



Gearing up for the 2012 Kiss the Pig contest are, from left, Lisa Pretko, Frontier Local Manager Wayne Devine, Tim Carroll and Tom Duffy. Absent at the time of the photo was Jack Dodson.

Pig kissers gear up for smooch

The 10th annual Dallas Harvest Festival presents the Best of Kiss the Pig, bringing back four of the contest's highest vote getters for another chance to win big for their favorite charity or non-profit organization. This year's veteran contestants are Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll, who won the very first Kiss the Pig Contest in 2003 and who is back to support Dallas Fire & Ambulance; Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson who will seek to add to his 2006 winnings for the Kunkle Fire Company; Dallas Middle School Principal, whose 2008 win garnered a healthy sum for the Back Mountain Food Pantry and who is back for another healthy donation; and Back Mountain Community News Publisher Lisa Pretko, who enjoyed her 2007 smooch with a darling little piglet who is competing for Blue Chip Farm Animal Rescue. Traditionally, the contest winner takes home half of the total proceeds - this year, in celebra-

tion of the 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival, all money collected will be donated to the winner's charity or non-profit organization. For a \$1 donation, the public is urged to vote and vote often - all in the name of charity. Donations can be made through the contestant, the charity/non-profit or in a number of Back Mountain businesses. Ballot jars and posters can be found at N-Mart, Trucksville;

Fuel On, Dallas; Ochman's Coins and Jewelry, Dallas; and J&J Deli, Dallas. Ballot jars will be collected and the votes tallied on Saturday, Sept. 15. The winning "smooch" will take place during the 10th annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 16 and will be announced by District Judge James Tupper. Frontier Communications is the sponsor of this year's Kiss the Pig Contest.

New books on shelves at library

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, for the month of June 2012:
EXPRESS
"The Fallen Angel" by Daniel Silva, "Creole Belle" by James Lee Burke, "Close Your Eyes" by Iris and Roy Johansen
FICTION
"The Walking Dead Compendium One" by Robert Kirkman,

"The Singles" by Meredith Goldstein, "The Fallen Angel" by Daniel Silva, "Creole Belle" by James Lee Burke, "Close Your Eyes" by Iris and Roy Johansen, "Boleto" by Alyson Haggerty
BIOGRAPHY
"It Worked for Me" by Colin Powell
LARGE PRINT FICTION
"Little Night" by Luanne Rice, "Heading Out to Wonder-

ful" by Robert Goolrick, "Summer Nights" by Susan Mallery, "Courageous" by Diana Palmer
BOOKS ON CD
"Spilled Blood" by Brian Freeman
YOUNG ADULT
"Keep Holding On" by Susane Colasanti, "The Wicked and the Just" by J. Anderson Coats
SPECIAL DONATIONS
"A Nation of Wusses" by Ed Rendell, presented by John Yudinichak

Memorial books donated to library remember deceased loved ones

The following memorial/honor books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas for the month of June 2012:
In memory of Martha Wheeler: "Encyclopedia of Roses" by Charles and Brigid Quest-Ritson, presented by The Back Mountain Memorial Library Friends Group
In memory of Crystal Joy Russell: "Growing Up Amish" by Ira

Eagler, presented by Cheryl Newberry
The following books are in memory of **Martha Jones** and are presented by Ron and Debbie Miller: "Wolf Won't Bite" by Emily Gravett, "Green" by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
In memory of Mary Mohr: "Great Lodges of National Parks: The West/Pacific Rim" (DVD), presented by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kretschmer; "Great Lodges of the National Parks:

Glacier Lodges/Pacific Northwest Lodges" (DVD), presented by Sandra Lefkowitz and family
The following books are in memory of **Susan Stolarick** and are presented by Wilkes-Barre Women's Organization for Networking: "Mrs. Noodlekugel" by Daniel Pinkwater, "Mr. and Mrs. Bunny - Detectives Extraordinaire" by Polly Horvath, "Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett and "The Duckling Gets a Cookie!" by Mo Willems

Locals asked to be on lookout for 'Jax' who has gone missing

Back Mountain residents are asked to be on the lookout for "Jax," a 7-year-old Labrador/Golden Retriever who went missing from the area of Offset Paperback last weekend.

"Jax," who is wearing a red collar with a Southwestern print on it, is the pet of a 10-year-old girl. Anyone who sees "Jax" is asked to call 262-4597.

Young girls are encouraged to enter annual Luzerne County Princess Contest

The Annual Luzerne County Fair Princess Contest will be held in conjunction with the Luzerne County Fair set for Sept. 5 through Sept. 9 at the amphitheater on the county fair grounds in Lehman. Contests must be at least 4 years old and no older than 6 years

of age on Sept. 8, must reside in Luzerne County, must dress in a party dress and will be asked to tell a little about themselves. The winner may be asked to take part in community events during the year. A princess as well as a first run-

ner-up will be chosen. For more information and a princess contest ballot, write to Trudy Clemson, Luzerne County Fair, P.O. Box 393, Dallas, PA 18612. Deadline to enter the contest is Aug. 27.

OBITUARIES

BALDINI - Robert Joseph Sr., 66, of Harveys Lake, died Thursday, July 19, 2012, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township.

He was born in Warminster on May 11, 1946 and graduated from William Tennent.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, where he was wounded in action. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Expert Badge (Rifle) and the Bronze Star Medal ("V") Device.

Surviving are a son, Robert Joseph Jr., Harveys Lake; brother, Larry, Warminster; sister, Linda, Warminster; one grandson and one granddaughter.

