

OBITUARIES

BEDNAR - Charles T. Jr., 81, of Oak Hill, Dallas, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Hospice of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Swoyersville, and was a graduate of Luzerne High School and Wyoming Seminary Dean's School of Business. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

He was employed with American Chain & Cable and later worked and retired from Bridon American Corp. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Phyllis Bugay Bednar; and daughters, Karen Bahara, Dallas; Charlene Schmid, Shavertown; and Linda Bednar, Plains Township; two grandchildren; a brother, Thomas, Ocala, Fla.; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations to the Hospice of the VNA, c/o Heritage House, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701; American Cancer Society, 712 S. Keyser Ave., Taylor, PA 18517; or American Heart Association, 613 Baltimore Drive, Ste. 3, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

BOND - Mildred, 91, of Dallas, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at The Village at Greenbriar, Dallas.

She was born in Kingston, was a graduate of Kingston High School and was a bank teller with local banks in Dallas. She was also a member of Orange United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a sister, Helen Hawkins, Edison, N.J.

Di STADIO - Augustus "Gus" Frank Sr., 71, of Tunkhannock, died Friday, June 10, 2011, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

He was born August 7, 1939, in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., graduated from Mt. St. Michael Academy, Bronx, N.Y., class of 1957, and served in the Marine Corps, Paris Island.

He was a musician, and had his own band known as Frank August and performed in country clubs throughout New York; was an accountant, Humble Oil Company, Pelham, N.Y.; chief business manager and accountant, WNEP-TV, Channel 16, Scranton. He established D's Delicatessen in 1972 and currently owned Jewelry World, opened in 1988.

He was a member of Nativity BVM Church.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Susan Remesic Di Stadio; sons, Michael and Augustus Jr., Tunkhannock; daughters, Christine, Houston, Texas; Regina, Weehawken, N.J.; and Julie Ann Gorman, Lancaster; four grandchildren; a sister, Jodie Bouvier, Westwood, N.J.

Memorial donations to Nativity BVM Church, Tunkhannock Community Ambulance or Triton Hose Company, Tunkhannock.

ENGLE - William C., 59, of Harveys Lake, died Saturday, June 11, 2011, in the Hospice Care of the VNA Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre, after a courageous battle with melanoma cancer.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

He worked as a supervisor for Intermetro Industries Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, and had been in their employment since 1972.

Surviving are sons, Christopher R., Wilkes-Barre; and Geoff, Plymouth; brothers, Leonard, Lake Township; Donald, Harveys Lake; and Robert, Lake Township; sister, June Steele, Lake Township; nieces and nephews.

GARINGER - Arthur J., 89, of Dallas, died Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born in Dallas and was a graduate of Dallas Township High School.

Before retiring, he was employed as a machinist by American Party Favor, and later by Party Time Manufacturing Company. Following his retirement,

he owned and operated Dallas Rental, as well as working as a machinist from his home.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, and George M. Dallas Lodge 531 F. & A.M.

Surviving are nieces. Memorial donations to Luzerne County S.P.C.A., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705, or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612.

GILROY - Edmund Frank, 59, of Dallas, died Friday, June 10, 2011, at his home following a long and courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on April 8, 1952, and had attended E.L. Meyers High School. He was the owner and operator of Gilroy Construction Co. for over 40 years. He was a member of the BIA of NEPA and the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving are his wife, Carol, Dallas; his mother, Nancy Scalfier, Wilkes-Barre; his father, Edmund Gilroy, Wilkes-Barre; daughter, Alyson Graham, Wilkes-Barre; son, Edmund, Hanover Township; stepson, Eric Papp, Plymouth; stepdaughter, Autumn Coleman, Plymouth; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; brothers, Keith, Patrick and Michael Gilroy; sisters, Darlene Mapes, Barbara Bono, Jackie Price and Debbie Williams; nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

HELLEE - Madlyn "Madge" L., 80, of Sweet Valley, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit of Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre after a short illness.

She was born May 16, 1931, in Edwardsville, and was formerly employed by Maier's Bakery, Kingston, and Valley Plastics, Forty Fort. She and her husband, Kenneth "Skip" Heller, operated the Mohawk Riding Stables at Harveys Lake for 35 years prior to moving to Sweet Valley, where they owned the Bar H Stables.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, "Skip" Heller; children, Nancy Honeywell, of Sylvan Lake; Kenneth "Joe," of Sweet Valley; James, of Sweet Valley; Susan Lee, of Noxen; Lynn Jackson, of Sweet Valley; Gail Verbyla, of Mooretown; David, of Broadway; sisters, Louise Horanzy and Eleanor Bunosky, both of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association and/or the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co., PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

KLINE - William A. Jr., Noxen, died Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at home.

He was born in Shickshinny and was a self-employed carpenter, working as a logger, electrician and in several other trades.

Surviving are his wife, the former Geraldine Kasson; sons, Thomas F. and Timothy; a daughter, Rayann Brown, all of Noxen; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five sisters, Shirley Derby, Betty Scouten, Patricia Jones, Dorothy Sutton and Nancy Keiper; and two brothers, Charles and Russell Kline.

MILBRODT - Jennie E., 86, of Dallas, died Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at her home.

She was born in Lake Township, retired as a housekeeper from the former Carpenter's Nursing Home at Harveys Lake and was a member of the Outlet Free Methodist Church.

Surviving are her children, Donna Romanchick, Bonnie Higgins, James Milbrodt, Forest Milbrodt, all of Harveys Lake; and Debra Yarasheski, of Lake Township; brothers, Frederick London, of Sorber Mountain; and Richard London, of Hunlock Creek; sisters, Ethel Bielecki, of Harveys Lake; Marion May, of Dallas; and Flora Milbrodt, of Stanfield, Ore.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Hospice Care of the VNA, 468 North-

Their method is a 'holistic' one

Holistic Moms Network is geared toward homeopathic child rearing.

