

OBITUARIES

COOLBAUGH - Wendell R., of Tunkhannock, died Friday, February 3, 2012, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born in Tunkhannock on September 18, 1953, was a 1971 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and a former member of the Tunkhannock Moose Lodge and Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his mother, Joann Klimas Coolbaugh, of Tunkhannock; his wife, Sheri Austin; son, Aaron, of Tunkhannock; daughter, Melissa, of Tunkhannock; sisters, Cindy Matalavy, of Mehoopany; Cheryl Ayre and Cara Coolbaugh, both of Tunkhannock; nieces and nephews and his dog, Yogi.

DAVIS - Naomi Elizabeth, 87, of Idetown, Harveys Lake Borough, died Saturday, February 4, 2012, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born in Idetown and was a graduate of Lehman High School. Before retiring, she was employed at Native Textiles, Dallas for 25 years.

She was a member of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, the Dallas American Legion Auxiliary and the Idetown Fireman's Association. She was an active member of the Lake-Lehman PTA for 30 years and worked for many years for the Band Parents Association of Lake-Lehman.

Surviving are her children, Glenda Lannan, Clarks Summit; Gloria McAdara, Shavertown; Doreen Davis, Haverford; Thomas, Bonita Springs, Fla.; Jeff, Mechanicsburg; Lisa Schutz, Shavertown; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Kathryn Macario, Laguna Woods, Calif.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Mercy Center Nursing Unit, P.O. Box 370, Lake Street, Dallas, PA 18612, or to The Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., #7, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

JOHNSON - John "Jack" W., 85 of Dallas, died Thursday, February 2, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

He was born June 3, 1926, in Wilkes-Barre, and graduated from E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre in 1944.

During World War II, he served in the 6th Marine Division in the Pacific and was awarded the Purple Heart due to wounds he received in Okinawa. He closed his term in the U.S. Marine Corps after serving two years in China.

Upon returning home, he served as a police officer in Wilkes-Barre city, retiring with the rank of detective. He then was employed by the Department of Justice in Harrisburg and was later employed by the United Penn Bank, Wilkes-Barre.

He was an active member of the Welsh Bethel Baptist Church, Wilkes-Barre, where he had served as a deacon and was a member of the choir. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #35, Hanover Township and the Dad-dow Isaac American Legion Post 672, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, the former Carolyn Lewis; daughters, Diane and Nan-

cy Jane, both of Dallas.

Memorial donations to Dallas Fire & Ambulance Inc., 184 E. Center Hill Rd., Dallas, PA 18612 or Hospice Community Care, 601 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

PUCHALSKY - John Edward, 89, of Trucksville, died Friday, February 3, 2012, at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, where he had recently been a guest.

He was born on July 25, 1922, in Swoyersville and was a graduate of the former Swoyersville High School, Class of 1940.

A United States Army Air Force Veteran, he served his country during World War II. Throughout the war, he was a gunner with a B-17 Bomber Crew in the 8th Army Air Force, serving in the European Theatre.

During his time of service, he was decorated with the American Theatre Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with one bronze star, the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Upon his discharge from active service in World War II, he had attained the rank of sergeant.

After being discharged from the service, he furthered his education at Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, where he studied business.

He began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, where he worked for four years. Later, he became employed as an administrative technician for the Department of Army at its facility in Ashley.

He retired from the Department of the Army in 1980 after 30 years of service.

Throughout his employment with the Department of the Army, he continued to serve his country as an Army Reservist with the 322nd M.P. Det. (CI), in Ashley.

Within the Detachment, he served as special agent/criminal investigator and was assigned as the operations officer. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, he was called back to active duty with the Army, serving for 10 months.

In 1979, he retired from the 322nd Criminal Investigation Detachment, having attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4.

He was a member of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini Church, Carverton. He was also a member of the American Legion, Andrew Lawrence Post 644, Swoyersville.

Surviving are his wife Lena Ann (Orlandini) Puchalski, with whom he celebrated his 63rd wedding anniversary on April 24, 2011; his children, Christine Mathers, of Trucksville; John, of Trucksville; David, of Harvey's Lake; four grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; brothers, Thomas, of Mechanicsburg; Lawrence, of Kingston; sisters, Barbara Ripa, of Swoyersville; Thelma Evanko, of Allentown, New Jersey; and Lorraine Be-bey, of Levittown; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312; or to the NAMI-PA, Wilkes-Barre Office, 100 E. Union St., Second Floor, Suite

#6, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

SKOVRONSKY - Otto, of Keel-ersburg Road, Tunkhannock, died on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

He was born in Tunkhannock on May 3, 1924, was a 1943 graduate of Tunkhannock High School, Army veteran and, prior to his retirement, employed by No.1 Contracting Company as a bridge superintendent for 38 years.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Betty Hoover Skovronsky; sons, Robert and Steven, both of Tunkhannock; daughter, Nancy, of Meshoppen; sisters, Catherine Dugan, of Branchville, N.J.; Sylvia Staton, of Mountain Top; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

STEROWSKI - Jesse, 20, of Harveys Lake, died on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born December 28, 1991, in Wilkes-Barre, and was a 2010 graduate of Northwest Area High School. He was employed as a C.N.A. operator at K Fab, Berwick.

Surviving are his father and step-mother, Kevin A. and Judi Sterowski, of Hunlock Creek; his mother and step-father, Pamela and Roman Sedorchuk, Harveys Lake; sister, Kristin Bomboy, Shickshinny; grandmother, Theresa Sterowski, Moca-naqua; grandparents, Robert and Betty Lou Johnson, Shickshinny.

