

CHURCH BRIEFS

Night at the Races set for March 5

Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, will hold a Night at the Races/Mardi Gras on Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 6 p.m. and post time is 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 or free with the purchase of a horse. Beer, soda and munchies will be served.

For more information, call 639-153.

Turkey dinner slated for March 5

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold its fourth annual turkey dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Dickson Educational Facility, Church Road.

Take-out orders will start at 4 p.m. Sit-down family style service will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children and can be reserved by

calling the church office at 696-3897 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pancake supper set

A pancake supper and bake sale will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 8 at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29, Noxen.

Menu consists of pancakes (plain or buckwheat), fruit toppings, sausage or ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, juice, coffee or tea. Donation is \$5.

Concert set for March 12

Selah's "Shelter Me Tour" featuring Aaron Shust and Shaun Groves will perform at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Cross Creek Community Church, 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville.

Tickets, at \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, can be purchased by calling 696-0399.

KENYON COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS WILL PERFORM



The Fine Arts Committee of Shavertown United Methodist Church will host a performance by the The Kenyon College Chamber Singers at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 at the church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

The concert is open to the public and a free will offering will be received.

The Chamber Singers, consisting of 54 undergraduates chosen by competitive audition, is Kenyon's premier touring ensemble. The group is noted for its versatility of vocal style and broad repertoire.

The Chamber Singers will present an eclectic mix of a cappella choral repertoire on their 2011 Spring Tour. Music by Johannes Brahms, Jan Sweelinck, Randall Thompson, L. Dean Nuernberger and Roelof Temmingh will be performed in addition to music from South Africa, which this year includes "Bawo, Thixo Somandla" (Lord, God Omnipotent), arranged by Mzilikazi Khumalo, and "UMaconsana" (Moonshine) by Reuben Tholakele Caluza.

For more information, call 881-9468.

Members of the Kenyon College Chamber Singers are, from left, first row, Laura McHenry, Molly McCleary, Emma Sajsa, Julia Tidona, Shelley Fort, Carling FitzSimmons, Ellen Kaufman, Ally Schmaling, Vibha Mishra, Olivia Siulagi, Ariana Chomitz, Jen Baker, Chrissy Ostrowski. Second row, Mary Jeanne Harwood, Kelly Boland, Ali Stamatoiu, Marcie Schwartz, Julia Dopp, Beth Hyland, Lili Martinez, Rachel Max, Claire Cameron, Gillian King, Marissa Hartman, Maya Artis and Liza Ziering.

OBITUARIES

ARNOLD - Thomas Carl, 73, of Hunlock Creek, died on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born September 10, 1937, in West Nanticoke, and graduated from Harter High School, West Nanticoke. He had been employed as a LPN at Retreat State and Danville State Hospitals until his retirement.

He was a member of the Muhlenberg United Methodist Church, Hunlock Creek, and also was on the Board of Trustees.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Nancy Ilene Bencoter; daughter, Debra Blaine, Hunlock Creek; two grandchildren; a sister, Janet Roberts, Nanticoke; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Muhlenberg United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, c/o Harry Birth, 144 Sweet Valley Rd., Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

BELLES - Edgar A., of Prevost Lane, Tunkhannock, died Friday, February 11, 2011, at home.

He was born in Dallas Township on March 10, 1914, and was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 1932.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Kanarr Tool and Die Maker in Kingston for more than 40 years. He was a member of the Church of the Nativity B.V.M. in Tunkhannock.

Surviving are a son, Roger, Tunkhannock; daughter, Chris LaBar, Tunkhannock; 10 grandchildren.

BOUGHER - Montgomery "Monty" Walton, of Warden Place, Harveys Lake, died Friday, February 12, 2011.

He was born in California and spent many years in Chicago, Ill., and on Cape Cod, Mass., where he was an avid sailor.

Surviving are his longtime companion, Linda Shurmaitis; his daughter, Megan, of Florida; several brothers and one sister.

CRANE - Charles E., 73, of Meeker, Lake Township, died Thursday, February 17, 2011, at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest, Allentown.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Lake-Noxen High School. Before retiring, he was employed as a maintenance technician by Procter and Gamble, Mehoopany. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jean Morrow Crane, to whom he was married for 50 years; children, Colleen Sutliff, Harveys Lake; Charles H., Meeker; and Christine Orbin, Meeker; sister, Eileen Foss, Meeker; and 10 grandchildren.

DELANY - Miles R., of Maple Lane, Tunkhannock, died at his home on Sunday, February 13, 2011.

