

## OBITUARIES

**ANCIN** - Helen M., 96, of Lyndwood Avenue, Hanover Township, died Monday, June 14, 2010 at Highland Manor Personal Care Home, Carbondale.

Born in Lehman Township on March 12, 1914, she graduated from Lehman Township High School.

She was employed by the family business, Ancin Grocery, located on Carey Avenue in Hanover Township, until 1972. She then worked for Dr. Cooper in Mountain Top.

She was a member of the former St. Stephen's Church, Plymouth, now known as All Saints Parish. She belonged to the Rosary Society and The Slovak Catholic Ladies Association.

Surviving are two nephews; half nephews; great-nieces; a great-nephew; and great-great-nieces.

**CRAGLE** - John F., 63, of Niemchik Road, Hunlock Creek, died Saturday, June 19, 2010 from heart failure while working at home.

Born in Nanticoke on December 17, 1946, he was raised in Bridgeport, Conn. and Pond Hill and graduated from Newport High School in 1966 and barber school.

He barbered in Shickshinny, Fort Durkee Hotel in Wilkes-Barre and Pond Hill. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving as a petroleum specialist.

For 36 years, he worked at Unison Engine Components (formerly King 5th Wheel) of Mountain Top. Years earlier, he was employed at Eberhard Faber, St. Regis Paper and Fulton Lamp.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, the former Charlotte Jones; daughter, Lori Ashton, of Shavertown; sons, John R., of Austin, Texas; and Scott, of Washington, Ga.; two grandsons; two granddaughters; sisters, Loretta Blackburn, of Reyburn; Maryann Kollar, of Nanticoke; and Christine Stankevitch, of Nescopeck; nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Memorial donations to the Woodland Bible Chapel, 154 Church Rd., Shickshinny, PA 18655.

**GORDON** - Thomas G., 36, of Pikes Creek, died Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on August 9, 1973, he was employed as an automobile mechanic.

Surviving are his father, Gerald Gordon, of Lovelton; mother, Rae Ayers, of Pikes Creek; sister, Heidi, of Lehman; brother, Jeremy, of Falls; stepbrother, James Headley, of Pikes Creek; stepsister, Fay Ann Guyette, of Old Forge; two nephews, a niece, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**HESS** - Henry Edward Sr., 97, died Thursday, June 3, 2010 at his daughter's home in Columbia, Md.

Born on Nov. 7, 1912 in Forty Fort, he attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth-grade and then went to Kingston High School.

After settling in Dallas, he became an operator at an ice plant in nearby Wilkes-Barre. After enlisting in the U.S. Navy, he went to New Orleans to inspect landing ships being prepared for the Pacific. After the war, he returned to the ice plant and then became an agent with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Wilkes-Barre.

He was an active member of Rotary International where he was honored with the Paul Harris Award. He was a member of the Orange Church for 30 years and also served on the Dallas School Board.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Ransom Hess, 95, to whom he was married for 75 years; children, Barbara Darling, of Keauau, Hawaii; Richard R, of Exchange; Mary Quarrier, of Columbia, Md.; Nancy Allen, of Ed-

gewood, Ky.; and Henry E. Jr., of Claysville; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to Gilchrist Hospice Care of Howard County, 5537 Twin Knolls Rd., #433, Columbia, MD 21045.

**HILL** - Thomas J., of West Toga Street, Tunkhannock, died on Friday, June 18, 2010.

Born in Newark, N.J. on December 1, 1937, he was a U.S. Navy veteran and, for more than 10 years, drove a taxi cab in Atlantic City, N.J. He moved to the Scranton area where he worked as a maintenance manager in Tall Trees Apartments in Scranton.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Hill, of Tunkhannock; daughters, Pamela Yarsavage, Denise Lohmann and Colleen Frantz, all of Tunkhannock; and Elizabeth Tyler, of Montrose; brothers, John "Jack" and Alfred "Adam," of New Jersey; and Joseph, of Florida; 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

**JOHNSON** - Alice J., of Trucksville, died Monday, June 14, 2010.

Born and raised in Forty Fort, she graduated from Forty Fort High School in 1964. She was employed by Bassler Equipment, Martz Trailways, Guard Insurance and Life Saver Sunoco, Trucksville.

