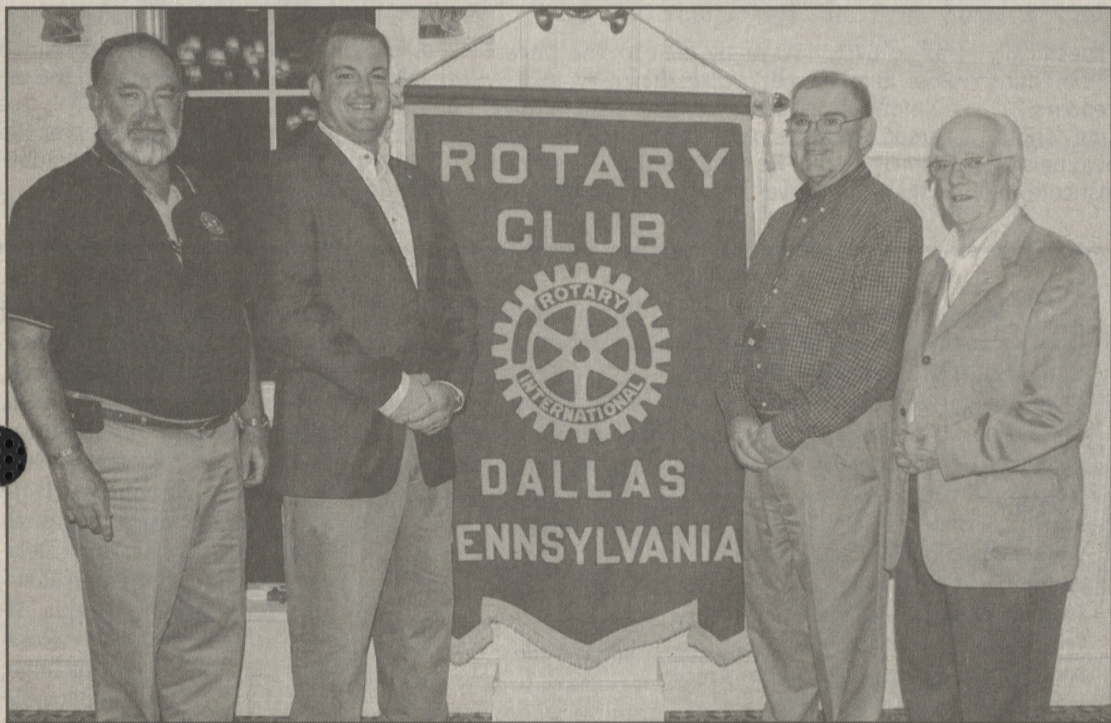


BOWLS GENERATE FUNDS FOR FOOD PANTRY



At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry, a donation was presented by Skip Sensbach, owner of Green Dog Pottery, Dallas. Sensbach is also an Artist in Residence at Misericordia University's Art Studios on Lake Street, Dallas. During the 2011 Luzerne County Fair, Sensbach hand crafted and sold more than 100 bowls for \$10 each, bringing in a donation of \$1,100. Several volunteers from the food pantry were on hand to help sell the bowls as well as were two Misericordia students, Kristin Egbert and Amanda Peslak. From left, are Christopher Czekalaski, food pantry board member; Sensbach, Carol Eyet, food pantry manager; Lena Baur, Carolyn Straka, Vesta Fountain, food pantry board members; Ginger McCabe, food pantry board recording secretary.

REITZ JOINS ROTARY CLUB OF DALLAS



The Rotary Club of Dallas recently welcomed and installed new member Kris Reitz. From left, are Rotarians Kerry Freeman, Reitz, Ken Chapple, club president; and Paul Rodda.



Shown here with a Nativity created by members of the local Vietnamese community for St. Frances Cabrini Parish are, from left, Ha Le, Hanh Le, Father Vincent Dang, pastor; Loc Le and Hong Le.

Church boasts custom Nativity

St. Frances X. Cabrini Parish, 585 Mt. Olivet Rd., celebrated the Christmas season with a custom created and decorated Nativity. The Nativity is specially designed each year by a member of the Vietnamese community.

Father Vincent Dang is the pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish and also ministers to the local Vietnamese community.

Father Dang celebrates a Vietnamese Mass at 2 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month

at St. Frances.

The Vietnamese community will celebrate Vietnamese New Year with a Mass at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 at the Franklin Township Fire Hall.

For more information, contact Fr. Dang at 696-3737.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Shape Note Singers will meet

The Endless Mountains Shape Note Singers meet from 3 to 5 p.m. today, Jan. 8 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Route 6, one mile east of Tunkhannock.

All singers, as well as interested listeners, are welcome. There is no admission or audition.

The group sings a cappella four-part shape note music and uses the "Sacred Harp," a collection of sacred songs and anthems published continuously since 1844 (loaner copies

are available).

For further information, call David Martin at 333-4007.

Meat loaf dinner set

A meat loaf dinner and bake sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Loyallville United Methodist Church.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

For takeouts, call 477-3521 and leave a message

with your name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

Breakfast slated at HUMC

The Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Rd., Shavertown will host a breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, hash browns or toast and a beverage

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children age 6 and under and free for senior citizens.

For tickets, call 477-3748.

OBITUARIES

BOYES - Margaret "Peggy" L., 82, Dallas, died Friday, December 30, 2011, in Golden Living Center, East Mountain, while convalescing after surgery.

She was born in Plymouth and was a graduate of Kingston High School, class of 1947. She retired from the Dallas School District, where she worked as a school secretary. She was a longtime member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

She volunteered for many years as a Cub Scout den mother and a Sunday school teacher.

Surviving are her three sons, Warren, Peachtree City, Ga.; Jeffrey, Sweet Valley; and Hugh, Dallas; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; sister, Delphine Evans, North Lake; brother, Thomas Frantz.

