



Library patrons Hannah Ostrowski, left, and her sister, Marlena, of Dallas, refresh themselves with cookies and punch at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Christmas Open House.

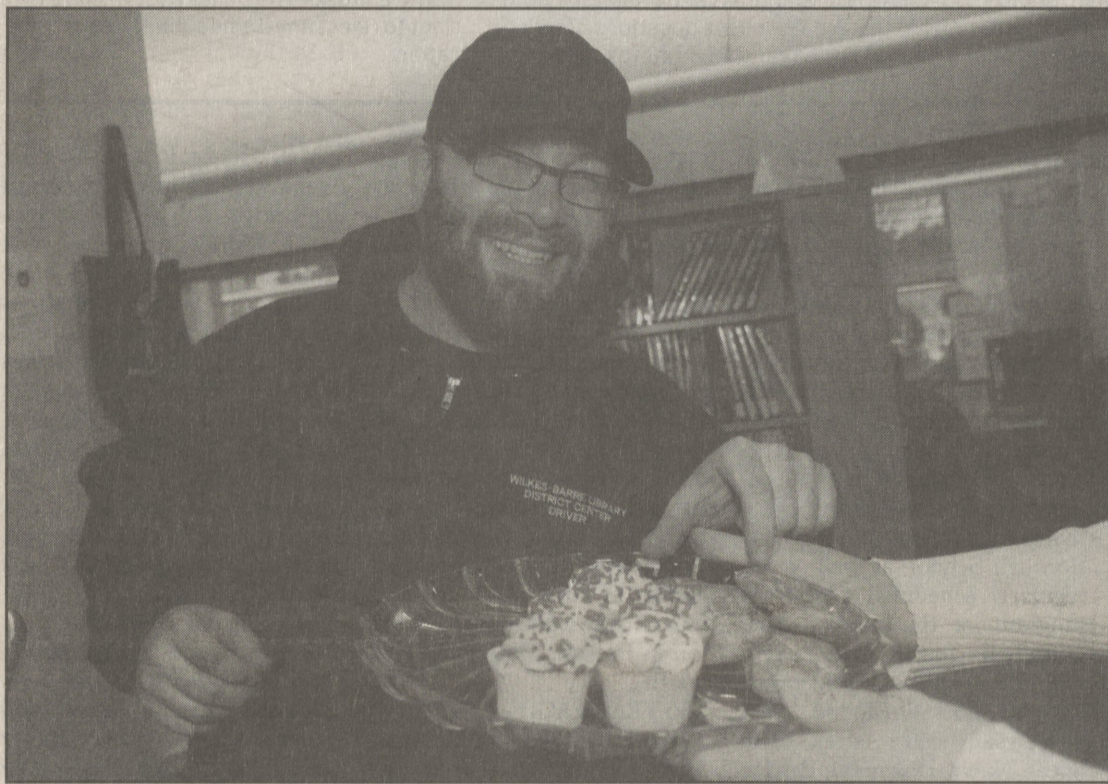


Library employee Krista Connolly, left, offers patron Anastasia Baney, of Dallas, a treat during the Back Mountain Library's Christmas Open House.

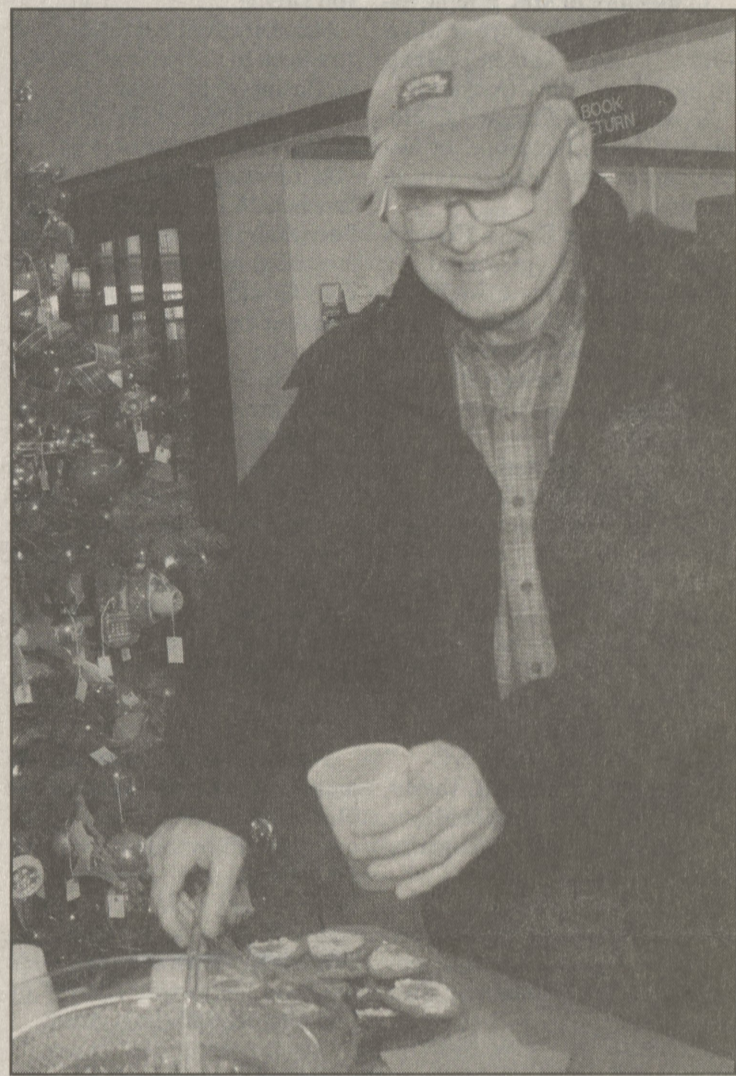
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Celebrating at the library