He was born in New Hope on December 18, 1925, received his GED from New Hope High School and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Prior to his retirement, he was a self-employed truck driver working for various trucking companies in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was a 60-year member of the New Hope Fire Department, a 55-year member of the Flemington, N.J. fire department, a member of the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge and a former supervisor of Washington Township in Wyoming County. For many years, he served as a Republican committeeman in Washington Township.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Eleanor C. Smith Delany; son, James E., Milford, N.J.; daughters, Grace Finkbeiner, of Flemington, N.J.; Kathryn Campbell, of Levittown; and Janet Harabin, of Lawton; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

DODSON - Carla Jean, 56, of Main Road, Hunlock Creek, died Thursday, February 17, 2011, in Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Nanticoke on January 3, 1955.

Surviving are her mother, Lois Arnold Stair, Wilkes-Barre; her husband, Mark; her sons, Zachary and Brice, of Hunlock Creek; stepdaughter, Amy Wesolowski, of Plymouth; five grandchildren; sisters, Joyce Jones, Wilkes-Barre; and Lois Stair, Hunlock Creek; brothers, Dean Stair, Hanover Township; and Bert Stair, Arlington, Texas; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Mill Memorial Library, 495 E. Main St., Nanticoke, PA 18634, and the American Cancer Society.

FOY - Lillian S., 71, of Dallas, died Sunday, February 13, 2011, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of Larksville High School, class of 1956.

She was formerly employed by Regina Manufacturing, Pomeroy's Department Store and Old River Road Bakery in Shavertown. She and her husband, Thomas, owned and operated a gas station in Islen, N.J.

She was active in the Back Mountain Girl Scouting Organization and Band Parents Association.

She was a former member of St. Casimir's Catholic Church, Lyndwood, and a member of The Catholic Community of North East Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are daughters, Lesha Cajka, Wyoming; Tracy and Roxanne Foy, both of Dallas; two grandchildren; sisters, Antoinette Chintalla, Breslau; and Mildred Smith, New Jersey; brother, Stanley Fimowicz, California; and nephews.

LAMOREAUX - Kathleen A., 58, of Dallas, died Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

She was born July 18, 1952, and graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1970. She was a member of the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church at Har-

veys Lake.

Surviving are her parents, Roswell E. and Kathleen Smith Bixby, Sorber Mountain; her husband, Woodrow, with whom she celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last June 20; sons, Vincent, of Trucksville; and Robert, of Lake Silkworth; four grandchildren; brother, Roswell Bixby Jr., of Sorber Mountain; sister, Stephanie Deckelder, of Lake Wales, Fla.

Memorial donations to Ruth's Place House of Hope, 425 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

NELSON - Joseph M., 78, of Kingston and Beaumont, died Monday morning, February 14, 2011.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, attended Wyoming Seminary and was also a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

He and his brother, Charles, owned and operated Nelson and Sons Furniture Manufacturing Company until 1990. He was a Realtor with Lewith and Freeman for several years and, most recently, managed Nelson Store Secure.

He was a past president of Temple B'nai B'rith and the Westmoreland Club. He was a past board member of Northeastern Bank, Girl Scouts of the USA, the Westmoreland Club and the Salvation Army. He was a member of the Masonic Order and Keystone Consistory.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, the former Louise Brenner; sons, Mark, New York City, N.Y.; and Robert, Montville, N.J.; three grandchildren; sister, Miriam Fleischman, Syracuse, N.Y.; nieces and nephews.

NYGREN - Robert N. Sr., 85, of Sweet Valley, died Friday, February 18, 2011, at Bonham's Nursing Center, Stillwater.

He was born March 30, 1925, in Wilkes-Barre, and graduated from Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Prior to retiring, he was employed by the former Native Textiles, Dallas, for 42 years. He was a member of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek; the George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, F&AM, the Irem Shriners and the Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, the former Ruth Fitzer; sons, Robert Jr., Dale and David, all of Sweet Valley; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Nancy Garrahan, of Wilkes-Barre.

Memorial donations to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Rd., Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

PAWLUSH - Lawrence A., 70, of Oval Drive, Dallas, died Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at home.

He was born on February 17, 1940, in Glen Lyon, was a graduate of Newport High School, class of 1958, and earned a bachelor's degree from King's College. He then earned a master's degree in aquatic biology from East Stroudsburg University.

He was employed for over 40 years by the Department of Environmental Resources of the State of Pennsylvania, serving as the water quality manager for Northeast Pennsylvania prior to his retirement in 2003.

He was a member of the Polish Falcons Nest 163 Mocanaqua and the White Eagle Club at Kiehl's Lake.

Surviving are his former wife, Maryann Pawlush; his fiancée, Sandy Robbins; children, Cheryl Boberick, Daryl, Denise, Gina Bartoletti, Lawrence W., Michele Fountain, Renee Smith, Daniele Wadas, Josue Duarte and Janel Leitner; 15 grandchildren; and sister, Christine Kizeloviczas; nieces.

