

## BMPA donates bulletproof vest to commission officer

The Back Mountain Police Association recently donated funds to help purchase another new bulletproof vest for a local law enforcement officer.

The recipient was Peter Napoli from the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

The donation was made possible from the proceeds of the Back Mountain Police Association's Annual Golf Tournament and was donated to the Adopt-A-Cop program created by the founders of Fallen Officers Remembered to help purchase this valuable, life-saving equipment.

The BMPA has been a continuous supporter of the Adopt-A-Cop program and has donated funds to help purchase several new bulletproof vests.



Gina Poccaschi Boyle, vice-president and co-founder of Fallen Officers Remembered, presents a bulletproof vest to Peter Napoli Jr. of the PA Fish and Boat Commission. Absent at the time of the photo was Jaclyn Poccaschi Mosley, president and co-founder of Fallen Officers Remembered.

## PEOPLE BRIEFS

### Konnick graduates from Cazenovia

Kimberly A. Konnick, of Dallas, received a bachelor of science degree cum laude in human services specializing as a generalist and minoring in pre-therapy at Cazenovia College.

### Three complete driving program

Three Back Mountain residents recently completed the professional truck driving program at Luzerne County Community College.

They are Kyle Poluske, Dallas; Justin Neare, Dallas; and Jim Serfass, Harveys Lake.

### BMT residents honored at Seminary

Wyoming Seminary Upper School recently presented 33

students with the President's Educational Excellence Award during the school's Awards Day assembly held prior to Commencement.

Back Mountain residents among those honored include Ashlyn Reiser, Shavertown; Brandon Rome, Shavertown; Alex Kolessar, Shavertown; Logan May, Dallas; Emma Spath, Shavertown; Joseph Kapolka, Dallas; and Harry Parkhurst, Trucksville.

### Six locals receive master's degrees

Sean M. Clark, Matthew B. DeBiase, Peter J. Miller, Kelly Ann Petherick and Kelly S. Silver, all of Dallas; and Peter J. Miller, of Shavertown, received master's degrees from The University of Scranton during commencement exercises May 27 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre.

## OBITUARIES

**BARRETT** - John Philip Jr., 55, of Sweet Valley, formerly of Lee Park, died at home Wednesday, June 13, 2012, after a courageous two-year battle with Parotid Adenocarcinoma.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on March 20, 1957, was a 1976 graduate of Hanover Area High School and served as a Staff Sergeant in the Pennsylvania National Guard 109th Field Artillery, C Battery for 21 years.

He was employed at Procter & Gamble in Mehoopany for the past 28 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Lake Silkworth where he formerly served as youth ministers. He served as Scoutmaster for Troop 166 in Hanover Township.

Surviving are his father, John Barrett Sr., Hanover Township; his wife of 16 years, Nancy Schlosser Barrett, formerly of Lyndwood; son, Ryan, Lyndwood; brother, Patrick, Plymouth; sisters, Kathy Hurn, Trucksville; Susan, Duryea; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Veteran Housing Catholic Social Services, 33 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701 or Homes for Our Troops, 6 Main St., Taunton, MA 02780.

**BULMAN** - Ruth N., 84, Dallas, and formerly of Wilkes-Barre, died Thursday, June 14, 2012, at Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre and was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are her husband, Gene; son, John, Harveys Lake; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; brother, Richard James, Wilkes-Barre; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial donations to the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

**IVERSON** - Emlyn, 83, former resident of Prichard Road, Hunlock Creek, died Wednesday, June 13, 2012, in Allied Skilled Nursing Center, Scranton.

He was born May 4, 1929, in Hunlock Creek and was employed as a truck driver for many years. He was a member of the Oakdale United Methodist Church, Hunlock Creek.

Surviving are his wife, the former Alberta Atherholt; sisters, Ida Dodson, Hunlock Creek; Betty Oakley, Hunlock Creek; Elaine Bower, Delaware; Jeanette, Benton; brothers, Arthur, Delaware; Norman, Florida.