Light refreshments and soft instrumental holiday music were part of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Holiday Open House on Dec. 19.



LEFT PHOTO: Steve Flannery, of Wilkes-Barre Twp., works for the PA Inter-Library System and grabs a much-appreciated cookie for the road.



RIGHT PHOTO: Duane Dicker, of Dallas, takes a cup of punch at the Back Mountain Library's Christmas Open House.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following Back Mountain real estate transactions were recorded in the Luzerne County Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the week of Dec. 17, 2012:

Thomas Maransky (executor), Peter A. Maransky (estate) to Sweet Valley Ambulance Association Inc., Ross Township; \$130,000

Charles W. Gordon Jr. to Charles W. Gordon Jr. and Karen Cott, 3138 Memorial Hwy., Dallas Township; \$1

James and Sandra Fauls to Andrew F. Straub Jr., 2 acres, Dallas

Township; \$150,000

Beverly J. and Edwin J. Wiegopolski to Walter S. and Deborah R. Schimpf, 50 Sunset Terrace, Harveys Lake Borough; \$60,000

Victoria Perugino estate to Mary L. Millington, 2.06 acres, Dallas Township; \$121,000

Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau, John T. Pitcavage (per tax claim) to Jessica Skoloda, West Point Avenue, Harveys Lake Borough; \$807

Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau, David J. and Kimberly A. Gronski (per tax claim) to Quad

Holding, LLC, 73 Crossin Road, Lehman Township; \$35,000

Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau, Bernard and Jessica McGahee (per tax claim) to Brian Meeker, Goodwin Drive, Lehman Township; \$10,000

Friendly Silverman Holding Corporation to Weis Markets Inc., Dallas Borough; \$950,000

Joseph Gomba to David and Catherine Chesnalavage, 29 Jumper Road, Lot 7, Lehman Township; \$328,500

Mark Zalewski to Edward Martin Van Why Jr., 122 Butternut Road, Kingston Township;

\$134,900

Patricia L. Nardone to JP Nardone Family LTD Partners, Lot 14, Hayfield Farms, Lehman Township; \$1

John D. and Patricia L. Nardone to JP Nardone Family LTD Partners, Pall Road, Ross Township; \$1

John D. and Patricia Nardone to JP Nardone Family LTD Partners, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake Borough; \$1

John D. and Patricia L. Nardone to JP Nardone Family LTD Partners, Jackson Road, Lehman Township; \$1

A&R Group, L.L.C. to JP Nardone Family LTD Partners, 13.811 acres, Dallas Township; \$120,000

Robert L. and Susan M. Yocum to Anthony Christopher Sacco, Lot 3, Kingston Township; \$182,500

The following Back Mountain property transfers were recorded in the Luzerne County Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the week of Dec. 24, 2012:

Joseph A. Paglianite to Turkey Hill, LP, Lots 2 & 3, Paglianite subdivision, Dallas Township; \$950,000

Ralph C. and Mildred S. Leibig to Ralph C. and Mildred S. Leibig, Lots 37, 38 and 39, Hemlock Gardens, Harveys Lake Borough; \$1

Francis M. and Kimbelry Butcofski to Bernard and Lisa Banas, Lots 289 & 29, Harveys Lake; \$675,000

Herbert Neil Avert and Helene Ann Brand-Avart to Joseph A. Malley, 2895 Lakeside Dr., Harveys Lake Borough; \$237,000

David D. and Diane F. Raspen to Mark Jr. and Brittany Van-Tuyle, Lot 33, Oakhill Subdivision; \$255,000

OBITUARIES

BARBER - Robert D. Sr., 86, of Tunkhannock, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at Kingston Commons.

He was born in West Pittston on August 24, 1926, was a graduate of Wyoming High School, received a bachelor's degree in Economics from Wilkes College and later became a certified public accountant. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hughes-town.

