

## OBITUARIES

**GRYZIEC** - Clara M., 89, a former resident of Hunlock Creek and Kingston, passed away December 17, 2010, at the Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born February 15, 1921, in Huntington Mills, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Aurelia Kochinski Dluzeski. Clara was a member of the St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, and a member of the Hunlock Creek Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary. She enjoyed baking, gardening, and reading, and she enjoyed being with her family.

Surviving are her daughters, Pearl Race and her husband, Rodney, Noxen, and Kathryn Johnson and her husband, William, Kingston; son, Stanley and his wife, Karen, Windsor, Colo.; grandchildren, Catherine Stefanowicz and her husband, Keith, Sweet Valley; Rhonda Darko and her husband, George, Noxen; Dr. Johnathan Johnson, Rehoboth Beach, Del.; Josh Gryziec, Windsor, Colo.; and Angela Gryziec, Huntington Mills; great-grandchildren, Nicholas Stefanowicz and George Darko; sisters Marina Martini, Falls Church, Va., and Theresa Viti, Allentown; as well as brothers Edward, Rhode Island, and Raymond, Huntington Mills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hoyt Library, c/o the Children's Library, 284 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

**HOOVER** - John Sr., 87, of Dallas, passed away at home Thursday morning, December 23, 2010.

Born November 5, 1923, in Trucksville, he was a son of the late Eugene and Anne Litts Hoover. He was a resident of Kingston for most of his life. Prior to retiring, he was employed by Automatic Cigarette Sales. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are children, Margaret Kile, of Kingston; John, of Kingston; twins, Darlene Hoover of Forty Fort, and Dean Hoover, of California, and Linda Hodgson, of Kingston; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Frances Mattina, of Perth Amboy, N.J., and Marion Tregaskis, of Dallas; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

**JONES** - Howard W. "Dig-

ger," 88, of Tunkhannock/Lake Carey, Pa., passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at the Mercy Tyler Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Scranton on February 6, 1922, he was a son of the late Alfred and Elizabeth Wirth Jones. After the passing of his mother in 1927, Howard moved to East Lemon where he was raised by his Aunt, Gertrude Jones Gibbs. He attended East Lemon Grade School. He was a World War II veteran, having served as a sergeant in company C, 255th Field Artillery with Patton's Third Army.

In April 1946, he married Ruth Bishop of Landrum, S.C. The couple moved to Tunkhannock, where Howard was employed by Shadowbrook Farms. In 1950, he purchased his first backhoe and began his career as a local contractor and businessman.

He was affiliated with Sunnyside Cemetery for over 50 years. He initiated the business of R.H. Jones Crematory, Tunkhannock. He was an avid fisherman enjoying many trips to New Brunswick, Canada, and his dock at Lake Carey. He was a Past President of Tunkhannock Kiwanis, of which he was a member for over 50 years. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 457, Triton Hose Co., and the Moose Lodge in Tunkhannock.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; son Warren (Nancy), of Dalton; a daughter Susan Carretta (Tony), of Pittsburgh; and son Robert Howard, of Tunkhannock. He had four grandchildren, Marcy Jones Yanchunas (Sean), Adrienne Jones Cox (Tony), Michael and Mark Carretta. He had three great-grandchildren, Casey and Taylor Cox and Alexa Yanchunas; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis Wyoming County Fair, 141 Lanes Lane, Meshoppen, PA 18630. For online contribution, please visit [www.aplitwinfuneralhome.com](http://www.aplitwinfuneralhome.com).

**KELLY** - Patricia DeSales Boyle (aka Banj), of Harveys Lake, passed away Monday, December 20, 2010, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Forty Fort in 1922, she was a daughter of the late T. Joseph and Elizabeth O'Malley Boyle. Pat was a 1940 graduate of Forty Fort High School and a 1943 graduate of Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital School of

Nursing, earning a Registered Nurse designation.

Pat enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II, where she served in the Nurse Corps as a Lt (JG). Upon honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946, she performed private duty nursing until 1962.

From 1962 until her retirement in 1982, she was the college health nurse for the Wilkes-Barre Campus of Penn State University. She was the founder and first president of the NEPA College Health Nurses Association, of which she was an active member even in retirement. Pat was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, and its Altar and Rosary Society, the Harveys Lake Protective Association, and American Legion Posts 967 and 672.

