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Allison, Sarah and Caroline Stallard followed in their father's footsteps when they began studying art with Sue Hand of Dallas. Hand refers to the sisters as her "grandstudents."

Allison, an eighth-grade student, enjoys working in watercolor on paintings of florals and animals. She has won numer-

ous prizes for her works in community art competitions. She is currently exhibiting three of her prize winning artworks from the recent Rossetti exhibition at LCCC.

Sarah, a fifth-grade student, lists acrylic landscapes as her favorite medium and subject. She is exhibiting one acrylic and several watercolors and several colored pencil drawings, mostly of animals.

Caroline, a third-grade student, excels at watercolor

animals and still lifes. Her artworks in the display include a graphite cat and dog and several watercolors.

The girls are the daughters of Mark and Kristen Stallard.

The public is invited to view this exhibit of artwork in the lobby of Citizens Bank, Welles Street and Wyoming Avenue during regular banking hours through May 16.

For more information, contact Heather Madeira at 675-5094.

CHURCH BRIEFS

HOAGIE SALE

A 6-inch hoagie sale will be held at Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church. Italian, ham and cheese and turkey and cheese hoagies are available for \$5 each.

Reservations must be made by April 28 by calling Alice Green at 333-4276 or Shirley Pearn at 333-4529. Pickup will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 3 at the church.

BARBEQUE SLATED

The annual spring barbecue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 at the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville. Takeouts begin at 4:30 p.m.

The menu includes a half chicken, baked potato with all the fixings, homemade desserts and beverages.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservations may be made by calling 696-3897.

FAMILY EVENT SET

Family Action Agents, an event for the entire family, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6 in the main sanctuary of Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Family Action Agents is an hour and a half of fun, interactive group experiences, family life lessons and worship time.

TURKEY DINNER SET

A roast turkey dinner and bake sale will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 at the Loyalville United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age. Takeouts are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving a message with a name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

MEATLOAF DINNER

A meatloaf dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on May 18 at the Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108,

Harveys Lake.

Menu includes meatloaf, baked potato, green bean casserole, cole slaw, roll and butter, pie and beverage.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age and are available at the door. Takeouts will be available. For more information, call 639-5688.

RUMMAGE SALE

The deacons of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas have set May 31 and June 1 for their gigantic rummage sale in the fellowship hall of the church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas, across from the Country Club Shopping Center.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 31 and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 1. Saturday will be Bag Day - all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only \$2. Items available are clothing in good condition for men, women and children, costume jewelry, household items, knickknacks, collectibles, toys, books, holiday items and more.

OBITUARIES

BENZA - Marilyn L., 71, of Shavertown, died Friday, April 19, 2013.

She was born Nov. 3, 1941, in Nanticoke, was a resident of Shavertown for the past 50 years and previously resided in West Nanticoke. She was a graduate of Harter High School.

Prior to retiring nine years ago, she was employed by Planters Peanuts, Topps Inc. and Luzerne Optical Co. Years ago, she operated her own school of dance in West Nanticoke.

She also served as a den mother for the Boy Scouts and was active in the Lake-Lehman Booster Club. She was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

Surviving are her father, Albert Jenkins, Shavertown; her husband of 51 years, Donald L.; sons, Donald A., Lexington, S.C.; Wayne, Sweet Valley; three grandchildren; sister, Kathy Hutchins, Shavertown; nieces and nephews.

BROWN - Marjorie E. Pembroke Evans, 87, formerly of Dallas and Fort Myers, Fla., died April 15, 2013, at the Hospice Community Care at Geisinger South Wilkes Barre.

She was born in Chinchilla on March 14, 1926, and graduated from Dallas Borough High School, Class of 1943.

She was formerly employed as a teller at Miners National Bank of Dallas and as a receptionist at Payne Printery, both in Dallas.

She was an active member of the Dallas United Methodist Church, Dallas, and its organizations, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school program and as a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was also formerly active in both the Dallas Jr. and Sr. Woman's Club.

Surviving are her husband, Robert W. Brown, Kingston, with whom she would have celebrated 68 years of marriage on May 5, 2013; son, Dr. Robert, Hilton Head, S.C.; daughter, Shirley Breyemeier, Dallas; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, David J. Evans, Virginia.

Memorial donations to the Dallas United Methodist Church Memorial Garden, 4 Parsonage St., Dallas, PA 18612.

CONKLIN - Beatrice R., of Dallas, died Monday, April 22, 2013, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born Dec. 10, 1946, in Auburn, N.Y. She retired from Testfabrics, West Pittston, due to illness.

Surviving are her son, Jody, of North Carolina; one granddaughter; brothers, Robert Alnutt and Wilfred (Buddy) Alnutt; longtime companion, Richard J. Williams, of Dallas; nieces and nephews.

DeGRAW - Marion, of Tunkhannock Manor, formerly of Brinktown, died Saturday, April 20, 2013.

She was born in Dymond Hollow on Dec. 7, 1921, and was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church. Prior to retirement, she worked in the garment industry and was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

She played piano at the Bethel Church for more than 40 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Lois Veety; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Tunkhannock Manor United Methodist Home, 50 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

HOWELL - Sarah E., of Tunkhannock, died Sunday, April 14, 2013, at the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Northmoreland Township, Wyoming County, on Dec. 12, 1918.