He was employed by Sordoni Construction Co. as the vice president of finance and retired from Commonwealth Telephone Company as treasurer.

He served on the Board of Directors of the former Wyoming National Bank and of the Home/Health Services of Luzerne County. He was also a former member of the Pittston Kiwanis Club, the Scranton Canoe Club and the Lake Winola Cottagers Association, where he served as a director.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Jane Adams Barber; his son, Robert Jr., Lake Winola; daughter, Susan Bunnell, Tunkhannock; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

BARCHIK - Joseph J., 42, of Range Road, Hunlock Creek, died on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at his home.

He was born Dec. 8, 1970, in Wilkes-Barre and was an auto body mechanic and auto painter. Surviving are his mother, Jean Skameritz Long; stepfather, Alvin Long, Shickshinny; sisters, Romaine Petry, Shickshinny, Charmaine Klepacki, Mountain Top; and Diane Barchik, Hanover Township; stepbrother, Brent Long, Wyoming; an uncle, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to 261 Cope Road, Shickshinny, PA 18655.

BLACKWELL - Ralph Jr., 69, of Center Moreland, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born on March 8, 1943, and was a graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School, Class of 1961. After high school, he attended Penn State University and Wilkes University.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed at Procter & Gamble for 32 years. After retiring, he was employed part time at Little Flower Manor and St. Therese Residence of Wilkes-Barre. At one time, he was one of the largest grain and tomato farmers in the area.

Surviving are his children, Sarah Blackwell, Center Moreland; Ralph III, Scranton; Blackwell, Maryland; and Lisa, Maryland.

BROWN - Jerome H., 78, of Dallas, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012, at home.

He was born in Kingston and attended the Lake-Lehman High School.

He was a machinist with Wipco in West Wyoming, retiring because of ill health. He also had worked with The Kanaar Corporation and with Pagnotti Enterprises as a heavy-equipment operator.

He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the Navy.

He had attended the Idetown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Judith Calkins, with whom he celebrated 51 years of marriage; son, Jerome David, Coopersburg; daughter, Kelly Yurko, Idetown; five grandchildren; brother, Joseph, Eden, N.Y.; and sister, Jean Gildea, Dallas.

Memorial donations to the SPCA, Jumper Road, Wilkes-Barre.

FISKE - Loren C., 90 of Dallas, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after being stricken earlier at his home.

He was born in Shickshinny and was a graduate of Dallas Borough High School.

He was a self-employed auto body repairman, operating P & K Body Shop in Dallas with his brother.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a member of Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672, Dallas. He also was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Monast, with whom he celebrated 63 years of marriage; sons, Michael, Shavertown; Matthew, Kingston; and Anthony, Dallas; daughter, Lauren, New York; two grandchildren; brother, Paul, Dallas.

MANNING - Frank A., 63, of Monroe Township, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, in Commonwealth Hospice, Wilkes-Barre.

He was born in Johnson City, N.Y. and attended Johnson City schools. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army.

He later became a tradesman and worked for many years with Baut Studios, Larksville.

Surviving are his companion of more than 32 years, Joanne Olexy; a daughter, Angel Gresh; four grandchildren; brothers, Raymond Westcott and Arthur Manning; sisters, Joyce Madge,

Carol Plummer and Cathy Smith; nieces and nephews.

OBUHOSKY - Sarah, 66, formerly of Trucksville, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Hospice Community Care, Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre, and earned a nursing degree at Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.

She was employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Manor Care, Kingston.

Surviving are a daughter, Deanna McCorquodale, Plymouth; a son, Robert D., Hunlock Creek; three grandchildren; sisters, Katherine Johns and Mary Krull; several nieces.

Memorial donations to the Luzerne County SPCA, 524 E. Main St., Fox Hill Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702 or to Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge, 974 Lockville Road, Dallas, PA 18612-9465.

SORBER - Robert W., 77, of Hunlock Creek, died on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012.

He was born on April 24, 1935, in Hunlock Creek and owned and operated Sorber Well Drilling from 1962 until he retired in

2000. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Faith Bible Church of Hunlock Creek and was a life member of the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire company.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Barbara Ann Bradford Sorber; sons, Robert and Greg, both of Hunlock Creek; daughters, Candy Zapotoski, Cindy Kanzenbach and Betsy Ferraro, all of Florida; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Ronald, of Sweet Valley; and a sister, Dolores Yascavage, of Kingston.

TRUESDALE - Joyce K., 69, of Tunkhannock, died on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, in Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton.

She was born in Tunkhannock on Jan. 31, 1943.

After 10 years of dedicated service, she retired from The Foley Law Firm in Scranton. She worshipped at the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church and was a member of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her son, Robert, of Taylor; stepdaughter, Melody Soltis, of Lansdale; sister, Margaret Lillie Wanick, of South Abington Township; two step-grandchildren; a niece and nephew.