Surviving are her sons, Lt. Col. (USAF ret.) William R. Kelly and his wife, Mary Lee, Williamsport; Joseph J. Kelly and his wife, Natalie, Springfield, Va.; and Frank A. Kelly and Helen Martinez, Shickshinny; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother Edward J. Boyle, Harrisburg, Pa.; and her longtime friend, Leonard Groboski.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Victory Church, Pole 26, Harveys Lake, PA 18618, or Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, Old Route 115, Lehman, PA 18627.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at [snowdonfuneral@frontier.com](mailto:snowdonfuneral@frontier.com).

**KITTLE** - Cheryl L., 49, a resident of state Route 118, Sweet Valley, passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2010, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born July 23, 1961, in Nanticoke, she was a daughter of Bertha M. Cragle Kittle, Sweet Valley, and the late Robert Kittle. Cheryl was a graduate of Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School and was a LPN. She was employed at Valley Crest Nursing Home, Plains Township.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are sisters, Karen L. Baltier, Dallas; Sheila A. Kittle, Luzerne; and Diane M. Hooker, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Kerry I. Kittle and Kenneth J. Kittle, both of Sweet Valley; and a nephew, Angelo, Dallas.

**MCCUE** - Donald Aloysius, of Dallas, passed away early Christmas morning, Saturday, December 25, 2010.

A son of the late John and Maude McCue, Donald was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre alongside his eight brothers and sisters. Donald graduated from Coughlin High School in 1951 before serving two years in the U.S. Army. Much of his time in the service was spent in Korea.

Donald returned to the area and started college at the University of Scranton. He then began a co-op program with General Electric, which led him to the University of Detroit. Donald graduated from the University of Detroit in 1960 with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for General Electric in Utica, N.Y., his entire professional life.

Popularly known throughout the Wyoming Valley simply as "Uncle Donald," the sports enthusiast could almost always be found in the bleachers at a high school gym, at a little league game, or a football game. His greatest joys came from cheering on his many nieces and nephews, analyzing the game once the final whistle was blown or the last inning was played, and spending hours in the yard tossing balls to the children who were too young to play on an organized sports team.

An avid reader, history buff, and classical music connoisseur, Donald challenged his nieces and nephews to be well-rounded. He was always interested in what the children were learning in school and enjoyed taking them to local historical landmarks. Donald's proudest moments came from watching his family grow up.

He will be greatly missed by his 34 nieces and nephews, 66 great-nieces and -nephews, and four great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Since permanently moving back to the area 18 years ago, Donald joined the Misericordia University community, where he was fondly known as Mac. His daily routine usually included laps around the track or in the pool, shooting hoops with the students, and catching a basketball or softball game. Donald was preceded in death by his brother Jack McCue, and brothers-in-law, Michael Dunleavy and Paul Kane.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Kay McCue, Kingston; brothers, Paul McCue and his wife, Grace, Dallas, and Gerald McCue and his wife, Patti, Wilkes-Barre;

sisters, Rita Cutter and her husband, Bill, Dallas; Connie Dombrski and her husband, Harry, Arlington, Texas; Dolores Dunleavy, Wilkes-Barre; Ann Marie Gavigan and her husband, Donald, Dallas, and Sally Kane, Dallas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Misericordia University Athletic Fund, 301 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.eblakecollins.com](http://www.eblakecollins.com).

**PETRIKONIS** - Mona M., 72, of Dallas Township, died Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at her home.

She was born in Nanticoke, a daughter of the late Arthur Sr. and Jean Morgan Will. Mona attended school in the Nanticoke area. Mona was a former resident of Newark, N.J., where she was a factory supervisor. She moved back to this area, specifically to Dallas Township, in 1965.

She enjoyed time shared with her family and was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her children, Arthur J. Petrikonis and wife Elizabeth, Wilkes-Barre, and Deborah Langan and fiancé Gene Kline, Pittston Township; grandchildren, Michael Petrikonis and wife Ginna; Julianne Petrikonis, Matthew Langan and Andrew Langan; brother Fred Will, Dallas, Texas; sister Connie Traver, Noxen; and Mona was also looking forward to the birth of her first great-granddaughter in March of 2011.

Memorial contributions in the name of Pete and Mona Petrikonis may be made to St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue at Davis Street, Shavertown, PA 18708.

**PHILLIPS** - John R., 53, of Harveys Lake, passed away Sunday, December 19, 2010, at Birchwood Nursing Center, Nanticoke.

Born in Kingston, he was a son of Leonard Phillips, Pikes Creek, and the late Elvira Jean Roberts. John was employed by General Motors, Newark, Del.

