

OBITUARIES

**BERLEW** - William Gilbert Sr., 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, and was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. He 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 and a coach and past president of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League. He was a member of Noxen United Methodist Church, Noxen.

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

He was employed at the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and the Wilkes-Barre 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; and 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.

**HEFFERNAN** - Alice "Allie" Daw Heffernan, 76, of Lehman Township, died Saturday morning, June 4, 2011, at her home.

She was born April 24, 1935, in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, class of 1953, where she lettered in field hockey and basketball. She went to Hood College, Frederick, Md.

She was a member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, was a life member of the Lehman Volunteer Fire Co., ambulance chief there for 20 years and a paramedic and EMT in Lehman for over 30 years, retiring from volunteer service in 2010. She was a previous board member of the EMS of NEPA and past president of the Back Mountain Ambulance Association.

She was a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, The Westmoreland Club, The Wyoming Seminary Sports Hall of Fame and a past member of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her son, Thomas E., Lehman Township; daughters, Ann Koval and Helen Hagenbaugh, both of Lehman Township; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708.

**HOFFMAN** - Roxanne Marie, 27, of Benton, died May 27, 2011. She was born on February 14, 1984, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, and graduated from Northwest Area High School.

She helped her family with K&J Party Tent Rentals.

Surviving are her parents, Kevin and Jacqueline Atherholt Hoffman, of Benton; a brother, Kevin Francis; grandmothers, Mary Elizabeth Atherholt and Joan Marie Hoffman; two nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**MOSKALUK** - Randall "Randy" P., 45, of Lehman, died unexpectedly Monday, May 30, 2011, shortly after arrival at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born December 7, 1965, in Nanticoke, graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1983 and received a degree in hotel and restaurant management from Luzerne County Community College.

He was employed as a bank loan officer prior to owning and operating R.P.M. Appraisal Services, LLC.

He was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ; George M. Dallas Lodge F&AM; motor corps of Irem Temple; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; Luzerne County Sheriff's Department and the Dallas Rotary.

Surviving are his parents, Richard Moskaluk, of Hanover Township; and Carol Price Belmont, of Chase; his wife of 11 years, the former Denise Bacon; sons, Keifer Tyler, of Knoxville, Tenn; and Jordan Barski, daughter, Jenna Barski, at home; maternal grandmother, Gertrude Price, of Nanticoke; brother, Richard Jr., of Dallas; sisters, Debbie Piper, of Nanticoke; and Donna Sterwerf, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Road, Sweet Valley, PA 18656 to establish a scholarship fund at Johnson University (Johnson Bible College), Knoxville, TN.

**PIATT** - Thomas P., 57, of Pikes Creek, died unexpectedly Friday, June 3, 2011, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born March 20, 1954, graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1972 and owned and operated Tom Piatt Excavating. He was also co-owner of the former Pikes Creek Pipe & Supply Co. with his late brother, Howard "Sarge" Piatt Jr., who passed away February 18, 2011.

Surviving are daughters, Jamie Lee Babcock, of Pikes Creek; Lindsay Lee, of Sweet Valley; son, Thomas Howard, at home; two grandsons; brothers, Lonnie R., of Pikes Creek; and Bob W., of Falls; sisters, Alice Jean Martin, of Pikes Creek; Linda Brown, of Cleveland, Ohio; Virginia Ide, of Dallas, Nancy, of Missoula, Mont.; and Deborah, of Mountain Top; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Tom Piatt Memorial Fund, c/o First National Bank, 2378 State Route 118, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621, to be put in trust for his son Tommy's education; or the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

**SCHULTZ** - Water K., 82, of Fredericksburg, Va., died Sunday, May 22, 2011, at the McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, Va.

A native of Dallas Township, he graduated from Dallas Township High School in 1946. He was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and a veteran of the Korean War.

He was a Chosin Reservoir survivor and earned a Presidential Unit Citation with three stars, a Presidential Citation with one star, a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

Surviving are his daughter, Margaret Weathers, Virginia; four sons, Kevin, James and John Schultz and Frank Lawshe, all of Virginia; a sister, LaBerta Merithew, and a brother, Robert, both of Fernbrook; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

**SHUPP** - Harold R., 83, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and formerly of Dallas, died Monday, May 30, 2011, in the ManorCare Health

Services of Camp Hill.

He was born in West Wyoming, educated in the Dallas schools and retired from the U.S. Navy in 1965 after serving his country for 30 years as an air traffic controller.

He worked with the Pa. Bureau of Employment Security for 20 years and FEMA for 10 years. He was a member of the Orange United Methodist Church and attended Corona United Methodist Church of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 17, Florida.

Surviving are his children, Donna Edwards, of Camp Hill; and Dale R., of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth Cyphers, Dallas; and Doris Cyphers, Wyoming; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1309; or the American Heart Association, 613 Baltimore Dr., Ste. 3, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**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 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; one great-grandson, Caleb, Wilmington, Del.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, or Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 200 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

**YANEFSKI** - Aldona M., 94, of Jackson Township, died Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

She was born January 17, 1917, in Plymouth, and was a member of St. Casimir's Church, Hanover Township.