She was a member of the Osterhout Bible Church, the Wyoming County Senior Citizens and the Children's Evangelist Fellowship of Wyoming County.

Surviving are sons, Arthur, of Mason, Mich.; Francis, of Mehoopany; Phillip, of Forkston; daughter, Iva Harvey, of Factoryville; Janet Howell and Darlene Marshall, both of Tunkhannock; sister, Ada Harvey, of Tunkhannock; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren.

McCUTCHEON - Dorothea Blamire, 93, formerly of Overbrook Avenue, Dallas, died April 17, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas.

She graduated from Coughlin High School and studied at Bucknell Junior College, which later became Wilkes University. During World War II, she worked as a secretary at the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot.

She worked as a stenographer in the English and psychology departments of Colgate University while her husband, George, attended officer training school. They subsequently lived in Key West, Fla., and San Diego while George served with the U.S. Navy.

She worked for the federal government for many years and was in charge of the Wilkes-Barre office of the Board of Veterans Appeals. She received numerous awards in Washington, D.C. for her efforts to improve operations for the VA. In 1974, she was honored with the Exceptional Service Award in recognition of her consistently outstanding performance.

She served on the board of directors of the Back Mountain Memorial Library for 14 years. She was chairwoman of the Friends of the Library and was involved in many library auctions. She was a member of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary and also served as a Pink Lady volunteer. She was a member of the Home Health League and the League of Women Voters. She volunteered for the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society,

the March of Dimes and the Meadows Nursing Center.

She served as president of the Dallas Women of Kiwanis and was on the board of directors of the Junior Cambrian Club of Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of the Dallas Senior Women's Club and the Dallas Chapter of Eastern Star.

Surviving are her daughter, Georgia Zwartjes, San Antonio; two grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Dorothea McCutcheon Scholarship at Luzerne County Community College. The family may be contacted at 14638 Mountain Wood St., San Antonio, TX 78232.

SAWICKI - Leo, 94, of Hunlock Creek, died April 15, 2013, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Korn Krest on Dec. 10, 1918, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served in the 35th Army Artillery. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Sikorsky Aircraft in Connecticut.

He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, in which he was a Bronze Leader in recognition of his devotion toward disabled veterans, as well as the American Legion Post No. 350, Nanticoke. He also belonged to the Golden Wing Club and Grange No. 194.

Surviving are his wife of 71 years, the former Eleanor Scholl; nieces and nephews.

SHERIDAN - Margaret, of Dark Hollow Road, Tunkhannock, died Monday, April 22, 2013, in the Golden Living Center in Tunkhannock.

She was born in Newark, N.J., on Jan. 27, 1937.

She was a member of the Church of the Nativity BVM Tunkhannock and in 1999 retired from Clarks Summit State Hospital where she worked as a psychiatric aide for 22 years.

Surviving are sons, James J., of Tunkhannock, and Joseph, of Factoryville; daughters, Debra Donowski, of Tunkhannock; and Diane Kelley, of Tampa Fla.; eight grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

WESTLEY - Emily, 93, of Dallas, died Monday, April 15, 2013, at Kingston Commons, Kingston.

She attended school in Brooklyn and moved to the Back Mountain area in 1989.

Surviving are daughters, Carol Westley, Selinsgrove; and Joan Corso, Harrison, N.Y.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Wanda Westley, Lillian Clark and Frances Depallo.

'Battle of Wyoming' comes to life at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is proud to offer the community special workshops and programs throughout the year, and especially so, when these programs involve local history.

Just in time for the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday, the library will host a "Battle of Wyoming" program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre Senior instructor Bill Bachman will present this documentary film which he wrote and directed. The film recounts the events of July 3, 1778, the date of the Battle of Wyoming in Wyoming Valley between present-day Wyoming and Exeter.

Robert Mischak, who portrayed Col. Nathan Denison, second in command at the Battle of Wyoming in the documentary, will be on hand in military regalia to discuss and display military field pieces of the 18th century and military clothing.

Pre-registration is required for this free program. Plan now to join us for this informative, entertaining program and call the library at 675-1182 to register.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the raffle baskets from the recent Luncheon with a Special Author are: Summertime in the Garden Basket - Carolyn Straka
Wine and Treats for the Discerning Palate Basket -

Maureen Lewis
Downton Abbey Basket - Betty Gaia

AUCTION DATES

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the library's annual auction which will be held on July 11, 12, 13 and 14. Donations of items are currently being accepted during normal library hours.

Household items, Nearly Olde Vintage collectibles and dishes, slightly-used books and antiques are needed, with special interest in the following categories: Costume and vintage jewelry, jewelry boxes, holders, display cases, purses, gloves, scarves, vintage perfume bottles, men's tie clips and cuff links, belt buckles, compacts and vintage cigarette cases, collectible figurines and glassware, train sets and accessories and antiques of all kinds. Of course, new goods items and gift certificates to area businesses are always popular.

READING PROGRAMS

Parents are reminded that registration for the children's Summer Reading Program will officially begin on Wednesday, June 12. Stop by the library and pick up a flyer for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Children's Room is in need of volunteers to wipe the covers of the children's books. This job is sedentary and requires no bending or lifting. It is enjoyable, non-stressful work as volunteers chat with each other during the book washing process. Please call the children's librarian, Janet Bauman, if you would like a nice, low-impact volunteer position.

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