

## OBITUARIES

**EVERETTS**- Charles C., 79, of Beaumont, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born on Feb. 14, 1931 in Dallas, he graduated from Beaumont High School in 1949.

Prior to retiring, he was employed by Friedman's Express, Hazleton, as a truck driver for many years. He was a member of the Beaumont Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Wanda Belles; daughter, Rosalie Fox, of Chambersburg; sons, Charles E. and Randy, both of Beaumont; Bradley, of Root Hollow; sister, Jessie (Bonnie) Jurista, of Bowman's Creek; Doris Ide, of Mocanaqua; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**GALLAGHER**- Beatrice, 74, formerly of Trucksville, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010.

Born in Centermoreland, she owned and operated Bea's Custom Designs, Shavertown prior to her retirement.

Surviving are her sons, Brian and David A.; daughters, Donna Brislin and Dawn Gallagher; brother, Willard; sisters, Alberta, Barbara, Dorothy and Betty; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**GILBERTSON**- Theresa "Terry" Helen, 71, of Dallas, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born on July 20, 1938 in Newark, N.J., she worked as an executive secretary for Sea-Land Containership Co.

After she married, she moved to the Orient, specifically Japan and Hong Kong. After her husband's death in 2005, she returned to Pennsylvania.

She was a volunteer for many different types of organizations, including hospitals, libraries, and, most recently, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

She attended the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her daughter, Dr. Alison Gunn; son, Michael; two grandchildren, brother, Frank Frankovsky Jr.; great-uncle, Albert Franklin; one niece and three nephews.

**KOZEMCHAK**- Fannie M. "Fay," 93, of Dallas, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 in the emergency room of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Larksville on Aug. 5, 1916, she attended Larksville High School and was a member of the former St. Andrews Orthodox Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her daughters, Barbara Cragle, of Dallas; and Karen, at home; son, Stephen, at home; sister, Pauline Haaf, of Parkridge, N.J.; brother, Peter Mazur, of Plymouth; one granddaughter; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 591 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705.

**LOUGHNEY**- John (Jack) Thomas II, 64, of Lehman Township, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010.

Born in 1945 in Pittston, he grew up in West Pittston and graduated from Wilkes University before earning a doctorate degree in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was an agent for the United States Secret Service. He traveled the world and came to know kings, queens, presidents and other heads of state on a personal level.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Ellen; children, Elizabeth, of Pittston; Andrew, of Kingston; and Erin, of Boston, Mass.

Memorial donations to Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge, 974 Lockville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612 or the McGlynn Learning Center, P.O. Box 842, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**PATTS**- Martha "Joan," of Dallas, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010 at her residence.

Born on June 8, 1935 in the Hanover section of Nanticoke, she was a member of St. Frances Cabrini R.C. Church, Dallas.

She had been employed by various garment factories and, prior to her retirement, was food service manager in the Dallas School District.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Frank T.; daughter, Joan Petro, Hunlock Creek; sons, Frank Jr., Sugar Notch; Russell, Hudson; Robert, Hanover Township; twins, Joseph, Harding; and James, Pittston; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**POSTUPAK**- Brent, 26, of Dallas, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010 at his home.

Born in Kingston, he attended the Dallas School District.

Surviving are his father, Bruce; mother, Donna Sakoski Palmentere; step-father, Charles Palmentere; maternal grandfather, Charles Sakoski; stepbrother, Peter Palmentere; step-sisters, Michelle Palmentere and Jennifer Oborski; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

**ROSNICK**- Mariann Rosnick, 65, formerly of Luzerne, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 in a Washington, D.C. hospital.

She graduated from Luzerne High School and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wilkes University. She received her master's degree from The University of Scranton.

She taught school in the Lake-Lehman School District before moving to Alexandria, Va. where she was employed by the Fairfax County School System for 30 years, teaching kindergarten and first grade.

She was a member of the Washington Farms United Methodist Church where she served as an usher and belonged to the United Methodist Woman's Group. She was also an associate member of the Luzerne United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her sister, Janet Evans; one niece and one nephew; great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne Methodist Church or the Washington Farms United Methodist Church.

**SCHWARZBARTH**- Goldie Smulovitz, 96, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 in the Jewish Home, Scranton.

Surviving are her daughter, Mitzi Hepps; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and brother-in-law, Robert S. Capin.

Memorial donations to the Mark Slomowitz Memorial Scholarship Fund, Wilkes University, 169 S. Main St., Suite 208, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**SCUTT**- James Jr., 82, of Dallas, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 at his home.

Born Dec. 12, 1927 in Plains Township, he worked for BF Goodrich for 41 years until his retirement and then continued working in landscaping for the next 12 years. He served in the Army during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater.

He was involved with the Plains Little League Association, serving as president and secretary.

Surviving are his wife, Florence (Kania); sons, Robert and James; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; brother, Peter Scutt; sister, Mary Scutt.

**SHILANSKIS**- William J. Sr., 77, of Taylor Lane, Sweet Valley, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 at his home.

Born on July 7, 1932 in Harveys Lake, he was employed as a tractor-trailer operator for many years.

He served with the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 8317, Benton, for 35 years.