Surviving are nephews and her longtime friend and caregiver, Jacqueline Latosek, with whom she resided.

Memorial donations to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 2011 State Route 29, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 or the Jackson Township Volunteer Ambulance Association, PO Box 582, Dallas, PA 18612.



Some of the dancers who will appear in a production by the Joan Harris Dancers next weekend at the Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre are, from left, first row, Anna James, Jackson Township; Catherine Falzone, Dallas; Kira Pomrinke, Dallas; Maria Floti, Shavertown; and Alyssa Dragon, Trucksville. Second row, Emily Collins, Dallas; Amber Kinney, New Albany; Laura Campbell, Dallas; Sarah Guzinski, Shenandoah; Alexandra Jayne, Hunlock Creek; and Aubrielle Smith, Dallas.

## Harris dancers present show

Hundreds of dancers from the Back Mountain communities will appear in the Joan Harris Centre's 29th annual recitals scheduled for June 17 and 18 at the F.M. Kirby Center.

They will join other performers from across Northeastern Pennsylvania in a

show designed to demonstrate the succession of dance through the ages, titled "R" Evolution of Dance. The name of the production itself is a play on words, used to describe the dichotic elements of the production.

The production is slated for performances at 6:30

p.m. on Friday, June 17 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased in advance at the Joan Harris Centre located in the Harris Conservatory for the Arts in Luzerne.

For more information, call 287-7977.



Brooke Joy Ryman

## One year old

Brooke Joy Ryman, daughter of Scott and Joy Ryman, of Mountain Top, celebrated her first birthday on June 3. A party was held in her honor on June 4 at the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church in Harveys Lake.

Brooke has a brother, Austin, 11 years old. Her maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, of Harveys Lake. Her paternal grandparents are Mart and Brenda Ryman, of Wapwallopen.

## Seniors program in effect

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) reminds senior citizens about the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) which assists eligible senior citizens in purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables at area farmers markets.

In order to be eligible for the program, an individual must be at least 60 years of age or turn 60 before the end of 2011. Proof of age, income and county residence are required. Income guidelines per household include \$20,147 for a household of one, \$27,214 for a household of two and \$34,281 for a household of three.

Eligible participants will receive four \$5 vouchers which can be redeemed at participating farm markets and stands.

The vouchers can be used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. Processed foods, baked goods, nuts, cider, honey, jam and certain citrus and tropical fruits are not included in the program.

Vouchers are given on a first-come, first-served basis and will be distributed at the following times, dates and locations:

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, June 17 at the Falls Senior Center, 2813 Sullivan Trail, Falls.

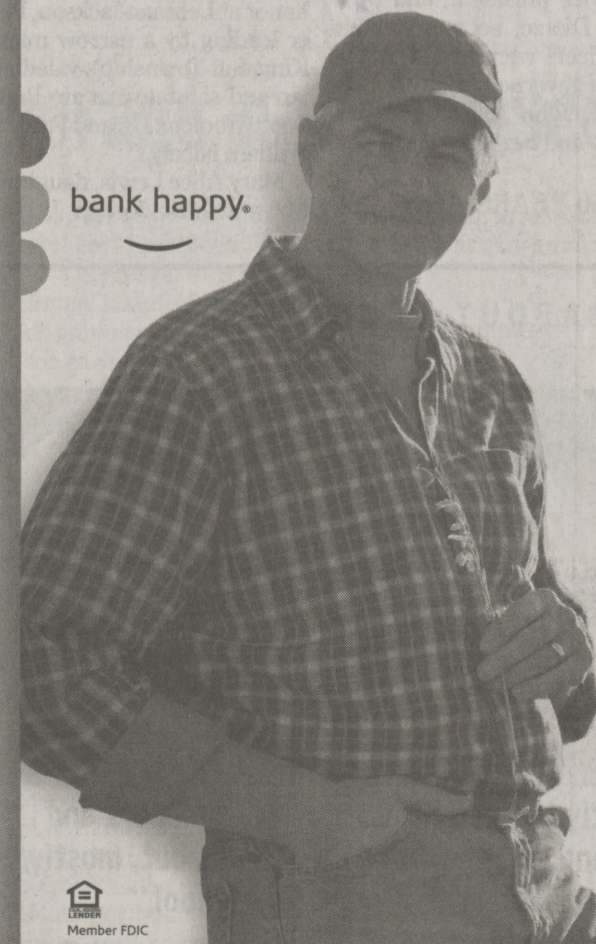
10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, June 22 at the Misericordia University Anderson Sports Building, 220 Lake St., Dallas.

10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, June 30 at the Sweet Valley Area Church of Christ, 5439 Main Rd., Sweet Valley.

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