

## CHURCH BRIEFS

## Recipes sought

The Huntsville United Methodist Church is putting together a cookbook and seeks local recipes.

Anyone who has a recipe they would like published is asked to e-mail it to HUMC1877@gmail.com.

## Dinner will benefit Ryan Sult

A spaghetti dinner/basket raffle to benefit Ryan Sult will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at the Outlet Free Methodist Fellowship Hall, 527 Outlet Lehman Road, Dallas.

Tickets, at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under, include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and drink.

## TUMC announces Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 17-21 at the Trucksville United Methodist Church Educational Building, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville.

Dinner is provided and starts at 5:30 p.m. each night. The opening skit begins at 6:15 p.m. and the program ends at 8:30 p.m. each night. This year's

group will go on a safari with music, mission, games, crafts, skits, snacks and a lesson.

This year's Mission Focus benefits "Nothing But Nets," a mission that provides mosquito nets to families to prevent the spread of malaria.

## Sweet Valley Church sets Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 17 through Friday, June 22 at Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Road, Sweet Valley.

The Bible School is for children between the ages of 2 through sixth grade.

Daily activities include Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and games. There will be a "Fun Fair" on Friday.

The church is handicapped accessible.

For information and registration, call 477-2320.

## LIUM Church plans Bible School

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, Mountain View Drive, Lehman, will host its annual Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon June 25-29.

"The Good News Games" is an Olympic-themed program featuring Bible lessons, crafts, games, songs and snacks. VBS is free for children ages 3 through sixth grade.

A special service to celebrate the week will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 1.

For more information, contact Mandy Newman at 674-9777 or Pastor Bob Ryder at 675-5192. No pre-registration is needed.

## Maple Grove Church plans Bible School

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Road, Sweet Valley, will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 25-29.

This year's theme is "Shake It Up Café." Children from preschool to sixth grade may attend. Registration may be done the first night of VBS or by calling 477-5216 to obtain a registration form.

A light supper will be served before each session.

## GOH announces summer camp

The Gate of Heaven Summer Music Camp for students aged 9-15 will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 23-27. To register, call 675-2121 by July 15.

## CHANGING HABITS PERFORMS FOR B'NAI B'RITH RESIDENTS



Residents at Martin D. Popky B'nai B'rith Apartments in Wilkes-Barre recently enjoyed entertainment by the musical ministry group "Changing Habits." All of the women involved in this group volunteer their time and talent. This group originated out of the Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas and performs music and comedy for donations for the needy in the parish. From left, first row, are Sheila Bonawitz, Marilyn O'Connell, Louise Stuart, Fran Rismondo and Pat Makara. Second row, Florence Leahey, Kippie Morgan, Debbie Pike, Joanie Gilbertson, Faythe Roberts, Jackie Soper, Carol Carroll and Barbara Edwards. Third row, Mary Beth Banos and Marcia Matthews.

## OBITUARIES

**BARBER** - Cora "Dolly" Estel Barber, 93, of the Evans Falls area, died Thursday, May 31, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born March 6, 1919 in Eaton Township, attended the Hunter School on Jenks Road, a one-room schoolhouse, and then graduated from Beaumont High School, class of 1937. She lived in the Jenks area for all but two years of her life.

She attended Bowman's Creek Free Methodist Church, Pilgrim of Holiness Church, Tunkhannock; and Evans Falls Methodist Church.

Surviving are her sons, Boyd, Harveys Lake; and Ron, Centennial, Wyo.; eight grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sister, Julia Kingston, Laceyville; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to a church of the donor's choice.

**CASALE** - Regina Josephine Cembor, 81, of Bayonne, New Jersey, who recently relocated to the Back Mountain with her husband, died Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

She was born July 14, 1930, in Bayonne, was educated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and graduated from Bayonne High School.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Alfred S. Casale; sons, Alfred S. Jr., M.D., Shavertown; and Donald W., Wareton, New Jersey; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Geisinger Heart Hospital, 1000 East Mountain Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

**CICIANI** - Roger J., 82, of Village Drive, Hunlock Creek, died Sunday, May 27, 2012, in St. Luke's Villa Hospice, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born January 5, 1930, and served in the U.S. Army as Chief Wardmaster. He was well known as the "Ice Cream Man," as he owned and operated Tony's Alaska Freeze. He also was a master electrician in the Wilkes-Barre area.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 302, Wilkes-Barre; American Legion Post 495, Shickshinny; VFW Post 283, Kingston; and the VFW Post 4909, Dupont.

