

OBITUARIES

BALL - Ronald, of Tunkhannock, died on Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, at his residence.

BRUCHER - Henry C., 69, of Harveys Lake, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, in Commonwealth Hospice.

He was born on July 25, 1943, in Wyoming, and was self-employed in the construction business.

Surviving are his sons, Michael, Hunlock Creek; Christian, Harveys Lake; sisters, Joanne Pavlick, Margaret Goy, Donna Sheckler; seven grandchildren; his companion, Rosemary Bender.

Memorial donations to the Sweet Valley Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 207, Sweet Valley, PA 18656 or Commonwealth Hospice, 80 E. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

COSGROVE - Ann M., 88, of Dallas, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012, at Mercy Center, Dallas.

She was born in Ashley, was a graduate of Ashley High School and had resided in Mountain Top for many years before moving to Dallas.

Surviving are her son, Joseph P., Shavertown; daughters, Mary Pensak, Northampton, Mass.; Ann Paddock, Providence, R.I.; sisters, Mary Petrosky, Tuscon, Ariz.; Margaret Thomas, East Stroudsburg; brother, George Botsko, Elizabeth, N.J.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Mercy Center.

GUNTON - John G., 81, of Noxen, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, in the Commonwealth Hospice Inpatient Unit at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Luzerne, and was a graduate of Beaumont High School, Class of 1949. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed at Procter & Gamble as a forklift operator.

He was a member of the Noxen United Methodist Church.

Surviving are children, Charles, Mountain Top; David, Noxen; Cynthia Bosak, Hunlock Creek; Joanne Kvashay, Luzerne; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; three step-grandchildren; sister, Margaret Holmgren, Noxen; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Noxen United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 3390 SR 29S Noxen, PA 18636, or Commonwealth Hospice, 900 Rutter Ave., Forty Fort, PA 18704.

PARRISH - William R., 65, formerly of Shavertown, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at the Mercy Center, Dallas.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Kingston High School, Class of 1965, and Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre campus, where he earned an associate's degree.

He had been employed at Wilkes-Barre Iron and Wire, Air Products and Chemicals, Hanover Township, and worked as an estimator for Dunbar Builders and Hardware, Wilkes-Barre.

For a number of years, he was active in the Back Mountain youth programs, coaching baseball and soccer.

He was a member of Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, the former Joanne Bullock; daughter, Michelle Meade, Shavertown; son, Mark, Middle River, Md.; four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Mercy Center, 370 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612, or to the Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Dr., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

PATTON - Robert (Bob) Thomas, 84, of Dallas, died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012, at home.

He was born in Larksville in 1928, graduated from Saint Mary's High School, Wilkes-Barre, Class of 1947, and attended Mansfield State Teachers College and Scranton University. Upon graduation from King's College in 1953, he entered the United States Marine Corps Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Va.

He served during the Korean War and remained in the USMC Reserve Unit, attaining the rank of captain.

Later, he worked at GAC Corporation in Allentown and became vice president in 1966. In 1970, he joined the Wyoming National Bank of Wilkes-Barre and became senior vice president.

He served on various boards, including the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and its government liaison, legislative research and evaluation committees. He was a former member of the Board of Governors for the Wyoming Valley Country Club; College Misericordia Board of Trustees, its business advisory board and Campaign for Excellence; Board of Directors of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross and its personnel committee.

He was a past board member and faculty member at King's College and worked with its Business Division Advisory Council Cum Laude Campaign and was the 1981 Chairman of King's Annual Campaign.

He was a former instructor for the American Institute of Banking, a former member of the Westmoreland Club and its membership committee; former board member of the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center and a former member of the marketing committee of the Third District Automated Clearing House Committee.

He was formerly involved in the commerce and industry division of the United Way of Wyoming Valley and was a past team leader in its fundraising agency; he sat on the advisory board for the Diocese of Scranton, St. Pius X Seminary and was a synod member. He was a former chairman of the Board of Trustees for Luzerne County Community College and past president of Luzerne County Community College Foundation.

He was former chairman of the Luzerne County Human Services Advisory Committee; a former lay advisory member of the Luzerne County Law and Library Association; past treasurer and member of the President's Advisory Council for the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, a former contact banker for the Pennsylvania Bankers Association, assigning legislators on banking affairs.

He was on the Business Advisory Committee for the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, a past member of the board of trustees and treasurer for WVIA Public TV and FM Radio and a former board of trustees member and treasurer for Clear Brook Inc. Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Patrice Dougherty; sons, Robert, San Diego, Calif.; John, Kennesaw, Ga.; Jerry, Swoyersville; Joseph, at home; daughters, Carol La Rose, Centerville, Va.; Mary Ellen Schall, Kingston; nine grandchildren; brothers, Thomas, Las Vegas, Nev.; Edward, Kingston; niece and nephews.

Memorial donations to Mercy

Center, 370 Lake St., Dallas, PA 18612.

PHILLIPS - Leonard Paul Sr., 92, of Sweet Valley, died Friday, Oct. 19, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Kingston, and attended Kingston High School. He was a welder at Allied Steel, Delaware, and had been employed by The Dupland in Kingston.

He was a member of the Huntsville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are sons, Leonard Jr., N.Y.; daughter, Sandra Cooper, Shavertown; brother, Paul, Sugar Notch; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown, or to the SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

RE - Karen Robin, 54, of Harveys Lake, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at Commonwealth Hospice, St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in New Rochelle, N.Y., educated in Maroneck High School and was self employed in the delivery business.

Surviving is her brother, Michael W., Fla.

