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#### OBITUARIES

**ALLEN - Lorraine Elizabeth** Lord, 85, of Dallas, died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, after a long illness.

She was born January 24, 1926, in Wilkes-Barre, graduated from Kingston High School in 1943 and attended the Wyoming Seminary School of Business.

As a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, she served her church in many capacities over her years of membership from being a Sunday school teacher to serving on various social, organizational and functional committees.

As a foster parent, Lorraine extended her love and wisdom to 15 children throughout the years. As an employee of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, she was a paraprofessional working with special needs children.

rah Morgantini, Dallas; Jeffrey, Land O' Lakes, Fla.; Joseph III, Dallas, Texas; and Roxanne Fisher, Plymouth; seven grandchildren,; eight great-grandchildren; her brother, James F. Lord, Shavertown; a niece and a nephew.

Memorial donations to the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

**BALESTER** - Jonathan Joseph Balester, 56, of Shavertown, died in his home, Thursday, May 26, 2011.

He was born June 15, 1954, in Wyoming, was a 1972 graduate of Wyoming Seminary and was three grandsons; brother, Robert president of his own business, ABBA Advertising Products, which he operated from his home.

He worked in the optical industry for the past 38 years in Rochester, N.Y., for Main Optical and briefly for Bausch and Lomb. A past president of his family's business, Balester Optical Company, Wilkes-Barre, he also served on its board of directors. He was a member of the Westmoreland tal. Club, Wilkes-Barre, and founder of Business Network International (BNI) Valley Chapter.

He was an active member of the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly of God Church and served as a Chaplin and Advisory Board Member for Providing las; 10 grandchildren; great- and Hope Prison Ministry. He served as a director of volunteers for the Luzerne County Republican Party

Surviving are his mother, Alison Garland McLeod-Sharpe; sisters, Heather, Wilkes-Barre; Vale-

General Hospital as a phlebotomist. He was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, the Valley Masonic Lodge 499, West Pittston and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are his parents, David and Florence Menhennet Burgess, Exeter Township; his wife of 13 years, the former Catherine J. Thomas; sons, David J. and Sean M., both of Lake Wallenpaupack; brothers, Russell, West Wyoming, and Dale, Harding; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to the Blue Chip Farms Animal Rescue, 974 Lockville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

CYBULSKI - Helen, of Dallas, died Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at ManorCare Nursing Home, Kingston

She was born in Kingston and she was a member of Gate of Surviving are children, Debo- Heaven Church, Dallas. She was a manager of C&B Fashions, Swoyersville.

> Surviving are a son, Michael, Texas; five grandchildren; a brother, Peter Yablonski, Pringle; and a sister, Leona Leitz, Courtdale.

**GRIFFITHS** - Dorothy J., 83, formerly of Trucksville, died Sunday, May 15, 2011, at Arden Courts, Wescosville.

She was born Wilkes-Barre and was a member of Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.

Surviving are her sons, Robert, Alexandria, Va.; and Bruce, Allentown; one granddaughter; Considine, Shavertown; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter, 399 Market St., Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

JAMES – Tillie, 103, formerly of Hanover Green and Dallas, died Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospi-

She was born April 2, 1908, in Luzerne, and, prior to her retirement, was a sewing machine operator in the garment industry.

Surviving are her daughters, Sandra Woodeshick, of Hanover Green; and Nancy King, of Dalgreat-great-grandchildren.

JENKINS - Antoinette M., 69, of Dallas, died Monday, May 23, 2011, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Nanticoke and rie, College Station, Texas; broth- was a graduate of Nanticoke High School where she was the first ACON Queen, sponsored by the Athletic Club, Nanticoke. She was a parishioner of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, where she was an active member of the Bell and Funeral Choirs, and was the original member of the RCIA at Gate of Heaven. She was also a volunteer with the Mercy Auxiliary While a parishioner at St. Fran-BERLEW - William Gilbert Sr., cis of Assisi, Nanticoke, she taught CCD, was the first woman lector and first woman Eucharistic Minister of St. Francis Church. Surviving are her husband, William D. Jenkins II, with whom she celebrated 50 years of marriage; sons, David, Doylestown; Edward S., Harveys Lake; William D. III, Dallas; daughters, Elizabeth, Radnor; and Mary Elizabeth, Trappe; 15 grandchildren. Memorial donations to the Sisters of Mercy at the Mercy Center, Lake Street, Dallas, PA 18612.

# **Rusty Flack was a community**

father and friend to many, neurial career. passed away peacefully early Thursday morning, May 26, 2011, at his home in Dallas following a 19-month battle against cancer. He was 56.

A lifelong resident of Dallas, he was a son of Joan Flack Nusbaum, Naples, Fla., and Dallas; and the late Charles D. Flack.

He graduated from Wyoming Seminary and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Susquehanna University. Most recently, he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, an hind-the-scenes service to his fa- FLACK honorary degree from Misericordia University.

Chairman of Diamond Conhe led the perforated metal firm from the age of 24, when his father Charlie succumbed to the same disease. Taking over as president, his start at Diamond learning how to operate maquickly chinery, moving through the ranks to production and shift management.