Surviving are his daughter, Eileen Weber, Old Forge; son, Anthony, Wilkes-Barre; four grandchildren; his friend, Jean Dorshefski.

**COOPER** - Donald S. Jr., 74, Dallas, died Monday, June 4, 2012, at his residence. He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a graduate of Edwardsville High School. He was a Marine Corps veteran, Staff Sergeant.

After his military service, he sold home health care services for Wasserott's, retiring after 10 years. He was also a guard with the Luzerne County Correction-

al Facility for five years. Later, he owned and operated a home medical supply business in Tunkhannock for four years.

He served as mayor of Dallas Borough. He was a former member of Huntsville Christian Church and a member of American Legion Post 672 Daddow Issacs, Dallas; VFW, Kingston. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 109 (Wilkes-Barre/Scranton).

Surviving are his wife, the former Yoko Nishi Cooper, at home; sons, Donald S., Pittston Township; Gary, Exeter; Douglas, Centermoreland; Jeffery, Edwardsville; James, Danville; David, Swoyersville; brother, Edward, Dallas; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**GROSEK** - Anthony J. Jr., 96, of Dallas, died May 29, 2012.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a 1944 graduate of Plains Memorial High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Buckley and, upon discharge, earned a B.S. in Architectural Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University in 1950.

He and his late brother, Edward, were partners in Grosek & Sons Construction Inc., a firm founded by their father in 1910. After the Wyoming Valley was ravaged by flooding that resulted from Hurricane Agnes in 1972, the firm helped to rebuild many parts of the community. In particular, the renovation and reopening of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School in time for the ensuing school year may have been his proudest professional accomplishment.

Subsequently, he co-founded Management Alliance Inc. and was President of A.J. Grosek & Associates, developers and managers of senior housing throughout Pennsylvania. He was also the owner and developer of The Ramada Inn on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

He had served on several boards and was honored to have received the designation of Trustee Emeritus from Misericordia University, Life Trustee from Wyoming Seminary as well as its Joseph C. Donchess Distinguished Service Award in 1992.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Helen Hayduk Grosek, Dallas; five children, Andrea Sordoni, Shavertown; Ellen Stein, Tiburon, Calif.; Anthony III, Kingston; Robert, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; and David, Sherborn, Mass.; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters, Elizabeth Krywicki, Margaret Donnell and Josephine Wozniatski; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the breast cancer foundation of the donor's choice.

**LEMMOND** - Charles D. Jr., 83, of Dallas, long-time Pennsylvania State Senator and community leader, died Wednesday,

May 30, 2012, in Commonwealth Hospice at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre, following a brief illness.

He was born in Hazleton on January 17, 1929, grew up in Forty Fort and attended Forty Fort schools, graduating as president of his senior class. After a stint in the United States Army of Occupation where he saw service in Italy, he attended Harvard with support from the GI Bill and majored in government.

He received an A.B. from Harvard in 1952 and then went on to receive an L.L.B. from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Law. He served as a law clerk for The Honorable Max Rosenn and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, the Luzerne County Bar and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Following law school, he returned to the Wyoming Valley where he met and married Barbara Northrup. The couple lived briefly in Glen Summit and Forty Fort before moving to Dallas, where they have lived for more than 50 years.

He was a principal in the firm of Silverblatt and Townend and served as solicitor for a number of municipal entities, including the Lake-Lehman School District, Dallas Borough and Exeter Township. He was tapped by Luzerne County District Attorney Blythe Evans for the position of First Assistant District Attorney. In 1980, he was appointed by Governor Dick Thornburgh to serve as a judge of the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, where he was the Orphans' Court Judge. He was the Senator of the 20th Senatorial District from 1985 until his retirement in November 2006.

Often referred to by his colleagues as "The Gentleman of the Senate," Charles chaired the State Government Committee

He was a Thirty-Third Degree Mason, a member of the Caldwell Consistory and served as Potentate of the Nobility of Irem Shriners in 1979. Other community service included being a Life Member of Wyoming Seminary's Board of Trustees and an advisory board member of both the Salvation Army and Penn State University's Wilkes-Barre Campus. He was a Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church of Wilkes-Barre and over a period of years served in many leadership roles in the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Charles, Austin, Texas; John, Virginia Beach, Va.; Judith, Dallas; and David, New York City, N.Y.; four grandchildren; a brother, George H., Atlanta; nieces and two nephews.

