

OBITUARIES

ADAMS - Wesley S. J., 30, of Trucksville, died on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

He was born on December 10, 1980, in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of Dallas High School, class of 2000. He was employed by Dove Windows, Hanover Township, as a maintenance mechanic.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge # 455, and the Director's Staff of Irem Temple.

Surviving are his mother, Karen Oplinger Adams, Trucksville; his wife, the former Amanda Allen; sons, Nicholas Robert and Jordan William; and daughter, Isabella Rose, all at home; sister, Heather, Trucksville.

BATOR - Leo Frank, 87, of Edwardsville and formerly of Dallas and Warren, Mich., died Monday, June 13, 2011.

He was born in Edwardsville October 19, 1923, was a graduate of Edwardsville High School, a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Kingston, and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his daughter, Donna Bator Lysiak, Edwardsville; brother, Edward, East Brunswick, N.J.; nieces and nephews.

BONAWITZ - Evan John, of Shavertown, died Friday, June 24, 2011, at his home.

He was born December 12, 1935 in Kingston, and graduated from Kingston High School in 1954.

With 18 of his fellow classmates, he enlisted and served in the U.S. Air Force. Later, he attended MIT and Penn State University, earning a degree in Architectural Drafting. He formerly worked for Culp Bros. prior to starting his own business in 1975.

He was a coach in the Shavertown Teener-League baseball teams and played Santa Claus for community events.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sheila Archard, his high school sweetheart whom he married in 1956; five children; Kevin, Florida; Kim Turner, California; Kathi Rogers, Vermont; Kelly Banaszewski, Pennsylvania; and Kerrie Ardekani, California; nine grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Kingston Township Ambulance Association, 200 E. Center St., Shavertown, PA 18708; or to the Social Services of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, 3400 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

BRANNING - Thelma, of Windswept Road, Tunkhannock, died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at the Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Springville on September 7, 1927, and was employed for more than 50 years as a seamstress in various dress factories, retiring from Bocar Manufacturing in Tunkhannock.

Surviving are daughters, Virginia Wilcox, Linda Wilcox and Betty, all of Tunkhannock; and Sandra Hunter, of Meshoppen; a sister, Sharon Townsend, of Scranton; three brothers; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County Cancer Society.

DIVERONICA - Nancy C., 72, of Harveys Lake, died Friday, June 24, 2011, at home.

She was born August 30, 1938, in Fayetteville, N.Y. She and her husband, Dominick "Nick" DiVeronica, owned and operated DiVeronica's Grocery Store at Harveys Lake for 33 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of the Harveys Lake Women's Service Club and also served as a Girl Scout leader for 12 years.

Surviving are her husband, Nick; a daughter, Kelly Stair,

Tunkhannock; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; brothers, Gerald Cox, of Arizona; John Cox, of Dallas; and George Cox, of Wisconsin; sisters, Nell Marshall, of Eatonville, N.Y.; and Debbie Minor, of Utica, N.Y.

Memorial donations to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 96280, Washington, DC 20077.

HIGGINS - MaryAnn, 53, of Harveys Lake, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at the Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

She graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School.

Surviving are her mother, Barbara Jacoby; step-mother, Mary Jane Tryon Cross Buscavage; three daughters, Shannon Jumper, of Plymouth; Rosemary Jumper, of Dallas; and Amber Lee, of Harveys Lake; a son, Christopher Jumper, of Harveys Lake; four sisters, Dee Coar, of Tunkhannock; Peggy Babcock, of Tunkhannock; Deana Moelder, of Dallas; and Arleen Jacoby, of Michigan; five brothers, Charles Jacoby, of Philadelphia; Brian Cross, Bradley Cross, Burton Cross and Robert Buscavage, all of Tunkhannock; six grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

KASMAR - Elizabeth J., 68, formerly of Dallas, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, in New Seasons at Tiffany Court Personal Care Home, Kingston, after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and attended E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre. She was employed as a Certified Nurse's Aide at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

Surviving are her children, Sharon Heuer, Dallas; Peggy, Rhode Island; Benjamin Kasmark, Dallas; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brothers, Mickey Lawzano, New London, Mo.; John Lawzano, Wilkes-Barre.