She was a member of the Cross Creek Community Church, Trucksville, where she enjoyed the Operation Christmas Child mission.

Surviving are her mother, Sis Zarola, Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas; her husband, Wilbert Johnson, Trucksville; children, Jerry Powlus, Berwick; Barbara Dunleavy, Philadelphia; and Robert Powlus, Nanticoke; five grandchildren; sister, Barbara McAvoy, Allentown; brothers, Dan Austin, Harveys Lake; and Don Austin, Forty Fort.

Memorial donations to Cross Creek Community Church.

**KONDRAD** - Grace A., 82, a former resident of Hunlock Creek and Benton, died Saturday, June 19, 2010 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born August 12, 1927, she is survived by a daughter, Josie Werkeiser, of Sweet Valley; sons, Gary Souder, of Benton; and James Souder, of Sweet Valley; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; sisters, Cora Czuba, Plymouth; and Josie Volkel, Glen Lyon.

**MEGINESS** - Patricia Cunningham, 70, of the Country Club Apartments in Dallas, died Sunday, June 20, 2010 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born February 2, 1940 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a 1958 graduate of Saint Mary's High School. She was a member of Irem Country Club, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 396 and American Legion Post 672 Ladies Auxiliary in Dallas.

Surviving are her parents, Martin and Mary Shock Cunningham, of Wilkes-Barre; her husband, Earl; children, Megan Manganaro, of Pittston; and Mark, of Wilkes-Barre Township; four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Shriner's Hospitals, 3551 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140.

**MORRIS** - Freece E., 92, of Blossburg, formerly of Broadway, died Thursday, June 10,

2010 at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hospital, Wellsboro.

He was born July 20, 1917 in Sweet Valley. He was a member of the Fairmount Springs United Methodist Church and attended the First Baptist Church in Blossburg.

He was a Boy Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, a Patterson Grove trustee, a member of the Grange, an honorary member of the WCTU and held offices in Broadway United Methodist Church and Harveyville U.M. charge.

Surviving are his wife of 72 years, the former Hilda Jeanette Edwards; a daughter, Linda Shypulefski of Blossburg; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**MUNTZ** - Bette L., 74, of Skapura Road, Benton, died on Thursday, June 17, 2010.

Born March 24, 1936 in Hanover Township, she served in the U.S. Air Force and was employed many years in the garment industry.

Surviving are her daughters, Sherryl A. Evans, Benton; and Bonnie S. DiRodrico, Plymouth; sons, Eugene C. Evans, Hot Springs, Ark.; and John Muntz, Nanticoke; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a niece and a nephew grandnieces and grandnephews.

**PATRICK** - Eleanor Bisconer, 60, died Saturday, June 19, 2010 at her home in Dallas.

Born in Tulare, Calif. on September 27, 1949, she attended Scripps University where she majored in literature. She was a medical secretary for parts of her life.

Surviving are her husband, Glenn, and her children, Curtis and Veronica.

**SKORONSKI** - Mary A., 93, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at the Golden Living Personal Care Home in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Swoyersville on Jan. 9, 1917.

Surviving are her son, Robert Skoronski, of Tunkhannock; daughter, Elizabeth Sanlorenzo, of Lake Wallenpaupack; brother, Edward Sholtis, of Dallas; sisters, Elizabeth Gutch, Hunlock Creek; Margaret Kleban, of Dallas; and Anna Kleban, of Harveys Lake; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. #17, Chicago, IL 60601.

**STRAUSER** - Sarah Morgan, 95, of Trucksville, died Monday, June 21, 2010.

Born on April 22, 1915, she was a native of Plymouth. She and her late husband, William Henry Strauser Sr. had two sons, William and James.

