

DUMC YOUTHS TREATED TO EASTER PARTY



Members of the acolytes and Youth and Sunday School groups at the Dallas United Methodist Church Youth were treated to an Easter party on March 20 with a special visitor attending, much to the delight of the children. The group enjoyed an evening of games, face painting, Easter treats and a pizza party. From left, first row, are Thomas, Tyler and Tanner Manzoni, Nicholas Sidorek, Audrey Stambaugh, Alison Lanza and Paul Donlin. Second row, Taylor Bolesta, Logan Stambaugh, Madison Stambaugh, Parker Bolesta, Jacob Stambaugh and Shawn Coates. Absent at the time of the photo were Sydney Bolesta, Hanna Letukas, Krista Zimmerman and Addison Letukas.

OBITUARIES

BOLGER - James Lewis Jr., formerly of Dallas, died Saturday, March 27, 2010 in Glendale, Ariz.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he graduated from Brooklyn Preparatory School and St. Francis of Loretto College.

He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War in Germany and, upon discharge, took up a management career with Beech Nut Foods in upstate New York. He was recruited by Topps Chewing Gum as its chief purchasing executive and moved to the area in 1960.

He was actively involved in Gate of Heaven Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and Topps Management Golfing League.

In 1993, he and his wife moved from their Midland Drive home in Dallas Township to the Towne Shores Condominium Development in Gulfport, Fla. There he became involved in the Master's Board of Towne Shores, serving as controller for several years.

Surviving are his daughters, Kathleen Watson, Glendale, Ariz.; and Brianne Beltz, Tallahassee, Fla.; five grandchildren.

DANTE - Marlene Kieran, 79, of Old Carverton Road, Trucksville, died Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at her home after a battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 28, 1931 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a graduate of Saint Mary's High School and Wilkes-Barre Business College. Prior to marriage, she was an operator for Bell Telephone Co.

After raising her family, she returned to work at RCA in Mountain Top and Valley Crest and Heritage House Nursing Homes before retiring.

Surviving are her children, Linda, of Kingston; Elaine Randazzo, of Kingston; Cheryl Banashefski, of Wyoming; Michelle, of Plains Township; Michael, of Mountain Top; and Suzanne, of Trucksville; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Samsel, of Ocala, Fla.

Memorial donations to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-7901, or the Parish of Saint Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, P.O. Box 348, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-0348.

KLEIN - Mark T., of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, March 20, 2010 at home.

He was a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and attended Luzerne County Community College.

Surviving are his son, Dakota; and former wife, Mary, both of Harveys Lake; nieces and nephews.

KOZLOWSKI - Teresa, 77, of Dallas, died Monday, March 22, 2010 at her home.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, she was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, and Misericordia Water Aerobics Club.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Robert C.; children, Mary Kleiner, Berwick; Anna, Montgomery, Ala.; Stephen L., Peck-

ville; Lucy McKaig, Cape May Courthouse, N.J.; Bernadette, Lake Carey; and Robert L., Avoca; brothers, Patrick and Anthony O'Loughlin, Dublin, Ireland; sister, Catherine Wilson, Longton, England; 13 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Dallas Ambulance, c/o Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc.

KRUPINSKI - Constance Patricia, 76, died on Friday, March 19, 2010 in Toms River, N.J.

Born in Dallas, she was a 1951 graduate of Lehman High School where she was a member of the cheerleading squad.

Prior to her marriage, she was employed in area factories. She was a member of the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association Ladies Auxiliary, Toms River and of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, Lakewood, N.J.

She and her husband, Stephen R. Krupinski, were world travelers, visiting every continent and many countries, including Egypt, Australia, China, Germany and Switzerland.

Surviving, in addition to her husband with whom she celebrated her 57th wedding anniversary in June, are her sons, Gary S., Orlando, Fla.; and Stephen R., Seattle, Wash.; daughter, Kim Marie Rosch, Baltimore, Md.; one grandson; brothers, Andrew and Rayford Petroski and sister, Deborah Petroski Higgins, all of Dallas; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Lake-Lehman Foundation, in care of RR 2, Box 241-A, Dallas, PA 18612.

MCGROARTY - Sister Maureen RSM, of the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, died Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Dallas.

The former Catherine Mary McGroarty, she was born in Meriden, Conn., on Dec. 16, 1917 and was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Plains Township.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education in 1954 from Misericordia University and a master's degree in education in 1965 from Fordham University, New York. She entered the Sisters of Mercy at Dallas on Feb. 2, 1937 and professed her vows on Aug. 16, 1939.

Many years of her religious life were spent in the ministry of education. For 34 years, Sister Maureen ministered as a teacher and principal. She taught in Wilkes-Barre, New Philadelphia, Hawley, Towanda and Dallas. Sister Maureen also taught in Catholic elementary schools in Bayside, Flushing, Great Neck and Babylon, N.Y.