KOSTICK - George J., 89, of Jackson Township, died Thursday, June 23, 2011, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Kingston and was formerly employed by Worthington Corporation in Harrison, N.J., as a cost controller.

He was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II, was a life member of the DAV Bellesville-Nutley Chapter 22 and a member of American Legion Post 395, Kingston.

Surviving are his wife, the former Helen Zigich; son, Kevin, Wawatosa, Wis.; daughter, Camille; brother, Raymond, Pringle.

MAY - Dale W., 65, of Sweet Valley, died Monday, June 20, 2011, at Hospice Care of The VNA Inpatient Unit, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born at Lake Township and was employed as a blacktop paver.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Mary May; daughters, Eileen and Erica; one granddaughter; brother, Ralph; and a sister, Iva London.

Memorial donations to the Faith Bible Church, PO Box 306, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

MILLER - Anna Mary, 94, of Dallas, died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at The Meadows Nursing Center.

She was born in Swoyersville and attended Holy Trinity School, Swoyersville. She was a seamstress in various garment shops throughout the area.

Surviving are sons, Joseph, Wyoming; Robert, Dauphin; Thomas, Dallas; daughters, Ann Marie Flanagan, Dallas; Sue Symons, Cheltenham; brothers, George Steve and Joseph Steve, both of Exeter; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

PELKA - Kathryn Elizabeth,

31, of Tunkhannock, died Monday, June 20, 2011, at Montrose Hospital.

She was born in Appleton, Wis., on August 9, 1979 and graduated from Tunkhannock Area High School, class of 1998. She belonged to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Tunkhannock.

Surviving are her daughter, Brianna Faythe Lynn; two sisters, Laura Cook, of Dalton; and Tamara Zona, of Springville; two brothers, Jerry, of Tunkhannock; and John, of Towanda.

Memorial donations to Muscular Dystrophy Association, PO Box 78960, Phoenix, AZ 85062-8960.

SHULTZ - Julius L., 85, of Dallas, died Saturday, June 18, 2011, at Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Larksville on March 9, 1926, graduated from Dallas Township High School in 1944 and joined the Army Air Force the same year. He worked as an airplane mechanic on the islands of Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. He was attached to the 13th Air Force Squadron and was discharged in 1944.

Before retiring, he was employed at Native Textiles where he was a machine operator and mechanic for 40 years. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and the Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Lillian Pastula Shultz; sister, Irene Hope, of Melbourne, Fla.; brother, Raymond, of Dallas; nieces, nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Memorial donations to the Medical Oncology Associates Prescription Fund, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704 or Hospice Care of the VNA.

WIVELL - James G. Jr., 62, of Lake Township, died Monday, June 20, 2011, at home.

He was born October 15, 1948, in Wilkes-Barre, and was employed as a technician for Procter & Gamble Paper Products, Mehoopany, for 29 years, retiring 14 years ago.

He was a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Post No. 967, the Wyoming Valley Motorcycle Club, the Harveys Lake American Legion Riders and was a 20-year-member of the Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 43 years, the former Catherine Pilosi; daughters, Tina M. George, of Wilkes-Barre; and Jamie Trevethan, of Dallas; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, Romare, Gabriella and Amara; brothers, William, of Dickson City; and Robert, of Hanover Township.

Memorial donations to the Harveys Lake American Legion Post #967, 4907 Memorial Hwy., Harveys Lake, PA 18618; or the Wyoming Valley Motorcycle Club, PO Box 2014, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703.

YURKO - George J. Jr., 72, formerly of Pikes Creek, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011, in the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

He was born in Swoyersville, previously worked at Procter & Gamble, Mehoopany, and was the former owner of Pikes Creek Nursery and Landscaping.

He was a member of the Lake Silkworth Lions Club.

Surviving are his daughters, Elizabeth Ann Carmer, South Dakota; Jennifer Curran, Quarryville; and Cathy Monahan, Exeter; five grandchildren; brothers, Michael, Baltimore, Md.; Joseph, Shickshinny; and Stephen, Clarks Summit; nieces and two nephews.

