickley, Pa.; four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708-1029.

BELLES - Mabel F., 96, of Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Wilkes-Barre and Edwardsville, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010.

Born in Meeker, she was a graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre and a member of the Class of 1933 at Bloomsburg State Normal School where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

She had taught the first grade for over 42 years at Lemon School District, the Lehman School District at the Meeker School, the Wilkes-Barre Area School District at the Hazle

Street School, the Courtright Avenue School and, prior to her retirement in 1976, the Daniel J. Flood School, all in Wilkes-Barre.

She was a member of the Bennett Derr United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, and of the former Derr Memorial United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Official Board, serving as devotion chairperson, and a member and teacher in the Sunday School of the Derr Memorial Church.

Her professional affiliations include the Wilkes-Barre Area Education Association, the Pennsylvania Education Association, the National Education Association and the Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are her sister, Pauline E. Swithers, Wilkes-Barre; a niece, nephew and several cousins.

Memorial donations to the Bennett Derr United Methodist Church, 384 New Grant St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18702.

COSGROVE - Marjorie G., 86, of Lehman, died on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Broadway on September 30, 1923, she graduated from Shickshinny High School in 1941, received her teaching degree from Bloomsburg State Teacher's College and did post-graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Syracuse University and Maryland University, obtaining a master's equivalency in Library Science.

She began her teaching career at Berrysburg School District in 1945. From 1950 until her retirement, she taught at Lehman

High School and later served as elementary librarian for the Lake-Lehman School District.

She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Sigma Chapter for more than 50 years; the Retired Teachers' Association and the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher for the Friendship Class and belonged to the United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a son, Howard A.; a brother, Allan Downing; a niece and numerous cousins.

Memorial donations to the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, PO Box 1, Lehman, PA 18627.

GREGORY - David L., 59, of Pittston, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He attended special education classes at the Schuyler Avenue School, Kingston. He was a former resident of Trucksville and had resided at the A.C.S. Christian Manor since 1996.

Surviving are his brother, Jeffrey E., of Trucksville; and a sister, Pamela J., of Kingston.

MCGINLEY - Edward August, 77, of Tunkhannock, died on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at his home.

Born January 22, 1933 in Wilkes-Barre, he is survived by his wife, the former Carol Hallas; children, Holly Madara of Churchillville, Cathy Franko of Pleasant View, Utah; and Anthony, of Drums; eight grandchildren; sisters, Ellen and Jean McGinley, of

Wilkes-Barre.

Memorial donations to Wyoming County Cancer Society, P.O. Box 629, Tunkhannock, Pa 18657.

MORGAN - Richard "Dick" K., 80, of Shavertown, died Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 in the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Larksville, he resided in Shavertown for more than 40 years and retired as supervisor of the buildings and grounds department of the Dallas School District.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of the American Legion, Kingston, the Scottish Right Consistory of Bloomsburg, the George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge No. 531, Dallas; and Irem Temple, where he was a member of the Irem Patrol.

He served as past president of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Patrol Association and was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Margaret (Peg) Lewis; sons, Robert O., Chicago, Ill.; and Thomas R., Fredericksburg, Va.; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

RISHKO - Harry, 63, of Sweet Valley, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born on Oct. 6, 1946 in Hanover

er Township, he graduated from Hanover Township High School in 1965.

He was a 22-year employee of Procter & Gamble Paper Products, Mehoopany.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, and served in the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, the former Marylee Pantle; son, Christopher, of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Holly Rishko-Petrikonis, of Wyoming; brother, Michael, of Fuquay Varina, N.C.; sisters, Shirley Shields, of Norton, Mass.; and Michaelene Bidgood, of Arizona; one granddaughter.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

SGARLAT - Anita J., 83, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Forty Fort on Dec. 1, 1926, she was a former member of the Republican Women of Kingston, former board member of the American Cancer Society of Luzerne County and co-founder of Spark of Life and Women Against Cancer.

She was also a member of Wilkes-Barre Women Lions Club, volunteered for Vision Screener for Association of the Blind of Luzerne County, Meals on Wheels, Dial-A-Driver and St. Joseph's Center.

Surviving are her son, Frank, of

Dallas; daughters, Evelyn S. Smith and Suzanne Sgarlat Hood, both of Dallas; step-daughter, Maryanne Baumgartner, of Boston, Mass.; sister, Irene Roth, of Wilkes-Barre; six granddaughters; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Kunkle Fire and Ambulance Association.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Carla Reino named to dean's list at PSU

Penn State University Wilkes Barre Director of Academic Affairs Dr. Theodora A. Jankowski recently announced that Carla C. Reino, of Shavertown, completed her final semester before graduation from Penn State University with honors by being named to the dean's list.

Reino, daughter of James and Margaret Reino, achieved this honor every semester during her years at Penn State.

Following her education Penn State University, Reino was recruited and is employed by Bank of America.

Nataupsky honored at Connecticut College

Jillian Nataupsky, class of 2010 at Connecticut College and a resident of Shavertown, has been named to the Dean's Honors for the 2009 fall semester.

Dean's Honors is a recognition for students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.3.

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