

OBITUARIES

DINAN - Samantha Theresa, 35, of Kingston Township, died Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

She was born October 22, 1975, was a graduate of Coughlin High School and Luzerne County Community College. She was employed as a registered nurse for the Gino Merli Veterans Center, Scranton.

Surviving are her father, Paul Dinan, of Wilkes-Barre; her children, Jillian Myers and Paul McAfee; maternal grandmother, Florence Pawlowski; and paternal grandmother, Jean Dinan, both of Wilkes-Barre.

DURKIN - James J. Jr., 73, of Dallas, died Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Danville on July 10, 1938, was a graduate of the Blair Academy Preparatory School, Blairstown, N.J., and the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi national fraternity.

He went on to study business law at the University of Miami, Miami, Fla. After graduation, he worked and managed various family businesses.

He began his career as vice president of Great West Coal Sales in New York City; served as president of National Diversified Industries, a public corporation with holdings in Texas, Louisiana and Florida; served as vice president and manager of Pocono Downs Racetrack from its inaugural season; and then vice president and general manager of Shamrock Racing Association until 1973. He currently served as president of Mountain Top Anthracite Inc.

He was a past member of the U.S. Trotting Association, the American Racing Association and a member of the American Waterworks Association, where he served on its standards commission. He was a member of The Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre; and the Palm Beach Polo Club, Wellington, Fla.

He raced both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds for nearly three decades. He was a member of Huntsville Golf Club, a past member of Wyoming Valley Country Club and a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne McLaughlin Durkin, Dallas; daughter, Deborah Edmondson Durkin Graham, Shavertown; sons, James J. III, Dallas; and Robert McLaughlin, West Palm Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren; brother, Edward

Edmondson, Wellington, Fla.; sisters, Carol Weaver Bevevino, Dallas; and Barbara Durkin Kirmse, Westhampton Beach, N.Y., and North Palm Beach, Fla.; an aunt, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to The Luzerne Foundation, 140 Main St., 2nd Floor, Luzerne, PA 18709.

KEITHLINE - Sarah E., of McMullian Hill Road, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

She was born on Golden Hill, Wyoming County, on April 21, 1924, was a 1942 graduate of Laceyville High School and was a member of the Eatonville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are sons, Carl, of Sebastian, Fla.; and Roger, of Tunkhannock; daughter, Arlene Osborn of Fayette, Tenn.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

RACE - Lawrence E., 92, of Noxen, died Monday, February 14, 2011, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born October 6, 1918, in Kingston, graduated from Noxen High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

ROOT - Floyd R., 69, of Noxen, died Thursday, August 18, 2011, at his home.

He was born in Beaumont, was a 1961 graduate of the Tunkhannock Area High School and was employed by Commonwealth Telephone Co. for 37 years, retiring in 2002.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the American Legion Post 967, Harveys Lake; and Post 154, Montrose. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and the American Riders Association.

Surviving are a son, Russell, at home; a sister, Hilda Ann Stetser, Dallas.

Memorial donations to the Kunkle Fire Department, Route 309 and Kunkle Road, Dallas, PA 18644.

PROKOPCHAK HONORED BY COUNTY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS



The Luzerne County Association of Township Officials honored President Mike Prokopchak, supervisor for Franklin Township, for his years of service and leadership to Luzerne County's second class township officials. From left, are Bonnie Wasilewski, Bear Creek Township supervisor and Luzerne County Association second vice president; Mike Prokopchak, Franklin Township supervisor and Luzerne County Association president being presented with a plaque by John Jay Wilkes Jr., Jackson Township supervisor and Luzerne County Association vice president; Amy Salansky, Lake Township supervisor and Luzerne County Association secretary; and Ransom Young, Butler Township supervisor and Luzerne County Association treasurer.

Harveys Lake Homecoming activities are scheduled

Events that were rained out two weeks ago are now set for September 3 and 4.

The Harveys Lake Borough Homecoming Committee has rescheduled the Harveys Lake Homecoming Weekend festivities that were rained out.

The Boat Regatta will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3.

The rest of the events, including the Craft Show, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4 at Hanson's Old Amusement Park in the Grove.

Craft show vendors should call Charlotte Williams at 639-5213 for more informa-

tion.

The Homecoming Princess will be crowned at 11:30 a.m. and the Ski Show will be held at noon.

The Fireman's Parade, pie-eating contest and tug of war starts at 2 p.m. with the Wing Eating Contest set for 3:30 p.m.

There will be pony rides, children's sack races and a three-legged race for children.

Closing ceremonies, including Kiss My Bass, are set for 5 p.m. with fireworks sponsored by McCarthy Tire scheduled for 8:45 p.m.

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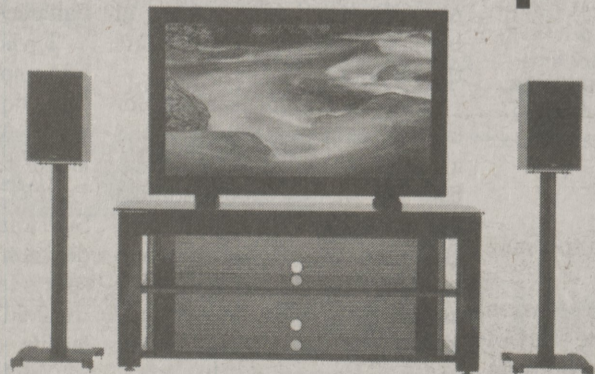
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