His mentor and father figure throughout this early factory education was his oldest friend, John George, whose wise and

Rusty Flack, loving husband, out his successful and entrepre-

Rusty's business acumen, zest for life and genuine passion for improving our community caused him to be in great demand from a civic and service standpoint. He willingly, graciously and competently served on countless boards in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and nationally and internationally within the perforated metals industry.

Translating his ardent patriotism and love of country into bevored political party caused him to be highly sought after as an adviser, motivator and allsolidated Industries, Wyoming, around Republican guru. He enjoyed many a fat bastard and coffee at Tony's in Kingston, engaging in spirited political repartee. He rallied behind and helped revitalize the local Rereally began in his early teens, publican Party and enjoyed working first as janitor, then planning and organizing highprofile political fundraisers, in the hope of encouraging others to become proactive in a positive manner.

Rusty was a voracious reader, an enthusiastic golfer and loved to travel. He loved being on the water. He sailed on the Chesasometimes harsh lessons pro- peake and in the Virgin Islands,



#### pleasure in cruising around Harveys Lake, a frequent sight in his beloved "Rumble," often accompanied by his devoted canine companions, Jack and Lo-

The consummate entertainer, Rusty was an accomplished guitar player whose soft and gentle tenor voice led many of his less talented friends in hearty interpretations of Beatles, James Taylor, Clapton and CSN har- zerne, PA 18709; The Charles monies.

Faith was a large part of Rusty's constitution. A lifelong St., Dallas, PA 18612; Wyoming Episcopalian, he served in vari- Seminary, c/o the Development vided Rusty with lifelong princi-enjoyed boating at Martha's ous capacities at Prince of Peace Office, 201 N. Sprague Ave., ples that guided him through- Vineyard, but especially took Episcopal Church, Dallas, and Kingston, PA 18704-3593.

Grace Episcopal Church, Kingston. He was an acolyte, lector, member of the choir, church school teacher and vestryman.

It was the strength of his faith that enabled him to face the challenges of his insidious g ease, serving as a shining exa ple of bravery and courage in the looming face of death. In his last weeks, he frequently quoted a line from the movie "Braveheart," reflecting that, "Every man dies. Not every man truly lives." Rusty Flack truly lived.

He was preceded in death, in addition to his father, Charles, by an infant daughter, Ashley.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife of 33 years, Kathi (Stine) Flack, Dallas; sons, Charles III and Alex, both of Harveys Lake; daughter, Jamie, Philadelphia; sister, Janet Elizabeth, Kingston; brother, Another passion was music. Harold II, Center Moreland; nieces and nephews.

> Memorial contributions may be made to the Rusty Flack Memorial Garden at Grace Episcopal Church, c/o The Luzerne Foundation, 140 Main St., Lu-Flack Scholarship Fund of Misericordia University, 301 Lake

# **Remembering fallen** in Jackson Township

unteer Fire Department held treat. its annual Memorial Service on Saturday, May 28 in front deceased fire department of the fire department on members were read, followed Chase Road, Shavertown.

Participating were Boy Bell.' Scout Troop 146, flag raising; Rev. Thomas Morris, invocation and benediction; Lt. Col. Artillery; firing of salvos; Vi-

# CIVIC BRIEFS

The Jackson Township Vol- to Sicurella, Taps and re-

The names of six recently by the "Answering the Final

A plaque of "The Fireman's Wife's Prayer" was presented to Desi Evans by the Jackson (retired) Duncan MacMul- Township Volunteer Fire Delen, memorial message; Bat- partment for her work orgatery B, 109th 1-109th Field nizing memorial services for 20 years.

> offer a two-part canning class from 6 to 7:30 p.m. June 8 at The Lands at Hillside Farms in



Lt. Col. (Retired) Duncan MacMullen speaks at the Jackson **Township Memorial Service.** 

itation Center, Dallas will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 in the center's multipurpose room. Pre-registration is required. illustrator Angela DeMuro will provide a book reading and signing at Northeast Pennsylva-

ers, Matthew, Clifton Springs, N.Y.; and Marc, Austin, Texas; nephews and nieces.

Memorial donations to the Salvation Army, 729 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township, PA 18706; St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701; or the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly of God Church.

62, Dallas, died Saturday, May 28, 2011, in Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on October 26, 1948, was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was employed as a UV operator at Offset Paperback for 28 years, retiring April 1, 2010.