COOPER - Elizabeth, 99, Dallas, died Thursday, December 29, 2011, at her residence in Dallas.

She was born in Scranton and attended the Edwardsville Schools. She had worked in the Ladies Garment Industry in Edwardsville for many years, retiring in 1974.

She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Edwardsville and The Ladies Auxiliary of Irem Temple.

Surviving are her sons, Donald and Edward, with whom she resided, both of Dallas; sister, Dorothy Blakeslee, Ashley; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Immanuel Baptist Church, 25 Zerby Ave., Edwardsville, PA, or Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA, 8702.

GIACOMO - Raymond J., 87, of Dallas, died Thursday, December 29, 2011, at Hospice Community

Care, Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, following a brief illness.

He was born on January 7, 1924 in Swoyersville, raised in Swoyersville and attended local Swoyersville schools. A United States Army Air Force veteran, he honorably served his country during World War II with the 452nd Air Service Group. During his time of service, he was stationed in the European Theater.

A decorated veteran, he was the recipient of three Overseas Bars, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Four Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Upon his honorable discharge on November 8, 1945, he had attained the rank of Corporal.

Prior to his retirement in 1985, he was employed for 31 years by General Motors, Linden, New Jersey. In his earlier years, he worked in the local coal mining industry.

He was a member of Holy Family Roman Catholic Parish, Luzerne.

Surviving are his son, Louis James, of Fairport, New York; his daughter, Kimberly Riley, of Swoyersville; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister, Helen Lezoli, of Ridge, New York; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

KROHLE - Frederick J., 76, of Lake Township, died Sunday, January 1, 2012, at the Hospice VNA, Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Ashland, graduated from Weatherly High School, Wilkes College and Drexel University with a Master's Degree in Library Science. He served in the Army from 1957 to 1959.

He had been employed for 33 years by Wilkes University as a reference and collections development librarian, and had been the manager of the "Slightly Read Book Store" of the Back Mountain Memorial Library since 2001.

He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; stepsons, Leonard Kryeski, Gilbertsville; Kevin Kryeski, Mount Holly Springs; two grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Slightly Read Book Store at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

PENKROT - Leonard, 74, of Shavertown, died Monday, December 26, 2011, at the Hampton House, Hanover Township.

He was born on February 3, 1937 in Ashley, was raised in Ashley and was a graduate of the former Ashley High School, Class of 1954.

A peace-time veteran, he honorably served his country with the Army National Guard of Pennsylvania. During his service, he was stationed with Battery B of the 109th Field Artillery, Nanticoke. He was honorably discharged from his service on November 16, 1962, having attained the rank of Corporal.

Prior to his retirement in 1999, he was employed for 31 years by Procter and Gamble, Mehoopany. He was a member of Holy Family Roman Catholic Parish, Luzerne.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara (Gutowski) Penkrot, with whom he celebrated his 52nd wedding anniversary on September 26, 2011; his son, David, of Wilmington, Del.; his daughter, Amy Symeon, of Shavertown; four grandchildren; sisters, Helen Przewlocki, Irene Matukaitus and Gloria Deitz, all of Ashley; nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog,

Nala.

Memorial donations to Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne, PA 18704.

SPENCER - Ethel L., 95, of Idetown, died Monday, December 26, 2011, in the Star Hill Rest Home, Monroe Township.

She was born in Lehman Township.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Jr., Forty Fort; daughter, Nancy Wesley, Idetown; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Ralph Cisco.

ST. CLAIR - Charles "Chuck" R., of Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, December 28, 2011, in Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock.

He was born in Eatonville on January 4, 1926, and, prior to his retirement, was employed at the Procter & Gamble plant in Mehoopany for over 18 years. After his retirement, he worked for the Mayflower Florist in Tunkhannock as a delivery man for over 18 years.

He served as Tunkhannock Borough Councilman for 12 years, was a member of the Riverside Park Commission and of the Mehoopany Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Edith Cadden St. Clair; sons, Duane, Columbia, Md.; Thomas, Tunkhannock; sisters,

Betty Sickler, Brownville, Me.; Bernetta Rosencrance, Clark Summit; Carol Conner, Brookville, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Mehoopany Baptist Church, PO Box 162, Mehoopany, PA 18629.

VAN BODEGOM-SMITH - Todd Neil, 49, of Trucksville, died Saturday, December 31, 2011, at home.

Diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gerig's Disease), he continued his journey for nearly 11 years, far surpassing all Western medical expectations.

He was born May 3, 1962 in Paterson, N.J., was a graduate of Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner, N.J. and a graduate of East Stroudsburg University.

He lived four years in Kunning, China, practicing healing through acupuncture, herbs and Tai Chi. Along the way, he received formal training in hypnosis, neuro-linguistic programming and life coaching.

Surviving are his father, Neil Van Bodegom-Smith and Louise

Haught; sisters, Jill Van Bodegom-Smith and Heidi Van Deutsch; brothers, Billy and Kai; three nieces.

Memorial donations to the documentary film, "Happy," which Todd was passionate about at www.thehappy-movie.com/get-involved/.

WIKOSKI - Betty Dymond, 84, of Tunkhannock, died Monday, December 26, 2011, in the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

She was born on September 5, 1927, and worked as a seamstress in several different dress factories in the area. She was a member of the church of Nativity B.V.M. in Tunkhannock, and the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge.

Surviving are her sons, Wayne, Tunkhannock; Stephen, Springville; daughters, Lori Rogers, Tunkhannock; and Teri Rewt, Charleston, S.C.; brothers, Frank Dymond and Joseph Dymond; sisters, Florence Lucky, Shirley Staufflet, Sandra Rater and Marylou McDonald; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

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