

## OBITUARIES

**BAER** - Leonard R., 78, of Sweet Valley, died Saturday, October 15, 2011, in the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born April 29, 1933, in Koonsville, graduated from Garrison High School, Shick-shinny, in 1951 and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was employed by U.S. Air for 36 years, retiring in 1991, and was a member of the Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Harveys Lake.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, the former Muriel Belles; daughters, Karen Bogdon, Sweet Valley; Lois Citsay, Wilkes-Barre; and Sharon Van-Horn, Cambra; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

**DEEBLE** - Nancy Joan, 77, of Shavertown, died Thursday, October 20, 2011, at the VNA Hospice of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born May 22, 1934, in Danville, was a graduate of Shamokin High School, class of 1952 and was formerly employed by Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. and Commonwealth Telephone Co. She retired in 2001 from Wilson H. Flock Insurance Inc.

A resident of Shavertown since 1957, she was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church and its Priscilla Circle.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Robert J. Deeble, Shavertown; son, Paul D. Harrisonburg, Va.; two grandchildren; sister, LaRue Fetterman, Elysburg; one niece.

Memorial donations to Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708; or the Prescription Assistance Fund, Medical Oncology Associates, 382 Pierce St., Kingston, PA 18704.

**DeREMERS** - Lewis M., 89, of Vernon, died Monday, October 17, 2011, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Vernon and was educated in the Beaumont schools. He was a self-employed contractor and owned and operated Dream Homes for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, the former Grace Levitt; children, Tom, Vernon; Mary Ann Morin, East Jordan, Mich.; and Betty Lou Hadsall, Beaumont; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Louise Taylor, Falls; nieces and nephews.

**FORTE** - Helen C., of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, October 16, 2011, in her home.

She was born in Hazleton on December 1, 1917, was a graduate of Hazleton High School and the Hazleton General Hospital School of Nursing.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Clark Summit State Hospital for 21 years. She was a member of the Church of the Nativity B.V.M. in Tunkhannock and a former member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church of Hazleton.

Surviving are a daughter, Carole Forte; sons, Garry, James and Michael, all of Tunkhannock; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Church of the Nativity B.V.M., 99 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

**FRITZEN** - Mrs. Dorothy, 94, of Shavertown, formerly of Plymouth and the Meadows Manor, Dallas, died Saturday, October 22, 2011, in the United Methodist Homes, Wesley Village Campus, Jenkins Township.

She was born in Forty Fort and graduated from Forty Fort High School, class of 1936. She was a member of the former United Methodist Church, Plymouth, Methodist Women's Group, Plymouth Junior Women's Society, Shawnee Senior Citizens and AARP.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Stephens, Shavertown; son, Jeffrey, Shavertown; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a sister, Jeanne Rifendifer, Oakdale.

**LADNER** - Richard D., 79, of Noxen, died Monday, October 17, 2011, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born July 22, 1932, in Wilkes-Barre, and served as a mechanic in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Prior to retiring, he was employed as a mechanic by Vitale Ford, Montrose, for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Nettie Traver; sons, William, of Noxen; and Robert, of Rockingham, N.C.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, James, of Montrose; and sisters, Kathleen Dunbar and Nancy Jennings, both of Meshoppen; and Ruth Ann Scapillato of Buffalo, N.Y.

**PESTA** - Margaret Mesaris Pesta, 94, of Centermoreland and formerly of Exeter, died Monday, October 17, 2011.

She worked in the Duplan Silk Mill in her younger years and as a cook at Grico's Restaurant in Exeter until her retirement. She was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Pittston and a member of the Confraternity of Christian Women.

She was one of the founding members of the Pennsylvania Quilters and past president of Exeter Branch 7, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are sons, Joseph M., Pittston; Thomas J., Youngstown, Ohio; and a daughter, Margaret Jollimore, of Centermoreland, with whom she resided since January 2006; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 120 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**PETCHALONIS** - Antoinette A., 97, formerly of Pittston and a 26-year resident of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock, where she had been a guest for two weeks.

She was born in Pittston on November 17, 1913, and, for more than 25 years, was employed as a seamstress in a local Pittston dress factory.

While living in Pittston, she was a member of St. Casimir's Catholic Church and a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock.

Surviving are a son, Anthony T., of Tunkhannock; brother, Stanley Stankavage, of Springville; sister, Helen Williams, of Dallas; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**VIOLINI** - Patricia A., Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, October 16, 2011.

A graduate of Plymouth High School, she was employed at Downing Dress.

## 'GUYS AND DOLLS' COMES TO HOLY REDEEMER



Holy Redeemer High School will present the musical "Guys and Dolls" at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12 in the school's McCarthy Auditorium. Tickets for the performance are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for students. They may be purchased at the door the night of the performance or in advance in person at Holy Redeemer from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Cast members are, from left, first row, Beth DeMichele, Wilkes-Barre; and Mary Katherine Evans, Mountain Top. Second row, Patrick Loftus, Mountain Top; Tyler Floryan, Forty Fort; Anthony Gialanella, Dallas; Thomas Caffrey, Hanover Twp.; Ron May, Hanover Twp.; and Nicholas McCarroll, Dallas. Third row, Angela Costigan, Mountain Top; Louis Jablowski, Wilkes-Barre Twp.; Ben Nause, Swoyersville; and Eva Smith, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband, Donald; daughter, Donna Rinehimer, West Naticoke; son, Donald, Hunlock Creek; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; brother, Dr. Leo Oakchunas; and sister, Adeline Zawatski.

**YARASAVAGE** - Gladys Jones, 88, of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Osterhout on July 18, 1923, and was a graduate of the Falls-Overfield High School, class of 1941.

After high school, she moved to New York City where she worked during World War II before returning to the Tunkhannock area.

She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Edward Yarasavage; her children, Dale, of Tunkhannock; William, of Tunkhannock; Patty Nelson, of Charlotte, N.C.; John, of Bellefonte; and Jan Cadwallader, of Fort Mill, S.C.; nine grandchildren; two great-granddaughters.

Memorial donations to the Tunkhannock Public Library, 220 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657; or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 6 West, Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Online condolences may be sent to [www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com](http://www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com).

## Metz Culinary Management of Dallas named No. 18th best in United States

Food Management magazine recognizes local company in top 50 best in the nation.

Metz Culinary Management, based in Dallas, was named number 18 among Food Management magazine's (FM) Top 50 Food Contract Management Companies in the country and also one of the five management companies to watch.

This Top 50, which has been compiled annually since 1998, appears in the September 2011

issue of Food Management. The Top 50 are chosen through a detailed study of significant national companies that operate in noncommercial food service areas, primarily in schools, colleges, healthcare, business and industry and recreation. The ranking is based on sales volume, number of contracts, major segments sold and new concepts and programs.

According to information provided by Food Management magazine, Metz Culinary Management sales rose 60%

from 2006. Metz re-branded itself as Metz Culinary Management from its previous Metz & Associates identity, including a logo change that emphasizes the company's chef-driven approach and culinary expertise.

Metz Culinary Management also contracts with many local clients, including Misericordia University, Dallas School District, Wyoming Seminary, Scranton Prep, Blue Cross of Northeast Pennsylvania, Sallie Mae, Regional Hospital of Scranton and Pocono Medical Center.

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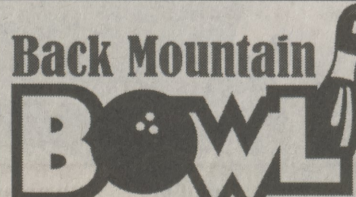
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