**LEWIS** - William H., 85, of Forked River, N.J., died at Harveys Lake on Monday, June 11, 2012.

After graduating from Forty Fort High School, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then attended Bucknell University Junior College, now Wilkes University. He then graduated from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, with a BS degree in chemical engineering.

He was employed by Merck & Co. Inc. for 39 years as a

manager in chemical manufacturing.

Surviving are his sons, William Jr., Forked River, N.J.; and Scott, Park City, Utah; three granddaughters, four great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; a sister, Diane Devine, of Shavertown.

**LINKER** - L. Donald Linker, 86, of Shavertown, died unexpectedly Sunday, June 17, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of GAR High School, Wilkes-Barre, and the Wilkes-Barre Business College.

He enjoyed a long career as Campaign Director for the United Way of Wyoming Valley, retiring in 1989 after more than 40 years with the organization. He then embarked on a second career with the United Methodist Foundation where he spent several years before returning to the United Way of Wyoming Valley.

He was a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge #61 F. & A.M., Wilkes-Barre. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels of Wyoming Valley and the American Red Cross Blood Services Program.

He was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, the former Jean Gardner; daughters, Cinde, Forty Fort; Cathy, Shavertown; Carol, Lancaster; one grandson; a niece

and two nephews.

Memorial donations to the United Way of Wyoming Valley, 8 W. Market St., Suite 450, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711; Meals on Wheels of Wyoming Valley, 190 N. Sprague Ave., Kingston, PA 18704; or the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708.

**LUKSIC** - John "Jake," 82, of Dallas, died Sunday, June 10, 2012, while celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary in Alaska.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, and was a graduate of St. Nicholas High School, Wilkes-Barre, Class of 1947. He was an electrician with IBEW Local 163 and had received recognition from the union for his 50 years of service.

He was a past officer and member of St. Conrad's Society, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church Dallas, and its Holy Name Society. He also served as an adult alter server.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lucille Mulreany; sons, John J., Allentown; Michael, Dallas; daughter, Susan Hamilton, Media; sister Anne Fogarty, Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y.; brother, Joseph, Wilkes-Barre; eight grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to St. Joseph's Center Foundation, c/o 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509, or to Gate of Heaven

Church, 40 Machel Ave., Dallas, PA 18612.

**MEIER** - Carl Raymond, 76, of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, June 17, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care inpatient unit at the Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre campus after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Hazleton on June 15, 1936, and was a 1954 graduate of White Haven High School.

A United States Air Force veteran, his military service assignments took him to bases in Arkansas, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Washington, as well as Goose Bay, Labrador. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was discharged honorably in 1965.

After settling in Tunkhannock, he was employed by Procter & Gamble, Mehoopany. He was retired from Voith-Sulzer Paper Technology North America of Farmington, New Hampshire.

In February, he was recognized for his 45th Masonic Anniversary by Laurel Lodge Number 467, Free and Accepted Masons, in White Haven.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Joyce Meier; son, Scott, of St. Louis, Missouri; daughter, Shana Tesluk, of Tunkhannock; three; nieces and nephews.

**STEFANKO** - Shirley B., of Hollow Lane, Tunkhannock, died Wednesday, June 13, 2012, in the Lithia Valley Manor.

She was born in Sugar Hollow, Eaton Township, on January 18, 1936, was a 1954 graduate of Tunkhannock High School and, prior to her retirement, worked at the Penn State Cooperative Extension in Wyoming County for 33 years.

She was a member of the Tunkhannock Baptist Church. Surviving are a daughter, Victoria Stefanko Lerew, Gettysburg; four grandchildren; a great-grandson.

Memorial donations to the Tunkhannock Baptist Church, 2 Church St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657, or to Lithia Valley Manor, 1042 Lithia Valley Road, Factoryville, PA 18419.

**SWAIN** - Howard A. Jr., 84, of Shavertown, died Monday, June 11, 2012, in The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

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