EHRET - Corey A., 18, of Dallas, died Sunday, July 22, 2012, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township after fighting a courageous 3-year battle with embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma.

He was born in Kingston on December 13, 1993, and graduated from Dallas High School on June 15, 2012.

He was a 4H camp counselor at Hickory Run State Park, a motivator for Kids with Cancer Senior Project, a volunteer leader for the Deutsch Institute for Misericordia University for adults with special needs.

He received the Dallas High School Student of the Quarter "Spirit Award" in 2010 and 2011 and the Dallas High School Cross Country "Corey Ehret Award" for determination and perseverance.

He was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he belonged to the youth group, served as an acolyte and volunteered for roast beef suppers, and was also a volunteer for the Luzerne County Recreation Depart-

ment Summer Camp for special-needs adults.

He was a member of the Dallas High School cross country, track and middle school soccer team. He was a member of the Dallas Middle School Jazz Band in 2008.

He was employed by the Irem Temple Country Club Golf Pro Shop. He had been accepted into the College of Engineering at Penn State, Wilkes-Barre campus.

Surviving are his parents, Douglas J. and Mary Reistetter Ehret; brothers, his twin, Christopher J.; and Brenden C., both at home. Memorial donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, RR 4, Box 627-A, Dallas, PA 18612-0802 or the Corey Ehret Award Cross Country Booster Club at Dallas High School, 2000 Conyngham Ave., Dallas, PA 18612.

LORD - Harold B., 99, of Village Drive, Hunlock Creek, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012, in Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born March 5, 1913 in Hunlock Creek and served as a pastor for 30 years.

As a young man, he worked in the mines and with Bencotter Decker's, Berwick. He also worked in the woods and drove trucks for Guy Kindig, Global Van Lines and UGI at the Hunlock Creek plant.

Surviving are his daughters, Clara Spock, Plymouth; and Rose Kulp, Hunlock Creek; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren.

PROTHEROE - Infant Shanna Lynne, of Trucksville, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012, in the Geisinger Medical Center of Danville.

She was born Monday, July 16, 2012.

Surviving are her mother, Amanda Protheroe; a grandfather, Shawn Ellwood Protheroe,

Trucksville; an uncle, great-aunts and great-uncles.

SMITH - Gertrude Catherine Eyerman, 79, of Orange, died on Thursday, July 19, 2012, at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born Feb. 27, 1933 in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of GAR Memorial High School and a member of St. Frances X. Cabrini Church, Carverton.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Thomas Smith Sr., with whom she celebrated her 63rd wedding anniversary on May 5, 2012; children, Mary Struckus, Orange; Robert Thomas Jr., Wilkes-Barre; Roxanne Castrignano, Trucksville; Brian F. X., Chase; Debra Wood, Wilkes-Barre; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, George Eyerman, Larksville; sisters, Mildred Klepacki, Wilkes-Barre; Catherine Paul, Wilkes-Barre; Theresa Castro, Philadelphia; nieces, nephews and great-nieces.

STONIER - Wallace G., of Tunkhannock, died Saturday, July 21, 2012.

He was born May 8, 1921 in

Tunkhannock. He served in World War II in Europe and went into Normandy the second day of the invasion. He was a past patron of the Big Flats Order of the Eastern Star, a founding member of the East Corning Volunteer Fire Department and Calvary Baptist Church of Gibson.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Monsey; daughter, Judy Carlson; sons, Richard and Ralph; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Irene Clark; nieces and nephews; adopted children, Brian and Kathy Wilson.

Memorial donations to Calvary Baptist Church or Southern Tier Hospice & Palliative Care.

WHALEN - Dorothy C., 89, of Dallas, died Saturday, July 21, 2012, at Hospice Community Care, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Scranton on August 22, 1922, and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Scranton.

She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, was a past-president of the church's Altar and Rosary Society and served as a lector and Eucharis-

tic Minister. She volunteered at The Meadows Nursing Home, Dallas and Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Surviving are sons, Joseph, Bernville; Robert, Dallas; daughters, Kathleen Malak, Shavertown; Patricia Fosko, Dallas; Dorothy Komsisky, Jackson Township; Linda Casey, Kingston; brother, Leroy Phillips, Scranton; sister, Evelyn Rodgers, Scranton; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas, PA 18612 or to Hospice Community Care In-patient Unit, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, 25 Church St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

WHITE - Neal A., 70, of Hunlock Creek (Lehman Township), died Saturday, July 21, 2012, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born August 11, 1941 in Pittsfield, Mass. After graduating from Pittsfield High School in Massachusetts, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 16 years. During his time of service, he received a Purple Heart due to injuries he received while serv-

ing in Vietnam. He also was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge and Combat Action Ribbon among others.

He attended the Sweet Valley Church of Christ and was a member at large of both the Pennsylvania VFW and American Legion.

Surviving are his mother, Margaret Piper, Kingston; his wife of 49 years, the former Margaret Kilfeather; sons, Dale Sr., of Moundsview, Minn.; James Sr., of Noxen; Neal Jr., of Lake Silkworth; John, of Lake Silkworth; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Company, 26 Thorny Apple Drive, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621, or the Noxen Volunteer Fire Company, 3493 Stull Road, Noxen, PA 18636.

WODASKI - Helen, 89, of Madison, N.J., formerly of Harveys Lake and Mt. Pocono, died Sunday, July 15, 2012.

Surviving are her daughter, Gloria Cracovia, Madison, N.J.; one grandson.

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