Memorial donations to the Youth Advocate Endowment Fund for Autism, P.O. Box 5683, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

RACE - Lawrence E., 92, of Noxen, died Monday, February 14, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born October 6, 1918, in Kingston, graduated from Noxen High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was employed by the General Motors plant in Tonawanda, N.Y., for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the United Auto Workers Union Local No. 774, Buffalo, N.Y.

Surviving are children, Rodney E. and Marjorie (Midge) Hubbell, both of Noxen; six grandchildren; sisters, Hazel Casterline, Wilmington, N.C.; and Beatrice Goble, Noxen.

Memorial donations to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

ROSS - Richard M. Jr., 81, of Dallas, died Thursday, February 17, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born May 18, 1929, in New York, N.Y., graduated from Phillips Academy Andover in 1948, Cornell University in 1952, and served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954.

Beginning his career in banking with Hanover Bank in New York City, N.Y., he was a Certified Financial Analyst and earned an M.B.A. in Finance from New York University in 1957.

He was the president and C.E.O. of First Eastern Bank and First Eastern Corporation from 1975 to 1987 and served as chairman and C.E.O. of First Eastern from 1988 until his retirement in 1992.

He was active in numerous community, professional and civic organizations, including the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, the Luzerne Foundation, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley and the Wyoming Valley United Way.

From 1990 to 1993, he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wilkes University and, following his retirement, was an adjunct faculty member in the university's Economics Department.

He was a member of the North Mountain Club and the Westmoreland Club.

Surviving are his wife, Jane (Kim); daughter, Barbara, of Somerville, Mass.; son, Richard (Rip), of Dallas; four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne Foundation, 613 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18702.

SAMUELS - Evelyn C., 96, of Dallas, died Sunday, February 13, 2011, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains

Township.

She was born in Shickshinny, and was a graduate of Kingston High School. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Wilkes-Barre and of the Homemakers Club, Bloomsburg.

Surviving are her daughter, Evelyn Domzalski, Dallas; grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Stand Up for Kids, 83 Walton St., Ste. 100, Atlanta, GA 30303, or the Luzerne County SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

New books are added to shelves at BMT library

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for the month of February 2011:

EXPRESS

"Heartwood" by Belva Plain, "Fadeaway Girl" by Martha Grimes, "Deep Black: Death Wave" by Stephen Coonts, "The Sentry" by Robert Crais

FICTION

"Heartwood" by Belva Plain, "Fadeaway Girl" by Martha Grimes, "The Red Garden" by Alice Hoffman, "The Sentry" by Robert Crais, "The Brave" by Nicholas Evans, "Breach of Trust" by David Ellis, "Deep Black: Death Wave" by Stephen Coonts, "Shadowfever" by Karen Marie Moning, "The Lake of Dreams" by Kim Ed-

wards, "Lucky Stiff" by Deborah Coonts.

NONFICTION

"Supreme Power: Franklin Roosevelt vs. the Supreme Court" by Jeff Shesol, "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience & Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand, "Memoir of a Gulag Actress" by T.V. Petkevich, "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo

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"Joe Louis: Hard Times Man" by Randy Roberts

BOOKS ON CD

"What the Night Knows" by Dean Koontz, "The Judgment Gate" by Jack Higgins, "Too Deep" by Jayne Ann Krentz, "Clara and Mr. Tiffany" by Susan Vreeland, "Bird Cloud" by Annie Proulx, "The Outlaws" by W.E.B. Griffin

Babysitting course offered

A babysitting course offered by the American Red Cross will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas.

Teens and tweens 11 through 15 years of age are welcome to register. Participants will learn to perform first aid and how to get professional medical help fast, identify common safety hazards and prevent injuries, perform basic care routines like diapering, feeding and dressing, handle bedtime issues and

more. Interested participants must pre-register at the library's main desk by 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23.

A check (or cash) made out to the American Red Cross for \$40 must be presented at that time of registration. A babysitter's handbook will be included and distributed at the program. Participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch and snacks to the program.

Young adults with questions may call the library during regular business hours at 675-1182.

Lenten services are scheduled

The Back Mountain churches will hold an Ecumenical "Soup and Scripture" on the five Mondays during Lent. Each program will begin at 6 p.m. with a prayer and soup. At 6:45 p.m., participants will reflect on the upcoming Sunday scripture with a presentation from the pastor of that church and, at 8 p.m., a closing prayer will be offered.

The schedule is as follows: Monday, March 15 - Lehman

Idetown United Methodist Church, Lehman

Monday, March 21 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas

Monday, March 28 - Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek

Monday, April 4 - Huntsville United Methodist Church, Huntsville

Monday, April 11 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth