

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

333-4626 or 333-5912

**Avenue Q comes to Music Box Playhouse**

The Music Box Players will present "Avenue Q," the 2003 Tony Award Best Musical, today, July 22, 27-29 and Aug. 3-5 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

For reservations, call 283-2195.

**Bingo set at Northmoreland Hall**

Monday night Bingo will be held on July 23 at Northmoreland Township Fire Hall.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages are available.

For more information, call Marge at 333-4095.

**Square dance set**

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a square from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company Hall, 329 Orange Road, featuring "Just Us Country Duo."

Admission is \$6. Food and refreshments will be available. Doors and kitchen open at 6 p.m. The building is air conditioned.

Singles, couples and beginners are welcome.

For more information, call

**Ham dinner slated**

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family-style ham dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. Takeouts begin at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children between the ages of 6 and 11 and free for children under 6 years of age.

**Alzheimer's support group sets meeting**

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2 in the board room at the Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 4 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas.

**Barbershop chorus plans concert**

A "60 Years of Harmony" concert by the Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Irem Temple Country Club Pavilion, Dallas.

The concert is part of the Summer Sunday Free Performances sponsored by Irem Temple Country Club.

For more information, call 287-2476 or 696-3385.

**Irem Ladies plan purse Bingo**

Irem Shrine Divan Ladies and Directors Staff Ladies will hold a Vera Bradley Purse Bingo at 1 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Irem

**'Memories in the Making' art club will exhibit work Aug. 26**

The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will celebrate the one-year anniversary of its "Memories in the Making" art club from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26 throughout the first floor of the nursing center. "Memories in the Making" is a group of patients who have early to end stages of Alzheimer's disease. The program is designed to help residents express their thoughts and feelings. The program bypasses the dominant verbal aspects of brain function and goes directly to the inner world of the person suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's.



Ruth Stucker, left, Meadows resident and artist; and Anne Gill, Alzheimer's Association and Memories in the Making assistant facilitator, prepare for an Aug. 26 exhibit at the Meadows.

Shrine Country Club Pavilion. Coach purses and Silpada jewelry prizes will also be available.

Doors open at noon. Lunch and cocktails will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$20.

Tickets are available at the Irem Shrine Office, Dallas, from any Divan or Directors Staff lady or by contacting Merlynn Morrow at 472-7072 or Bernice Richards at 706-5867.

**Charity Train Ride set for Sept. 9**

The Greater Pittston Charity Train Ride will take patrons back in time on Saturday, Sept. 9 on the newly-restored Reading and Northern RR's 1920 ERA open window coach pulled by a diesel locomotive to historic Jim Thorpe.

Tickets are \$65 per person and all proceeds benefit The Greater Pittston YMCA, The Pittston Memorial Library and The Care and Concern Free Health Clinic.

For more information, call Gloria at 693-0766 or Tina at 407-0579.

**SENIOR MENU**

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

Menu for the week of July 23: **MONDAY** - Hot open face turkey sandwich, chunky garden vegetable soup, mashed potatoes, whole wheat bread, crackers, cookie bar, margarine, milk and coffee.

**TUESDAY** - Chicken breast Florentine, peas and cauliflower, roasted red potatoes, multi-grain dinner roll, chocolate sorbet, margarine, milk and coffee.

**WEDNESDAY** - Pork barbecue with mild sauce, hamburger roll, corn on cob, baked beans, coleslaw, ice cream cups, margarine, milk and coffee.

**THURSDAY** - Sauteed beef and broccoli, buttered egg noodles, wheat dinner roll, orange, margarine, milk and coffee.

**FRIDAY** - Barbeque riblet, summer succotash, biscuit, baked potato wedges, toasted coconut pudding parfait, margarine, milk and coffee

**OBITUARIES**

**BEECHAM** - Dorothy V. Beecham, of Masonic Retirement Village in Dallas, died Thursday, July 12, 2012.

She graduated from West Scranton High School in 1947 and worked as a dental assistant after high school for many years, then for Topps gum factory. She also volunteered for the Scranton Red Cross for many years.

Surviving are her husband, Bud, with whom she celebrated her 61st wedding anniversary on June 23, 2012; a brother, Charles; four nieces and four nephews.

**BULFORD** - Lionel B., 78, former chief of police of Lehman Township and Harveys Lake Borough, died Thursday, July 12, 2012, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital shortly after admission.

He was born July 3, 1934, in Tunkhannock. Moving to Dallas at an early age, he attended Dallas Township schools and was a graduate of the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education & Training Commission. He was a member of the Luzerne County Chiefs of Police Association and the Northeast Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association.

He was a lifelong resident of Briar Crest Road, Lehman Township and was a charter member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jenny Rita Birkbeck; brothers and sisters, Ernest, Barbara Stanczyk, William, Caroline Ridley, David, Carol Faust; stepbrothers, John Ridley and David Ridley; stepsister, Ellen Van Luwender; stepchildren, Carol Dulaney, Robert John Pilger, Mark Pilger and James Pilger; four stepgrandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; his loving dogs, Bailey and Cody.

Memorial donations to the Jonathan R. Davis Fire Company, Idetown, PA 18612, or the SPCA of Luzerne County, Fox Hill Road, Plains Township, PA 18705.

**CARTER** - Sean Michael, 26, of Elkins Park, died Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at his home.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on November 29, 1985, was a graduate of Dallas High School and Lebanon Valley College, where he received a degree in psychology. He also attended York College where he received his degree in biology and currently was attending Salus University School of Optometry.

He was commissioned as an active Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

He served an internship at

Children's Cancer Center at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. He was a former member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his father, Donald Ebert Carter Jr. and his wife, Kathie; mother, Pamela Ruth Passarelli Yamrick and her husband, Michael; brothers, Donald Carter III, Steven Yamrick, Christopher Carter, Byron Carter; maternal grandfather, Jerome Passarelli and his wife, Anna; maternal grandmother, Ruth Passarelli; paternal grandparents, Donald E. Carter Sr. and his wife, Dorothy.

**GILMARTIN** - Eugene A., 55, of Tunkhannock, died Saturday, July 14, 2012, at his home after a battle with brain cancer.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on December 15, 1956, and was a graduate of Dallas High School. He spent a year of college at Clemson University before transferring to the University of Maine where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Botany and Plant Sciences in 1981.

After returning from college, he worked for many years at Wasserott's Medical, Luzerne, in a variety of positions. He spent the next 15 years as Operating Room Materials Coordinator at Moses Taylor Hospital before joining Gilmartin Insurance Company to work with his family.

Surviving are his parents, Eugene A. Sr. and Ruth Bowman Gilmartin, of Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters, Jane Showlin, of Tucson, Ariz.; and Kate D'Andrea, of Ogdensburg, N.J.; nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Memorial donations to the Northeastern Audubon Society, PO Box 711, Honesdale, PA 18431 or to The Center for Cancer Wellness, Candy's Place, 190 Welles St., Suite 120, Forty Fort, PA 18704.

**HANNIGAN** - Robert W., 56, of Pikes Creek, Lehman Township, died Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest, Allentown, following an electrical accident while at work in Wellsboro on July 6, giving the gift of organ donation with his passing.

He was born on July 26, 1955 in Wilkes-Barre.

He graduated from Dallas High School in 1973 and attended Penn State and Luzerne County Community College, after which he followed his passions into his lifelong career as electrician.

As a proud member of IBEW Local 163, he was employed as an electrician by Lecce Electric Inc., Williamsport. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge

395, Kingston, and the Irem Shrine.

Surviving are his mother, Lois Steltz Hannigan, of Pikes Creek; his daughters, Kristen, of Fairbanks, Alaska; and Kaitlin, of Shavertown; a brother, John M., of West Pittston; and a sister, Karen Christianson, of Madison, Wis.

Memorial donations to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Road, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621.

**JENNINGS** - Sharon F., 63, of Plymouth, died Thursday, July 12, 2012, at her residence.

She was born in Kingston, attended Dallas High School and University of Phoenix, earning her bachelor's degree in Business.

She was a data technician with the Social Security Administration. She was also affiliated with the Democratic National Committee locally during the Carter years, was a member of the Back Mountain Jaycees and taught CPR for the Red Cross.

She was a member of the Kunkle United Methodist Church and received a service award last December from the church.

Surviving are her husband, Lloyd "Butch" Jennings; a son, Bernard F. McDermott III, Hunlock Creek; daughters, Tracy McDermott, Lehman Township; Donna Stang, Meshoppen; Jennifer Scales, Dallas Township; six grandchildren; brother, Nelson Conden, Maryland; sisters, Marilyn Stevens, New Jersey; and Linda Barber, Harveys Lake.

Memorial donations to the Kunkle United Methodist Church, Noxen.

**LUBINSKI** - Josephine Lillian, 90, formerly of Sweet Valley, died Monday, July 9, 2012, at the home of her grandson, Troy, and his wife, Donna, Nanticoke.

She was born in Salem Township, on February 25, 1922. She enjoyed family gatherings and especially enjoyed celebrating her 90th birthday at the Irem Temple Country Club on February 25, 2012.

Surviving are her children, Yvonne Whitmoyer, of Millville; Walter, of Southgate, Mich.; Sandra Lobacz, of Sweet Valley; Shirley, of Dallas; Carol Naylor, of Ephrata; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

**MEYERS** - Emilie O. (Flynn), 93, of Jacksonville, Fla., died on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, from congestive heart failure complications.

She was born September 7, 1918 in Hunlock Creek.

She was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Hinsdale, Mass., where she was a member of the Ladies

Auxiliary.

For a short time, she was employed by Denno's Jewelers, Pittsfield, Mass. She served as one of the coordinators for Hinsdale's Food Pantry for many years.

In addition to raising her own children, she accepted some 15 children under The New England Home for Little Wanderers foster care plan. These children ranged in age from one day old to 13 years.

Surviving are two sisters, Betty Yeakel, of Warren, Ohio; and Patricia Bulkley, of Noxen; five children, Robert, of Windsor; Donald, of Deland, Fla.; Gerald, of Sandy, Utah; Sandra Matthews, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Thomas, of Alhambra, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the First Congregational Church of Hinsdale, Mass., 01235.

**MISKIEL** - Regina M., 86, of Shavertown, died Monday, July 9, 2012.

She was born on October 25, 1925, and worked in the rectory of St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wilkes-Barre, for 28 years.

She resided in Shavertown for more than 60 years and was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her sons, Richard J., Martinez, Ga.; Edward F., Dallas; one granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Muchler, Luzerne.

**TURNER** - Florence, 93, of Noxen, formerly of Tunkhannock, died on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the Golden Living Center, Tunkhannock.

She was born January 8, 1919 in Vernon and attended grammar school at both Vernon and Dallas.

She was employed by Penny

Ruff's Store in Noxen and the Noxen Movie Theater as a ticket agent in her early years. She was later employed by Bocar Manufacturing in Tunkhannock and the former Linear Manufacturing in Dallas.

She was a member of St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

**WHYTASHEK** - Celia Barnes, 99, died on July 13, 2012, in the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock, where she had been a resident.

She was born in Marstella on November 11, 1912, and moved to Glen Lyon at the age of 14 where she lived until she moved to Tunkhannock in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Janice Susz, of Tunkhannock; son, John, of Tunkhannock; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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