Sister Maureen ministered as the first patient greeter at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, from 1972 to 1994. She had been a resident at Mercy Center since Feb. of 1994.

Surviving is her sister, Terese Ann Powell, St. Louis Park, Minn.

Memorial donations to the Retirement Fund of the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid-Atlantic Com-

munity, PO Box 369, Dallas, PA 18612.

NEWBERRY - Ruth E., 90, of Noxen Township, died Saturday, March 27, 2010 at her home.

Born in Noxen on Feb. 13, 1920, she graduated from Beaumont High School in 1938.

Prior to retiring, she was employed by the Linear Corporation, Dallas, for four years, the Singer Corporation, Dallas, for eight years, and Encon, Dallas, for seven years.

She was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church and its Women's Society and Helping Hand Club and the Tunkhannock Senior Citizens.

Surviving are her children, Jon Blair, of Beaumont; and Cathy Kidd, of Noxen Township; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Noxen United Methodist Church, RR 1, Box 196A, Noxen, PA 18636.

POEPPERLING - Audrey M., 76, of Sixth Street, Wyoming, died Monday, March 29, 2010 at the home of her daughter, Linda Thorne of Trucksville, with whom she was residing.

Born in Scranton, she was a graduate of Coughlin High School, Class of 1952. For many years, she owned and operated Audrey's Dress Factory, formerly of Exeter.

She was a member of St. Cecilia's Church of Exeter and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Surviving are her children, Robert Hughes, Santa Ana, Calif.; Linda Thorne, Trucksville; Debra Gilligan, Pittston; Renee Polachek, Exeter; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters; Irene Marek, WilliamSPORT; Catherine Kuytna, Exeter; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations American Cancer Society of Wyoming Valley, 190 Welles St., 118 Forty Fort, PA, 18704.

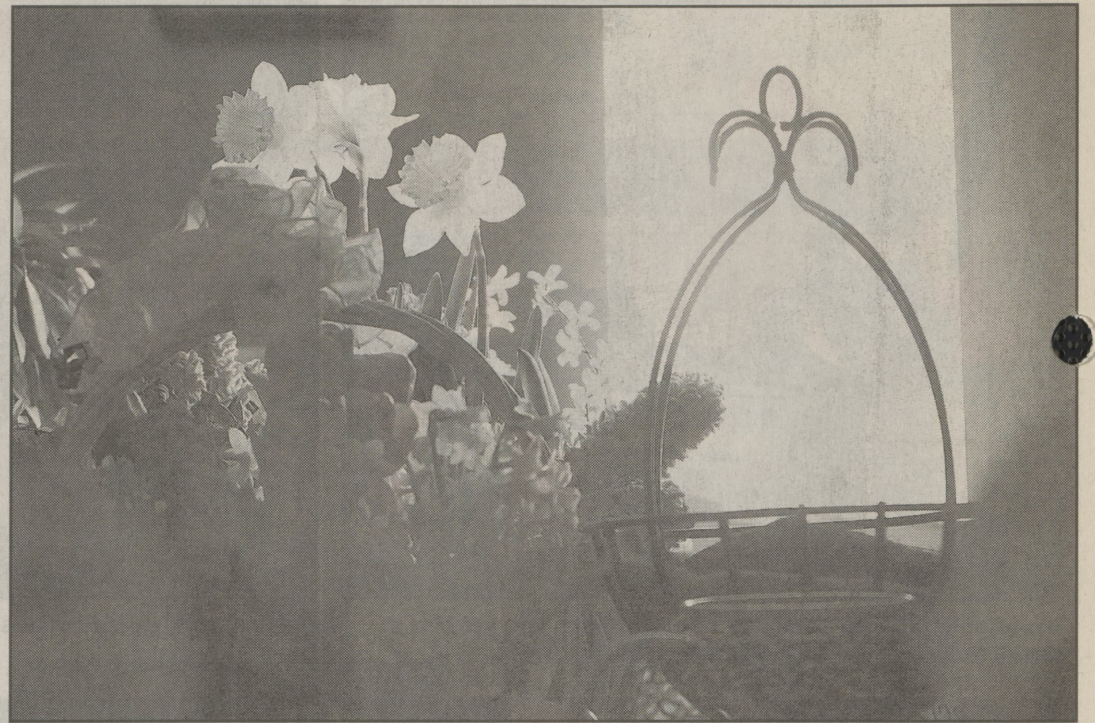
VISNESKI - Eleanor R. "Ellie," of Lancaster, formerly of Maple Lane, Tunkhannock, died Thursday, March 25, 2010 at Oak Leaf Manor North in Lancaster.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on Dec. 22, 1932, she was a 1951 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock.