Memorial donations to Franklin Security Bank, Attn.: Memory of Jesse Sterowski, 1065 Hwy. 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

UTTER - Robert R., 68, of Lehman, died Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in the Lakeside Nursing Center, Harveys Lake.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of E. L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre, class of 1961.

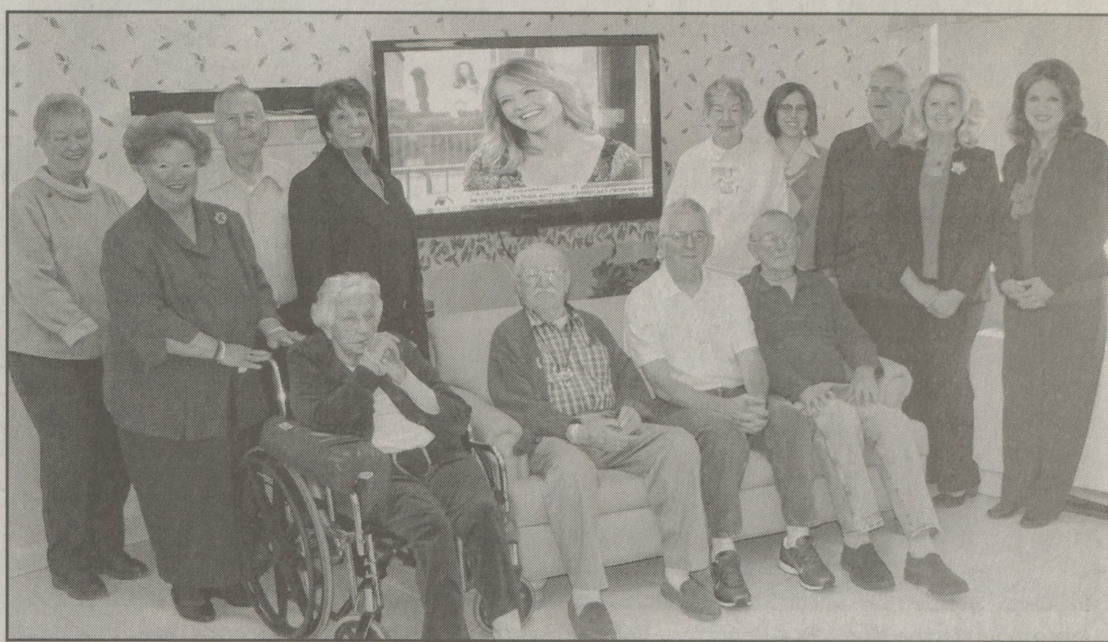
He was a member of the 402nd U.S. Army Reserves and was employed as a manager at the former Daring's Market, Dallas.

He attended Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his daughter, Jeanette, Broomall; sisters, Norma and Joyce; two nieces and a nephew.

Memorial donations to Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, PA 18612.

MEADOWS AUXILIARY PURCHASES TV



Auxiliary volunteers of The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently purchased a new 55" flat-screen television for the center's third floor dining/community room. Funds for the TV were raised at the auxiliary's annual "Market on the Pond" fundraiser. From left, seated, are Ann Farver, resident; Fred Sokoloski, resident; Kevin Reilly, volunteer; Pete Klein, volunteer. Standing, Mary Ann Daily, volunteer; Valeria Jenkins, volunteer; Bob Law, auxiliary president; Jean Hillard, family member; Hilda Healy, volunteer; Emily Harcher, volunteer; Scott James, volunteer; Betty Sorchik, volunteer director; and Camille Floti, assistant volunteer director.

Churches plan Ecumenical Service

Back Mountain churches will hold their annual Ecumenical Soup and Scripture during the five Mondays of Lent. Programs will begin at 6 p.m. with prayer and soup. At 6:45 p.m., the group will reflect on the upcoming Sunday scripture with a presentation from the

pastor of that church. A closing prayer will be held at 8 p.m. The schedule is as follows:
Monday, Feb. 27 - Our lady of Mount Carmel, Lake Silkworth
Monday, March 5 - Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, Lehman

Monday, March 12 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.
Monday, March 19 - Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Pikes Creek.
Monday, March 26 - Huntsville United Methodist Church, Huntsville.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Three locals named to dean's list

Megan Hine, of Shavertown, Deanna Dragon and Nicole Snyder, both of Harveys Lake, have been named to the dean's list at Saint Francis University for the fall 2011 semester.

Hine and Dragon are Occupational Therapy majors and Snyder is an Early Childhood Education major.

To achieve dean's list status at Saint Francis University, a student must have full-time status and attain a quality point average of at least 3.5 for the given semester.

Stull on dean's list

at Quinnipiac

Jeremy Stull, of Dallas, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at Quinnipiac University.

To be eligible for dean's list status, a student must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C.

Brace on dean's list

Shannon A. Brace, of Hunlock Creek, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester at Penn State University, University Park campus.

Brace finished the semester with a 3.92 grade point average.

Baker named to swim team

Jacob Baker, of Shavertown, a freshman at Marist College, has been named a member of the college's swimming and diving team for the 2011-2012 season. Baker competes in diving on the team.

Cannon named to Lafayette honor roll

Erik Cannon, of Dallas, has been recognized as a student-athlete at Lafayette College through the Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll.

Honors are awarded for a grade point average of 3.4 and above, coupled with standout athletic participation.

Cannon, a defender on the soccer team, is a second year Bio-Chem major.

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