

CHURCH BRIEFS

Spaghetti dinner at LIUMC

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church Youth will sponsor an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the church, 1011 Mountain View Dr., Lehman. Dinner will include salad, bread, dessert and drinks. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age. Reservations and tickets are required and may be secured by calling Sabrina Major at 371-1058.

Chicken dinner set

A baked chicken dinner and bake sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Loyalville United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under the age of 12. Takeouts are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving a name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

Talent show planned

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Rd., Dal-

las, will host a Back Mountain Has Talent Show at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. Judging is optional upon registration.

Winners placing first, second and third will be invited to perform in the show. Talents of all kinds are welcome and there is no age limit. Making A Difference Ministries will present national recording artist WatersEdge to open the night. Light refreshments will be available on both evenings. This free special event will be open to the public. To pre-register, call the church office at 675-3131.

Spaghetti dinner at HUMC

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Rd., Shavertown. Takeouts will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad and roll. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 6 years of age. For tickets, call 477-3748.

WatersEdge performs at BMT talent show

The membership committee of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas, will host a Back Mountain Has Talent Show at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Judging is optional on registration. Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. Winners placing first, second and third on audition night will be invited back to perform in the grand finale. Prizes will be awarded in the respective categories after the grand finale performance. Making A Difference Ministries will present national recording artist WatersEdge to open the night. Light refreshments will be available on both evenings. The free special event will be open to the public. Pre-registration is required by calling the church office at 675-3131.



National recording artist WatersEdge will perform at the Back Mountain Has Talent Show on Feb. 18 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. From left, are Emmanuel Graham, of WatersEdge; Jaclyn Poceschi Mosley, vice president, Making A Difference Ministries; Joshua Fritz and Caleb Fritz, of WatersEdge; and Stephen L. Perillo, president, Making A Difference Ministries.

Dallas Lions Club plans Night at the Races

The Dallas Lions Club is planning its annual Night at the Races for Saturday, March 24 at the American Legion in Dallas. Doors open at 5 p.m. with post time at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, which includes food and drinks. Admission is free with the purchase of a horse for \$10. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Lions member or at the door. Co-chairmen are Frank Rollman, left, and Don Berlew.



OBITUARIES

AYERS - Rae Anita, 57, of Pikes Creek, died Saturday, January 28, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born February 21, 1954, in Kingston, and graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1972.

Surviving are her mother, Shirley Patton Ayers, of Beaumont; children, Heidi Gordon, of Lehman; and Jeremy Gordon, of Harding; brothers, Bill, Dan, Jack, Joe and Todd Ayers; sisters, Char Yurko, Cindy DeGraff, Holly Malinowski and Kelly Johnson.

BEUKA - Frank C., 84, of Sweet Valley, died January 29, 2012.

He was born in Cambra on March 3, 1927, and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was co-owner of Farver and Beuka Garage, Sweet Valley, and retired as supervisor at the UGI plant in Hunlock Creek.

He was a member of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ. He was past master of the Sylvania Lodge F&AM, Shickshinny.

Surviving are his son, Douglas, Hunlock Creek; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Ann, Mary, Virginia and Irene; brothers, George and William.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co., P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656.

DEPIERO - Charles William, 29, of Kingston, and formerly of Sweet Valley, died in April 2011.

He was a 2000 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was employed by Benco Dental at the time of his death.

Surviving are his mother, Helene DePiero Kowalski; his son, Caleb; his brother, Frank; his stepfather, Rick Kowalski; aunts, uncles, a niece, a nephew and cousins.

FINLAY - Alan J. Finlay, 77, of Dallas, died Friday, January 27, 2012, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

He was born in Bangor, Northern Ireland, and was educated at Friends School in Lisburn, Northern Ireland.

He left Belfast on a cargo boat and immigrated to North America, settling in Edmonton, Canada, in 1957, where he entered the insurance industry and became the owner of The Royal Insurance Brokerage Firm. His family located to the Wyoming Valley during the Agnes flood of 1972.