He was a member of the John Harris Memorial Bowling League, a coach and past president of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League. He was a member of Noxen United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Laura Jean Wright Berlew; his wife of 43 years, the former Elizabeth Hummer; sons, William G. Jr., Courtdale; Richard R., Dallas; Loren L., Beaumont; daughter, Leanne G. Berlew Hopkins, Tunkhannock; nine grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; brothers, David, Dallas; Leonard, Harveys Lake; nieces; nephews; cousins.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

BURGESS-Mark B., 47, of Shavertown, died Sunday, May 29, 2011, in the Pinnacle Hospital, Harrisburg, due to injuries he received in a motor vehicle accident on Friday, May 27, 2011.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Seton Catholic High School class of 1981 and received his phlebotomy certification from Luzerne County Community College.

ployed at the Nesbitt Memorial or Hospice of the Sacred Heart,

WILLIAMSON - Robert, 98, of Druid Hills Drive, Shavertown, died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

He was born in Vernon, Wyoming County, and was a graduate of Wyoming High School, class of 1931. He joined General Cigar Co., but was then drafted into the U.S. Navy in World War II. He returned to General Cigar Co. where he worked for 45 years, retiring as a district manager.

He was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church and past master of Kingston Lodge 395 F&AM, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. He was a member of the Irem Golf Association for over 40 years and was also a member of the Dallas American Legion.

Surviving are his wife of 73 years, the former Elsie Johnston; a son, Robert A., Trucksville; three granddaughters; a greatgrandson; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Shavertown United Methodist Church, For many years, he was em- 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, Hospital and the Wilkes-Barre 200 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

#### **Fire department** plans open house

Northmoreland Twp. Volunteer Fire Department will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, June 5 at the fire hall on Demunds Road in Centermoreland.

There will be Bingo, refreshments and activities.

#### **Kids Trout Derby** set for today

The Bowman's Creek Watershed Association and the Noxen-Monroe Sportsman's Association will hold a Kids Trout Derby today, June 5 at the sportsman's grounds, Main Street, Noxen.

Registration will begin at noon with the derby set to start at 1 p.m. There is no registration fee.

The derby is open to children ages 2 to 15 years of age. Prizes will be awarded in four different age groups.

#### **Cemetery Association** will meet today

The Fitch Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting at 2 p.m. today, June 5 at the cemetery, Route 292, Falls, Northmoreland Township.

### **Boback's staff** available to public

A member of State Representative Karen Boback's staff will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7 at the **Dallas Township Municipal** Building, 601 Tunkhannock Hwy., Dallas.

#### **Canning class set**

Penn State Cooperative Extension Luzerne County will

Trucksville.

The program is designed for novice canners. The first session will include background information on how to preserve foods safely, both freezing and canning. The second session will be a hands-on workshop, making and canning strawberry jam.

To register, call Penn State Cooperative Extension, Luzerne County at 1-888-825-1701.

## ESL classes offered

he Osterhout Free Library, 71 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre will offer a series of free classes for English as a Second Language learners at a beginning level.

For more information or to register, call 821-1959.

## Dog fashion show benefits Blue Chip

**Blue Chip Farms Animal** Refuge will host a Fashion FOURward Dog Fashion Show from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 at the Rutter Avenue Building, 900 Rutter Ave, Forty Fort.

All proceeds benefit the Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge.

The benefit event begins with a cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by a high fashion runway show featuring NEPA dogs walking the runway. Auction items include the latest dog fashions, grooming packages and luxury items for dog owners to enjoy.

For tickets, contact Edward Stanks at 852-9352.

#### **Meadows sets teen** program orientation

An orientation for the Summer Teen Program at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabil-

To register or for more information, call the volunteer department at 675-8600, ext. 195

# Irem Women plan **Summer Luncheon**

The first of the Irem Women's Auxiliary's Summer Luncheons will be held on Thursday, June 16 and is open to the public. Cost is \$18.

Reservations may be made with Bernice West at 256-3031 or Sally Wagner at 675-2325.

# **Music Box production** celebrates 30 years

The Music Box Repertory Theatre presents "The Music Box 30th Anniversary Musical Memories," highlighting 30 years of musical theatre, June 16-19 and 23-26 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St, Swoyersville.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays with a buffet dinner served 90 minutes before curtain.

For reservations, call 283-2195.

#### Learn about bees

Join Sharon Telesky from the Master Gardeners' of Penn State at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at Wild Birds Unlimited, Dallas Shopping Center, as she helps the group to understand the role of bees in gardens.

The program is free.

#### **DeMuro will read** from her books Back Mountain author and

nia Family Magazine's 10th Anniversary Celebration from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 at The Lands at Hillside Farms in Shavertown.

DeMuro will read at 1 p.m. from her book, "I Already Knew I Loved You" and at 3 p.m. from her book, "Good Night My Little MU."

# **Alzheimer's Support** Group will meet

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 20 in the board room of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas

For more information, call 675-8600.

#### Learn about birds

Learn the secrets about attracting birds, butterflies and bees to your backyard and garden with native plants at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 7 at Wild Birds Unlimited, Dallas Shopping Center.

Join Roberta Troy, Penn State Master Gardener, and find out how easy and rewarding gardening for hummingbirds, butterflies and birds is. The program is free.

#### **Group will** seek out songbirds



Join Wild Birds Unlimited and Bruce Troy for a free leisurely walk through Frances Slocum State Park at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 9 to seek out songbirds.

Participants are asked to meet in the parking lot by the **Environmental Education Cen**ter and boat rental area and bring binoculars.