She was extremely active in the Tunkhannock area, serving as past president of the Tunkhannock Booster Club, Little League Mothers, Football Mothers Association and Home Room Mothers Association. She served as chairman of the annual ball for Tyler Memorial Hospital.

She was a former Cub Scout den mother and area chairman for the Wyoming County Fund.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Matthews Ross Roberts, of Tunkhannock; sons, Dr. Paul E., of Lancaster; Gary W., of Danville; Todd A., of Clarks Summit; and Mark D., of Highland Lake, N.Y.; brother, Gerald Ross, of Tunkhannock; sister, Loretta Ayers, of Falling Water, W.Va.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Plants and containers were displayed during a lecture by the Penn State Cooperative Extension at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Learning container gardening

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners Jean Kolojechick and Roseanne Nardone presented a gardening program entitled "Four Season Container Gardening" at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The gardeners shared their own container garden projects and offered tips on container gardening to program participants.



Jean Kolojechick, a master gardener from the Penn State Cooperative Extension, holds up a sample planted container during a lecture on container gardening at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Memorial donations to The Church of the Nativity B.V.M. or to Mercy Tyler Hospital, Tunkhannock.

YOUNG - Judith A., 58, of Dallas, died Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston on Feb. 10, 1952, she was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, Wilkes College and received her master's degree from College Misericordia.

She was employed as a mathematics teacher for over 30 years by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. She was a member of PASR, PSEA-Retired and NEAR-Retired Teacher Associations.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving are her uncle, William Young, of Philadelphia, and several cousins.

Memorial donations to Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, PA 18612, or to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702-6991.

ZAPOTICKY - Kathleen, 78, of Dallas, died Monday, March 22, 2010 at the Hospice Care of the VNA at the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre, after a 2½ year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on March 4, 1932, she attended Luzerne High School.

She was formerly employed as a waitress at the Piedmont Inn, Pocono Downs Race Track and later as a banquet manager at the Master Host Inn and the Hotel Sterling. She was the top banquet sales manager for 10 years at the Master Host Inn.

Prior to her retirement, she served as director of the Senior Citizens Center in Kingston and later at the Senior Citizens Center in Pittston.

Surviving are her children, Noreen Brzozowski, Plymouth; Diane Domzalski, Dallas; Susan Polinchak, Mountain Top; Nicholas, Dallas; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; an aunt and several cousins.

Memorial donations to the American Cancer Society, 190 Welles St., Suite 118, Forty Fort, PA 18704; or to the Dallas Mountaineers Grid Iron Club, P.O. Box 31, Dallas, PA 18612.



The local quartet "Sound 'n Good" will appear at the 59th annual concert of the Wilkes-Barre Barbershop Harmony Society on Saturday, April 17, at Wyoming Area Secondary Center in Exeter. From left, are baritone Drew Smith, West Pittston; tenor Wayne Steele, Wyoming; bass Dave Schooley, Dallas; and lead Joe Husty, Wilkes-Barre.

Barbershoppers will present 59th concert

The 59th annual concert of the Wilkes-Barre Barbershop Harmony Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at Wyoming Area Secondary Center, 20 Memorial Ave., Exeter.

The concert theme, "Tribute to Ole' Blue Eyes" will be featured in production numbers by the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus under the direction of Ray Patsko, of Wilkes-Barre, and assistants, Phil Brown, of Shavertown, and Wayne Steele, of Wyoming.

Also appearing will be the local quartet "Sound 'n Good" whose

members consist of baritone Drew Smith, West Pittston; tenor Steele, bass Dave Schooley, of Dallas; and lead Joe Husty, of Wilkes-Barre.

Concert headliners are "Frank the Dog," a well-known harmony/comedy quartet from the Mid-Atlantic District, SPEBSQ-SA, representing chapters in Lansdale, Bryn Maur, Hamilton Square and Princeton, N.J.

Reserved tickets at \$20 and \$15 are available from members of the chapter, by calling 709-3716, 696-3385 or 287-2476 and at the door.

Osterhout seeks oldest library member

The Osterhout Free Library, 71 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, is looking for the oldest Luzerne County Library System cardholder to help cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the "Classic Corner" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 11.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 2:30 p.m., followed by entertainment and refreshments.

The "Classic Corner" will enhance services and programs for older adults within the library. A section of the library's first

floor has been transformed into a senior gathering space dedicated to material and technology suitable for older adults.

Senior specific literature will be housed in the space. Comfortable chairs will be available for reading or quiet socializing.

The Senior Space Project has been partially funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds administered by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

For more information, call the library at 821-1959.