His first business venture was completing the development and operating the Provincial Tower complex in Center City Wilkes-Barre. A noted businessman, he was the founder of Humford Equities, a property development and management company of commercial and residential properties throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

He was an associate of the Insurance Institute of Canada, served as director of the United Penn Bank Board, the Mellon Bank Regional Board and the Committee for Economic Growth. He gave his time to the boards of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Westmoreland Club, and was a founding board member of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

In recognition of his continued support of arts in the region, he, along with his son Robert, was given the "Friends of the Arts Theater Award" by the Fine Arts Fiesta in 2009.

He served as a trustee of Misericordia University. He and his wife were awarded the Misericordia Trustee Associates Award and honored at a dinner on campus. He was a member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, Huntsville Golf Club and a member of Masonic Lodge #655.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Evelyn Finlay; daughters, Maureen Matia, of Edmonton, Canada; Wendy Casey, of Dallas; son, Robert, of Dallas; six grand-

children.

Memorial donations to the F. M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, 71 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701; Mercy Center, 301 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612; Erwine Home Health and Hospice c/o Luzerne Foundation, 140 Main St., Second Floor, Luzerne, PA 18709.

JUDGE - Anne M., 86, formerly of Shavertown and Zephyrhills, Fla., died Thursday, January 26, 2012, at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

She was born July 31, 1925, in Pringle, and worked in the garment industry. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) and of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her sons, John, Lake Silkworth; William, Harveys Lake; Eugene, Rochester, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers, John Hohl, Pringle; Peter Hohol Jr., Luzerne; Emil Hohol, Kingston; nieces and nephews.

KUPCHO - Suzanne Debra, of Warren Street, Tunkhannock, died at her residence on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

She was born in Luzerne County on October 16, 1953 and was employed in the housekeeping department of Tyler Memo-

rial Hospital for over 20 years prior to her retirement. She had also been employed at the McDonald's in Tunkhannock.

She was a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM in Tunkhannock.

Surviving are close friends, Florence Trowbridge, of Springville; and Mary Ostrowski, of Tunkhannock.

MURRAY - J. Kinnard, 72, of Dallas, died Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in The Village at Greenbriar, where he had resided for the past four years.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of Coughlin High School and King's College, class of 1961. He was chief Cryptological Mathematician with the National Security Agency.

He was a life member of The Phoenix Society of Annapolis, Maryland, and a member of the men's club of St. Bernard's Church in Maryland. He was also a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and its Holy Name Society.

Surviving are cousins, Lucille Luksic, Dallas; and Robert Mulreany, Hoboken, N.J.

PEARSON - Albert P., 86, of Dallas, died Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

He was born November 16, 1925, in Kingston, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in

the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Prior to his retirement in 1999, he was employed as a supervisor at the Hess Refinery in Clinton, N.J.

He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and an honorary member of the Mooresburg and Washingtonville Fire Companies. He was a member of the Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, Benton, and attended Mass at the Mercy Center, Dallas. He was a volunteer at the Mercy Center for several years.

Surviving are nephews, a cousin and friends.

RACE - Joan Marie, 77, of Dallas, died Sunday, January 29, 2012.

He was born in Kingston on February 26, 1934, and was a graduate of Dallas Township High School, class of 1952.

She was a member of the Centermoreland United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school, youth group and Bible studies.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Willard (Bill); daughter, Debra James, of Centermoreland; son, Willard Jr., of Dallas; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Centermoreland United Methodist or the American Heart Asso-

ciation.

ROWLANDS - Nancy Jones, 71, of Dallas, died Wednesday, January 25, 2012, after a 34-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born in Shamokin and graduated from Kingston High School and McCann School of Business. She and her husband, Bob, owned and operated Rowlands Appliance Center, Pierce Street, in Kingston for 50 years.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church and the Altar & Rosary Society, as well as a lecturer of the church. She was a member of the former West Side Ladies Bowling League, a member of the General Federation of Women's Club, past president of the former Dallas Area Federated Women's Club, past president of GFWC Luzerne County, past GFWC PA Northeastern District director and a member of the GFWCLC Past Presidents' Club. She held various positions in GFWC PA on the county, district and state level.

Surviving are her husband, Robert S., to whom she was married 48 years; her sons, Robert E., Dallas; Matthew J., Macungie; one grandson; sister, Shirley Norman, California.

Memorial donations to Medical Oncology Drug Plan, c/o Dr. David Greenwald, 382 Pierce St, Kingston, PA 18704.

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