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



Eight Back Mountain Boy Scouts recently earned their "Ad Altare Dei" religious medal from the Diocese of Scranton. From left, first row, are Tommy Calpin, Troop 146, parishioner of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown; Collin Mac Mullen, Troop 146, parishioner of St. Anthony/St. George's Church, Wilkes-Barre; Drew Hutsko, Troop 444, parishioner of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake; Anthony Huntington and Ryan Marshall, both of Troop 146 and parishioners of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Second row, Amy Huntington, program counselor; Andrew McCarroll, Troop 146, parishioner of St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Wilkes-Barre; Matt Lyons, Troop 146, parishioner of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Kingston; John P. Murray, Troop 281, parishioner of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas; and Father Daniel Toomey, program advisor and pastor of Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory Churches.

Boy Scouts earn religious medal

Eight boys representing three Back Mountain Boy Scout Troops recently earned their "Ad Altare Dei" religious medal from the Diocese of Scranton.

The boys, representing Troop 146/Jackson Township, Troop 281/Dallas and Troop 444/Sweet Valley, completed the 9-month program by passing a Boy Scout Board of Review in May and receiving their religious medals from Bishop Joseph C.

Bambra at the annual Diocesan Scout Mass held on June 8 at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.

The Ad Altare Dei program is a sacramental study and the third of four religious medals available to Boy Scouts through the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, made available locally through the Office of Parish Life of the Diocese of Scranton.

The next level emblem, the

Pope Pius XII Award, is a high-school level career and vocations study.

All Catholic Boy Scouts entering ninth grade through age 18 of any Boy Scout Troop or parish affiliation are eligible for the Pope Pius Award. The program will begin on July 17 and anyone interested is asked to contact Amy Huntington at 407-2673 or amyhuntington@comcast.net to register.

Williams earns Eagle Scout rank

Danny Williams, a member of Boy Scout Troop 444 Sweet Valley, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Williams passed his board of review on December 8, 2010 during the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Allan Stroud is Scoutmaster of Troop 444.

For his service project, Williams and his troop helped with renovations at the Harveys Lake Little League Field. The bathrooms were renovated by installing a new ceiling, painting and adding new benches and shelves. The field's flagpole was dismantled, sanded and repainted. Two support poles were added so the flagpole could be easily lowered for future maintenance. A solar light was installed to light the American flag at night. Lastly, a flower bed was created around the base of the flagpole where flowers were planted for the baseball season.

Williams began his Scouting



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career as a Tiger Scout at Lake-Noxen Elementary School in first grade with Cub Scout Pack 693 where he earned the Arrow of Light.

As a Boy Scout, he has earned 52 merit badges. He has served as

Troop Librarian, Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and has been the Senior Patrol Leader for the past year.

He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has attended Traveling Camporees to Ottawa, Canada, Williamsburg, VA and Pittsburgh. He also visited the National Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, VA in 2010.

At his Court of Honor, Williams was presented with Certificates of Recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from State Representative Karen Boback and by the Pennsylvania Senate from Senator Lisa Baker. Additionally, he received awards and certificates from numerous other organizations, including former U.S. presidents, NASA, the Philadelphia Phillies and more.

Williams is the son of Charles and Darlene Williams, Harveys Lake. He is the grandson of Dorothy Lutinski and the late Frank Lutinski, of Harveys Lake; Norman and Barbara Williams, of Kingston; and the late Elizabeth Williams. His brother, David, is currently a Tenderfoot Scout in Troop 444.

Williams will be a senior at Lake-Lehman High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, soccer team and yearbook committee. He works part-time at Mountain Fresh grocery store.

Military photos being sought

The Luzerne County Fair will pay tribute to military personnel this year.

The committee is requesting photos of military personnel be submitted.

Submitted photos can be in color or black and white and should be of the person in military uniform.

Sizes of 5 x 7 and 8 x 10 will be accepted.

Information to be written on the back of the photo should include the person's name, rank, branch of armed forces in which they served and the war in which they fought.

Photos, which cannot be re-

turned, should be sent to Luzerne County Fair/ Attn. Brenda Pugh, P.O. Box 401, Dallas, PA 18612.

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