Surviving are his daughters, Nancy Lutz, Sweet Valley; Elise McKay, Harveys Lake; Rosemarie Hines, Hunlock Creek; and Teresa Cilik, Benton; a stepdaughter, Michele Furillo, Philadelphia; sons, William J. Jr. and Thomas, both of Pikes Creek; and Louis, Glen Lyon; step-sons, Thomas Furillo, Leesport; and James Furillo, Laureldale; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Edward, Broadway; and Albert, Texas.

Memorial donations to the VFW post.

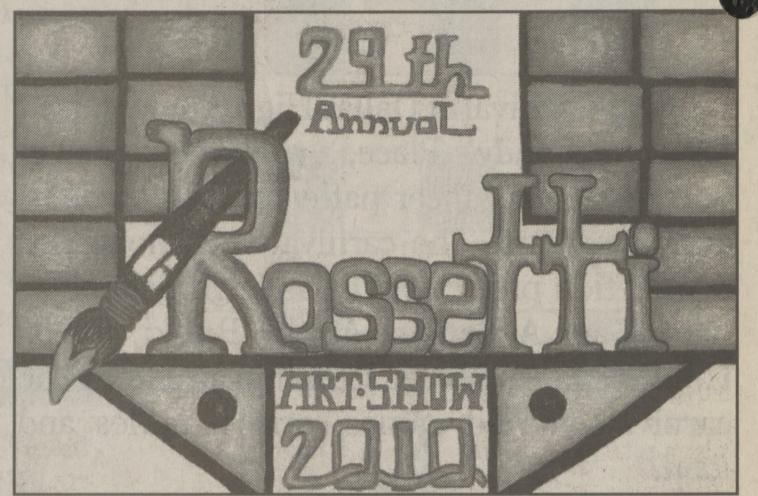
## Rossetti Art Exhibit opens March 7 at LCCC's Schulman Gallery

The 29th Annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Juried Art Exhibit will open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, at the Schulman Gallery on the campus of Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke. The awards ceremony will follow at 4 p.m. in the James T. Atherton Gymnasium at LCCC.

Joe and Sue Hand, of Dallas, have sponsored the Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest for the past 29 years in memory of the daughter of Louise and the late Peter Rossetti of Saugus, MA.

Artworks in pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, ink, scratchboard, mixed media, fibers, photography, prints, miniature drawings and paintings, 3-D and applied design were created by seventh through 12th-grade students who reside in the Dallas, Lehman, Tunkhannock and Northwest school districts.

Entries were judged separate-



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ly on each grade level in 12 different categories by two panels of three judges each. In addition, a separate awards jury awarded over \$5,000 in community-sponsored awards.

The public is invited to view this exhibit of winning art

works which will continue through Wednesday, March 24, at the Schulman Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For additional information, contact Heather Madeira at 675-5094.

### CIVIC BRIEFS

#### 'Annie' comes to Music Box

"Annie," the popular family musical, will be presented by the Music Box Repertory Company Feb. 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.

#### Scout Sunday program planned at DUMC

Pack and Troop 281 of Dallas United Methodist Church will hold a Scout Sunday program at 10:30 a.m. today, Feb. 28.

All Scouts and leaders in uniform, as well as parents of Scouts, are asked to assemble at 10:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Room following the service.

For further information, call Nancy McDonald at 675-3133.

## Prayer Day set for March 5

### Annual event will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

World Day of Prayer will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 5, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Lake Silkworth.

The following people will take part:

Mary Darling, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; Janet Eddy, Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church; Bina Holdredge, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas; Carole Paxton, St. Therese's R.C. Church, Shaver-

town; Meryl Davis, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas; Florence Juris, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas; Cathy Berkey, Shavertown United Methodist Church; Phyllis Bullock, Huntsville United Methodist Church; Barbara Negvesky, Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Harveys Lake; and Joan Roginski, Our Lady of Mount Carmel R.C. Church, Lake Silkworth.

Members of St. Francis Cabrini R. C. Church, Carverton, and Alderson United Methodist Church will also participate.

### Council

Lynn Banta, of the Back Mountain Economic Development Council, spoke to the BMCP about the council.

Banta said the council was formed four years ago by the Back Mountain Business Association as one of its committees. The council, comprised of volunteers, has formed four of its own committees to work to attract businesses to the Back Mountain that will better the community.

meeting. Oram thinks the biggest issues with natural gas drilling will be moving water used for hydraulic fracturing, also called fracking, getting the drilling companies to disclose their fracking materials and having Pennsylvania third parties do the inspections at the sites.

"I don't have a big fear of fracking a well," Oram said. "I have a bigger fear of that truck tipping over and contaminating wells."

### Economic Development

## HEATS

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spoke at last month's meeting, did not respond to questions that arose during the meeting until that morning. Fox said he did not have time to fully digest the information yet and wanted to do so before speaking about it.

However, Fox did say about 15,000 acres in the Back Moun-

tain have already been leased out for natural gas drilling.

The acreage is broken down as follows: Dallas Borough, Franklin and Kingston townships - 0 acres; Dallas Township - 1,300 acres; Fairmount Township - 7,500 acres; Jackson Township - 2,400 acres; Lake Township - 2,600 acres; Lehman Township - 4,300 acres; and Ross Township - 4,300 acres.

Brian Oram, a geologist and a professor at Wilkes University, addressed some of the questions that came up during last month's

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