Memorial donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church, 4 Parsonage St., Dallas, PA 18612, or to Commonwealth Hospice at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

**LEVANDOWSKI** - Adam E., 93, of Hunlock Creek, died Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born in Avoca on October 18, 1918, and was a former member and active in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Avoca, prior to locating to Hunlock Creek to reside with his daughter, Joan. He attended Duryea schools. He was a United States Navy veteran serving during World War II.

He worked in local silk mills and, after retirement, worked many years for the Leslie Fay dress factory. He was a member of the Plains American Legion.

Surviving are his son, George, Wilkes-Barre, his daughter, Joan Rakowski, with whom he resided; brothers, Edward, Pittston; and John, Moosic, sisters, Sophie Burke, Scranton; and Shirley Karuzie, Avoca; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Ann's Basilica, 1250 Saint Ann St., Scranton, PA 18504.

**MATTEY** - Marilyn L., 73, formerly of Trucksville, died Monday, June 4, 2012, at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked at the former Valley Crest Nursing Home for more than 30 years.

**PAYNE** - Marie M., 81, of the Village at Greenbriar, Dallas, died Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at her home.

She was born in Hoboken, N.J., served as a volunteer for 10 years at the St. Monica's School in Berwyn and acted as library aide, bowling coordinator and served on the sports and banquet committees.

Surviving are her daughters, Jean Flack, Centermoreland; Diane Smith, Fort Wayne, Ind.; son, Leo C., West Wyoming; five grandchildren; sisters, Evelyn Sulich, Theresa Farrell; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA, 40 W. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

**SHULTZ** - Robert "Bob" E. Shultz, 79, of Dallas, died Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South, Wilkes-Barre, after a battle with cancer.

He was born in Dallas on November 28, 1932, graduated from Dallas Township High School in 1950 and served in the Army during the Korean War.

After completion of his tour, he returned home for a short time before joining the Air Force. He served his country as an air traffic controller for 26 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sergeant. His tours of duty included Germany, Austria, Vietnam and several assignments in Southeast Asia.

the Vietnam Cross of Merit from the Republic of South Vietnam for his actions during the conflict, as well as the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Prior to his retirement, he was the NCOIC at the 2069 communications squadron, 474th TAC fighter wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. After retiring from the Air Force, he was employed at Owens Illinois in Pittston.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Evelyn Roberts Shultz, Dallas; daughter, Margaret, Andover, N.J.; sons, Robert M., Las Vegas, Nev.; Le Roy, Larksville; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, La Berta Shultz Merithew, Dallas; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial donations to Geisinger's Frank M. and Dorothea Henry Cancer Center, 1000 East Mountain Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 or to Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South, 25 Church St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18765.

**SORBER** - Margaret "Peg," 82, of Swamp Road, Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday, May 29, 2012, in Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Harter High School where she was the class valedictorian.

She was a member of the St. Frances Church, Nanticoke, and St. Michael's Church, in S.C.

She graduated cum laude

from Bloomsburg University at age 56 and began her special education teaching career at Garrison Elementary. She taught for 12 years before retiring.

She served on the boards of the ARC and URS, volunteered at the White Haven Center, Special Olympics and the Catherine McAuley House.

Surviving are her son, Andrew, Hunlock Creek; daughters, Becky Kowalek, Nanticoke, and Linda Sue, at home; four grandchildren; siblings, Ruth MacEwen, Woodbridge, Va.; Patricia Pegarella, Hunlock Creek; and Bill, Palmyra.

Memorial donations to the Catherine McAuley House, 121 Church St., Plymouth, PA 18651.

**TYSZKO** - Stanley P., 79, of Kingston, a native of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, June 3, 2012, in Timber Ridge Health Care Center, Wilkes-Barre.

He was a graduate of Kingston High School and served in the U.S. Navy in the late 1950s. He was formerly employed as a tailor by United Pants Factory in Swoyersville and later by Bishop O'Reilly High School and West Side Tech in the maintenance department.


He was a member of St. Ignatius Church, Kingston.

Surviving are his sons, Stanley Jr., Pringle; Peter, West Wyoming; and Jamie, Fort Collins, Colo.; three grandchildren; sister, Stella Kalinowski, Kingston; nieces and nephews.



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