She was a life member of the Eastern Star and partnered with her husband in a linoleum store in Luzerne. She was a member of two Red Hat Clubs, three card clubs and he Trucksville United Methodist Church.

**YOUNGBLOOD** - Jane L., 86, formerly of East Center Street, Shavertown, died on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.



Clayton Rinehimer, of Hollenback Township, chairman of the Luzerne County Second District Republicans, is the recipient of the first Thomas Reese Memorial Award for Volunteerism. Shown here during presentation of the award are, from left, From left: Terry Casey, county chairman; Rinehimer; State Rep. Karen Boback and State Sen. Lisa Baker.

## Rinehimer receives Reese Award

Clayton Rinehimer, of Hollenback Township, chairman of the Luzerne County Second District Republicans, is the recipient of the first Thomas Reese Memorial Award for Volunteerism.

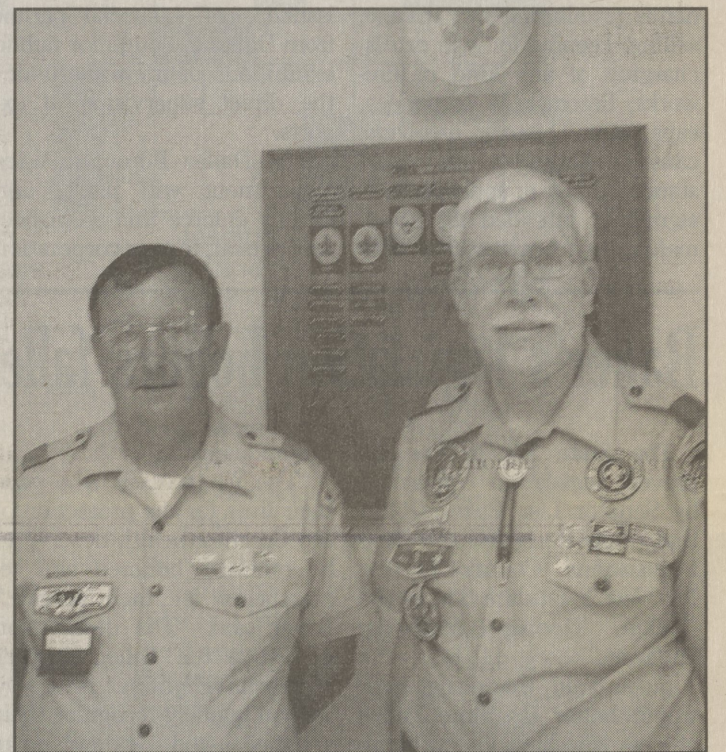
The award was presented at the Inaugural Thomas Reese Memorial Breakfast held May 15 at Irem Temple Country Club. The event was hosted by the county GOP's 2nd & 5th districts.

Rinehimer, a committeeman and former Berwick Area School Board member, was honored for his decades of dedication to the Republican Party.

A plaque was also presented to the children of the late Tom Reese, who died in October at age 85.

Reese was a longtime Republican Party worker. His wife, Martha, was jury commissioner for several years.

## SCOUT LEADERS HONORED



Scout leaders from Troop 155 recently were presented awards for their dedication and leadership. Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Transue, above left, received a 50-year pin and Scoutmaster Don Kretschmer, above right, received the Unit Leader Award of Merit. Troop 155 is sponsored by Trucksville United Methodist Church.

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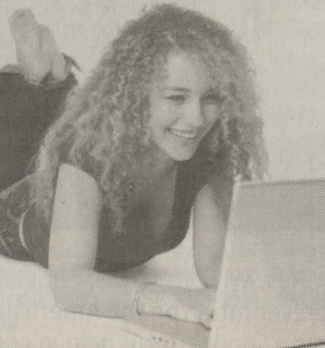
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