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Before she found the Holistic Moms Network, Clancy Harrison said most of her friends would roll their eyes if she even mentioned "cloth diapering" or "chemical-free cleaning products."

Harrison, of Dallas, and her two children, 2-year-old Dylan and newborn Cash, now have an arsenal of support from like-minded moms and tots based throughout the Wyoming Valley.

The Holistic Moms Network's Wyoming Valley chapter got its start about a year ago by Kim Murphy, who has since moved from the area, because she was looking to find women with similar interests when it came to homeopathic child rearing.

Leeanne Hardy, of Huntington Mills, is now one of the head organizers of the group. It wasn't until she became a mother to 3-year-old Marin and 1-year-old Autumn that her "female instincts" to choose more natural approaches to child care kicked in.

"I had an out-of-hospital birth," she said. "While my family was nervous about it, I went off and did what felt right to me."

The mothers - and some fathers - meet up every third Thursday of the month at Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Kingston to discuss practices related to holistic living.

The key to understanding what the group is about is realizing everyone has a different definition of holistic, and the network boasts a welcoming, non-judgmental atmosphere to accommodate others' beliefs.

"I think holistic health is about trying to balance all parts of oneself - physical, emotional, spiritual, mental," said Hardy. "It's about making decisions with my kids and creating a more respectful relationship with my kids."

Not all group members are parents, though. The network has monthly topical meetings, and anyone can attend to learn more about a certain subject. While there is a \$45 tax-deductible fee to join the non-profit group, first-timers don't need to pay.



Leanne Hardy, of Huntington Mills, conducts a class for Holistic Moms at the Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

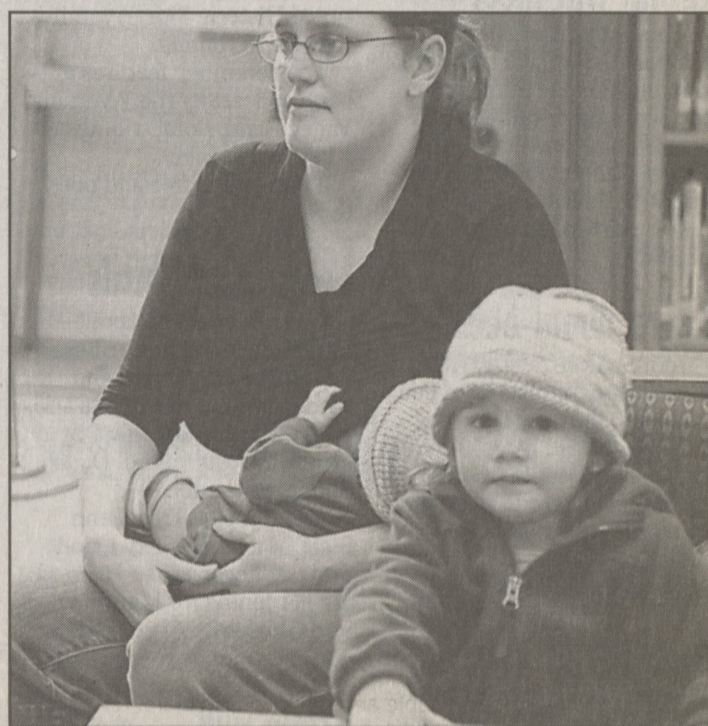
"I'm not a mom, but I'm going to join the group," said Megan Sgarlat Prynny, of Harveys Lake, a former environmental educator for the city of Philadelphia who's looking to educate her own community about eco-consciousness.

"I grew up playing outside ... appreciating nature," she said. "I want to learn more about food commercialization and be more aware of what I'm eating."

Harrison was accompanied by her husband, David, and brother, Matt Cash, at the April 7 meeting. The men were more interesting in the subject at hand, planting an organic garden, than picking up holistic child care techniques.

Cash, of Harveys Lake, already uses natural cleaning products, and when the day does come for him to be a dad, he will instill those natural practices into his fathering style.

"I don't know when that will happen, because I'm in graduate school now," he said, smiling.



Clancy Harrison, of Dallas, and her children, Cash and Dylan, attend a lecture on organic gardening during a meeting of Holistic Moms, an informal group of young families, at Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Zielinski receives BS from Penn State

Caroline C. Zielinski, daughter of Dr. Henry J. Zielinski Jr., of Harveys Lake, and Debra Zielinski, of Hanover Township, recently graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She also attained dean's list status for the spring semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. Zielinski will attend Temple University School of Dentistry in the fall where she will aspire to become a third-generation dentist, following in the footsteps of her father and her grandfather, Dr. Henry J. Zielinski Sr.

Nardone is scholarship recipient

Madison Nardone, of Shavertown, a graduate of Wyoming Seminary Lower School, received the Henderson Scholarships and will enter ninth grade at the Upper School.

The Merit Scholarship Exam program recognizes the exceptional academic talent of eighth- and ninth-graders from schools other than Wyoming Seminary.

Thomas graduates from Lehigh

Benjamin Thomas, of Dallas, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lehigh University during commencement ceremonies held recently.

Weaver named to dean's list

Bryan D. Weaver, of Shavertown, has been named to the dean's list at Penn State University for the spring semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. Weaver attends the University Park campus.

Sem students receive Latin awards

Three Back Mountain students in Wyoming Seminary Lower School's seventh-grade Latin program recently received awards in the National Latin Contest for Northeastern Pennsylvania, held earlier this year.

They are Megha Sarada, Dallas; Gabrielle Grossman, Shavertown; and Dominique Coslett, Harveys Lake.

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