Surviving are his daughter Amy Davis, Newark; brother Leonard Phillips Jr., Niagara Falls, N.Y.; sister Sandra Cooper, Shavertown; and two grandchildren.

**RODRIGUEZ** - Stella, 96, of Jackson Township, died Monday, December 20, 2010, in the Mountain Top Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center, Mountain Top.

She was born in Swoyersville, a

daughter of the late Ignatius and Alexandria Drobnicki.

Stella enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her children, Carl Rodriguez and wife Joan, Plains Township; Theresa Kazmeroski and husband Bernard, Mountain Top; Stella Linehan and husband John, Rochester, N.Y.; Joe Rodriguez and wife Patricia, Jackson Township; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

**SAVAGE-COOK** - Shelley Lynn, 40, formerly of Tunkhannock, died Friday, December 17, 2010, at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, after a lengthy illness.

Shelley was born and raised in Orange County, Calif. She is a daughter of Gregg and Carolyn (Oakley) Savage, Westminster, Calif.

Shelley had a deep love for animals. Her daughter, Karyn, was the light of her life.

Surviving, along with her parents, is her husband Kevin D. Cook, Mehoopany; daughter Karyn Savage-Cook, Mehoopany; brother Gregg Thomas, Fullerton, Calif.; and mother and father-in-law, Trudy and David Cook, Tunkhannock. Two nephews, Collin and Mason Savage, also survive.

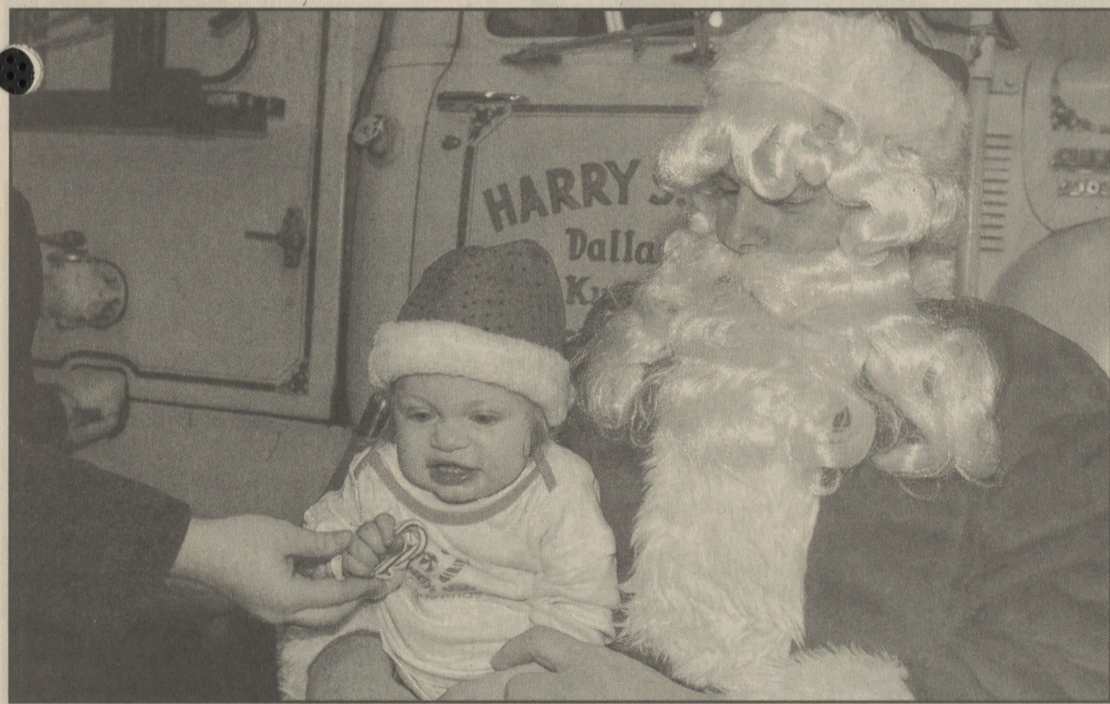
**YEUST** - Dwayne P., 73, of Dallas, died Thursday, December 23, 2010, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Dallas Township, a son of the late Arnold and Jenney Lamoreaux Yeust. Dwayne was a graduate of Dallas High School. He lived and worked in Wallingford, Conn., for a number of years before returning to the Dallas Township area, where he has resided for the past 20 years.