SANDS - Pauline P., 89, of Tunkhannock, died October 18, 2012, at Geisinger CMC, Scranton.

She was born on Russell Hill, and, with her husband, Clifford, operated a registered Holstein dairy farm in Benson Hollow. She was trained by Penn State University as a milk tester in her young adult years.

She attended the Dimock School, graduated from Tunkhannock High School and Keystone Junior College, where she was a blue ribbon runner on the track team.

She was on the State Women's Committee, a member of the Pa. Farmers Association with her husband and also a member of the Pa. Holstein Association with him.

She was a member of the Eatonville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Marjorie Galloway, of Tunkhannock; three granddaughters; four sisters, Angelique Harding, Cecilia Taylor and Barbara Jaquish, all of Tunkhannock; and Carol Streater, of Harveys Lake.

Memorial donations to the Wyoming County Humane Society, 9 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

SAXON - Brunilda, 79, of Trucksville, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at home.

She was born in Bejuco Republic of Panama, and attended Panama City, Panama schools.

She met her husband, George Saxon, while he was serving his country in Panama. They were married and she returned to the U.S. with him and raised a family.

She was a member of St. Therese's Church, its Altar and Rosary Society and of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband of more than 54 years, George; a

Fahmy speaks to The Irregulars

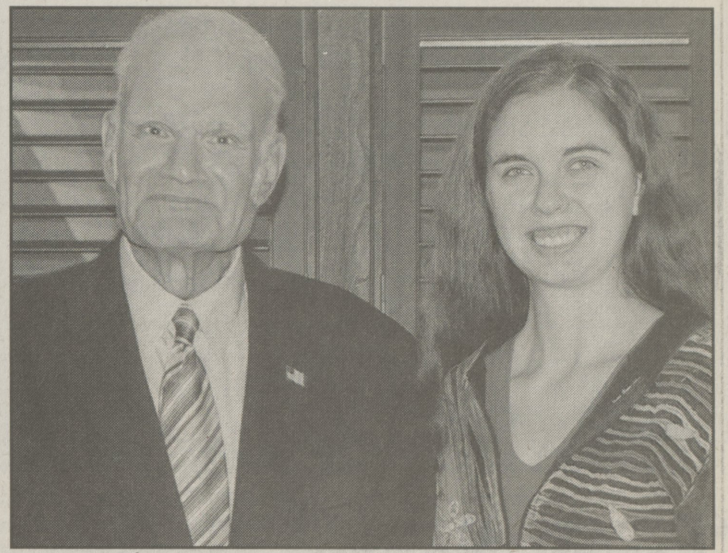
Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, of Dallas, was guest presenter at The Irregulars Think Tank breakfast at Leggio's on Oct. 13.

The Irregulars is a collection of independent entrepreneurs who meet monthly in the Back Mountain to collaborate and share their life's experience with the intent of continued personal growth.

Dr. Fahmy was born and raised in Egypt and migrated to this country in his early 20s, enrolling at Columbia University in Washington D.C. His presentation was titled "Changing Landscape in the Middle East - What Can We Do?"

In his opening remarks, Fahmy asked those in attendance to cleanse themselves from what they see in the media.

Attending the breakfast was Elena Habersky, of Dallas, a senior at The University of Scranton majoring in International Studies. She lived in Cairo for the past year as a foreign exchange student and had the opportunity to travel throughout the Middle East. She shared her observations that it is definitely younger people leading the revolution in Libya and Egypt was discussed.



Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, left, and Elena Habersky attended the Irregulars Think Tank breakfast.

The 14-minute trailer of the

movie that made a mockery of Islam and was reported to have sparked riots, protests and violence at U.S. diplomatic missions in Libya and Egypt was discussed.

son, Francis, Pittston; daughters, Rhonda Adams, Wilkes-Barre; Georgine Meyers, Court Dale; eight grandchildren; a brother, Diogenes; sisters, Aida, Mercedes; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Therese's Church, Davis Street, Trucksville.

SIRACUSE - Carl F., 86, of Dallas, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at home.

He was born April 4, 1926, and was a graduate of Swoyersville High School. He attended The University of Scranton on a basketball scholarship, leaving college to join the U.S. Navy, where he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He was a bricklayer for many years before retirement and built the grotto outside the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

He later became the business agent for the Bricklayers Union Local 30. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church and its Holy Name Society. He was also a coach for the Gate of Heaven Gators boys basketball team.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Eileen Scott; son, Francis, Dallas; daughter, Maureen Jones, Hampstead, N.H.; two grandchildren; brother, Vincent, Middletown, N.Y.; sister, Rosealie Amato, Dallas; nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to Gate of Heaven Church or Hospice Community Care.

SPONSELLER - Thomas D., 53, Dallas, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and was employed by Whitestone Security as a security guard.

He was an associate member of Daddow/Isaacs American Legion Post 675, and also a member of the NRA.

Surviving are his brothers, Wil-

liam, Bloomsburg; Gary, Antioch, Calif.; and Dale, Patalaska, Ohio; nieces and nephews.

WINSKI - Marion H., of Cover Road, Tunkhannock, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, in the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre.

She was born in Scranton on January 14, 1943.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, David Winski; son, Joseph, of Warner Robins, Ga.; daughters, Donna Valoroso, of Towanda; Marie Winski, of Tunkhannock; seven grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Triton Hose Co., P.O. Box 765, Tunkhannock, PA 18657 or to the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 322, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

WRIGHT - Norma C., 78, of Shavertown, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at Hospice Community Care Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

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