

## Bible School fun

The theme was "PandaMania - Where God is Wild About You!" at this year's Vacation Bible School at Cross Creek Community Church. Participants explored a bamboo forest filled with crazy pandas as they discovered that God loves them. They also enjoyed Bible-learning activities, songs, teamwork-building games and treats.



Sara Aulisio and Abby Killian are fond of pandas and of each other at the Cross Creek Vacation Bible School.



Children gather for a group prayer at the Cross Creek Vacation Bible School in Shavertown.

CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

### OBITUARIES

**BLOOM** - Stephen E., 44, of Wood Street, Harveys Lake, formerly of Kingston, died on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Kingston, graduated from West Side Tech and resided in Harveys Lake for 20 years.

He was formerly employed at Procter & Gamble. Earlier, he was employed at Sears Roebuck and Company as a service technician. He had been an EVO/EMT with Medic 302 and Medic I.

He was a member of the Kingston Independent Fire Company and of Six County Fireman's Association.

Surviving are his parents, Charles E. and Carol Atherholt Bloom Jr., Kingston; sisters, Alice Poveromo, Scranton; and Susan Lee, Luzerne; brothers, Charles A., Kingston; Brian, Kingston; nieces and nephews.

**CRAGLE** - Fred E., 76, of Sweet Valley, died Sunday, July

24, 2011, at his home.

He was born on January 26, 1935, in Sweet Valley and attended Lehman Township schools until the eighth grade prior to moving to Baltimore, Md. After he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict aboard the USS Knapp, he joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

He was employed as the manager of the automobile department of Grant's Store in Hanover Township and retired from G.R. Sorber and Son, Shickshinny, in 2003.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, the former Irene Maransky; daughters, Lora Honeywell, Sweet Valley; Kim VanHorn; Cindy; son, Scott; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Roland, Berwick; sister, Doris Cole, Illinois.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Ambulance Association, PO Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

**GUTCH** - Elizabeth (Betty), 90, of Pikes Creek, died Sunday, July 24, 2011, at the VNA Hospice House, East Stroudsburg.

She was born April 26, 1921, in Jackson Township and had resided at Pikes Creek for the last 60 years.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth; the DAV Chapter 9 Auxiliary, Plains Township; and the American Legion Post 644 Auxiliary, Swoyersville. She also served as a volunteer for almost 40 years at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center.

Surviving are daughters, Suzanne, of Pikes Creek; Carol Nixon, of Reeders; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Peggy Kleban, Dallas; Anna Kleban, Harveys Lake; brother, Edward Sholtis, Dallas; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the VNA Hospice House, 412 E. Brown St., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

**LAWRENCE** - Elizabeth N., 59, Dallas, formerly of Higg-

num, Conn., died unexpectedly at her home on Monday, July 25, 2011.

She worked for Avon as a unit leader and representative for seven years in Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

She was a confirmation class teacher at St. Peter's Church, Higganum, Conn., for five years. She and her husband were the founders of the Haddam Youth Teen Center.

Surviving are her husband, George B. Lawnce; her sons, Josh, Branford, Conn.; Kevin, Granby, Conn.; her daughter, Heather Panko, Hunlock Creek; five grandchildren; brother, Michael J. Castles Jr., Middletown; and sisters, Patricia and Susan Castle, East Windsor, Conn.

Memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**LUKASAVAGE** - John George Lukasavage, 63, of Shavertown, a local architect, died unexpect-

edly Friday, July 29, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Kingston, was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, Kingston, and attended Penn State University, Lehman Campus.

He was a self-employed architect running his architectural firm, JL Associates, Bennett Street, Luzerne. He was a registered architect in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey since 1979. He was also a local entertainer, well known as "Johnny Chrome."

Memorial donations to Pennsylvania Live Steamers Inc., PO

Box 26202, Collegetown, PA 19426.

**QUACKENBUSH** - Russell A., 60, Mountainside Manor, Dallas, died Friday, July 22, 2011.

He was born in Elmira, N.Y., on September 18, 1950, and worked for the United Rehabilitation Services of Wilkes-Barre.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Espy and T. Action Club, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are four brothers, Michael, Throop; Pat, Corning, N.Y.; Ernest, Franklindale; and Milton, address unknown.

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