Dwayne was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he loved the outdoors. He was mechanically inclined and was always happy to help out a friend or neighbor.

Surviving are his brothers Marvin Yeust, Shavertown, and Ralph Yeust and wife Anna, Carverton; sister Shirley Jean Edwards, Dallas; step-children, Milton Santiago, Rocky Hill, Conn.; Veronica Santiago, New Britain, Conn.; and Angelique Santiago, Waterbury, Conn.; five step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

## A full house for Santa



The Kunkle Fire Company Children's Christmas Party took place on Saturday morning, Dec. 18, at the fire hall located along Route 309 in Kunkle.

"We cleared every piece of ambulance and fire apparatus out of the firehouse to make room for Santa's arrival. More than 100 people at-

tended and nearly 75 of them were children," Chief Jack Dodson said.

Kunkle Volunteer Fireman George Kebles of Dallas played Santa Claus. "I've been sitting her for two hours. I'm having a ball," whispered Santa from under his fluffy beard.

Edward and Diane Morse of Dal-

las brought their 10-month-old baby to the party. "Lilly screamed and wanted nothing to do with Santa Claus," the mother said. "She calmed down after Santa gave her a candy cane."

Christmas music was provided by Rayz Toonz DJ Service of Monroe Township.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST



During a drumming session at Outrageous in Shavertown, Estelle Campanni, Kim Gochoel, both of Dallas, Rachel Loeffliad and Amy Yurchison, both of Shavertown, work their instruments.

## Having fun with drums

Neither a drum nor experience was needed to participate in a Community Drum Circle held recently at Outrageous in Shavertown. The only required was a desire to have fun — and fun they had!

## Four blood drives scheduled in Back Mountain for January

The American Red Cross will conduct four blood drives in the Back Mountain in January:

- The Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 45 Hildebrandt Road, Dallas from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4.
- The Dallas American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18. The double red unit is scheduled to be at this drive.
- Gate of Heaven Church, 10 Machell Ave., Dallas from 7:45

a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23. The double red unit is scheduled to be at this drive.

- Community Blood Drive, the Lehman Campus of the Penn State University, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Winter driving accidents heighten the need for blood. Blood supplies remain low and your help is desperately needed.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification

and their Red Cross Blood card. First time donors will receive a card after their first donation. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health are eligible to donate. Youths 16 years of age accompanied by a parent, may also donate.

A pre-scheduled appointment can be made to reduce the time needed for donating. To schedule an appointment call 823-7164, ext. 2150.

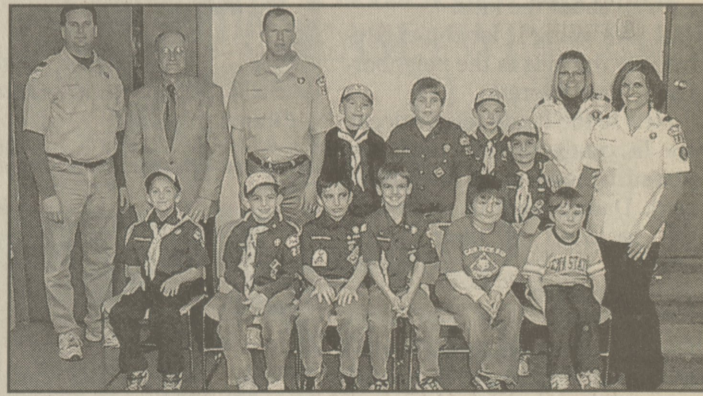
## Cub Scouts tour Dallas Twp. Police Station

Gate of Heaven Pack 232 Dallas, Cub Scout Bear Den recently visited the Dallas Township Police Station.

Chief Robert Jolley gave a tour to the cub scouts of the entire police station. The tour included being fingerprinted, a visit to the holding jail cell, and seeing the brand new police cruiser.

Jolley spoke to the scouts on the importance of crime prevention and what they can do as cub scouts to help in our community. The Bear Den completed requirements for "Law Enforcement is a Big Job" and learned what it would be like to be a police officer when they grow up.

Seated from left to right: Jere-



my Zolner, Tyler Osipower, Jacob Brennan, AJ Bednar, Nathan Roppelt, Stephen Vanesko. Standing from left to right: August Bednar, Den Leader; Chief Robert Jolley,

Kevin Zeiss, Den Leader; Chase Santayanna, Sam Oley, Colin Zeiss, Christian Sebastianelli, Jane Brennan, Den Leader; Lori Bednar, Den Leader.