

OBITUARIES

BELL - Richard H., 66, of Franklin Township, died Tuesday, July 2, 2013, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

He was born in Exeter and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, in which he received numerous medals.

Following his military service, he was a member of the 5th Special Forces Group, Republic of Vietnam, International Association of Airborne Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 396 of Wyoming, Dallas American Legion 672, Disabled American Veterans-Mid Valley Chapter No. 11.

For many years, he was employed by Coca-Cola as a mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Judy; daughter, Cheryl Oster of Dallas; one granddaughter; a sister, Sylvia Carol Simmons, Exeter.

COLARUSSO - Carl J. Jr., 26, of Dorothy Street, Scranton, formerly of Shavertown, died on Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at his apartment.

He was born in Kingston, and graduated from Dallas High School, class of 2004. After graduation, he attended U.S. Army Military Police School in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and then served at 320th Military Police Battalion in Ashley.

He served in Iraq with the 400th MP. He was employed as a security guard for S.O.S. Security. He was a member of Disabled American Vets, Chapter 30, Wilkes-Barre, the American Legion, Wilkes-Barre, and volunteered at the Scranton Vet Center.

Surviving are his parents, Patricia Lord, Nanticoke; and Carl J. Colarusso Sr., of South Carolina; his son, Gianni; maternal grandmother, Patricia Mitchell, Plymouth; brother, James, Shavertown; stepsister, Maria, South Carolina; a nephew, aunts, uncles and cousins.

CRAGLE - Bertha Mae Williams, 90, of Hunlock Creek, died Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born March 12, 1923, in Plymouth, and raised in Hunlock Creek, where she attended a one-room schoolhouse. She later attended Harter High School, Nanticoke.

She was employed by various sewing factories and made bomb shells during World War II. She later worked at Retreat State Hospital as an LPN. She retired in 1982.

Surviving are her children, Naomi Hummel, Wilkes Barre; Marsha Meade, Wyoming; Relza Jr., Sweet Valley; Lena S. Schutz, Wilkes-Barre; Deborah Dotter, Pittston; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations to the Hunlock Creek United Methodist Church, 853 Main Road, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621; or to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 900 Rutter Ave., Suite 8, Forty Fort, PA 18704.

DORRANCE - Victoria R., 88, of Dallas, died Friday, July 5, 2013, at Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

She was born in Pittston, and was a graduate of Pittston High School. Before retiring, she was a secretary and bookkeeper for Orange Dairy. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are son, Leonard A. Jr.; daughters, Charlotte Kelley, Barbara Yanchick, both of Dallas; sister, Regina Hudacko, Dewey, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

ERVINE - Mary Joan, 77, of Tunkhannock, died Friday, June 28, 2013,

at the VNA Hospice, Scranton.

She was born in Binghamton, N.Y., on April 11, 1936, graduated from Meshoppen High School in 1954 and attended Ursinus College.

She belonged to the Tyler Memorial Auxiliary and was the editor of the State Farm Insurance Newsletter, Dallas, Texas.

Surviving are her daughter, Jennifer, Wilkes-Barre; son, Clay, Libertyville, Ill.; two grandchildren; aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations to the Meshoppen Francis Kennard Library, P.O. Box 39, Meshoppen, PA 18630.

EVANS - Jack Lewis, 91, of Trucksville, died Monday, July 8, 2013, at Meadows Nursing Home, Dallas.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre on Nov. 20, 1921, and lived in Dallas. He attended Kingston Township High School, where he was known as an outstanding baseball player.

After the Pearl Harbor attack, he enlisted in the Army on Jan. 29, 1942, and became a Sergeant in C Company 502 Parachute Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division during World War II. He fought in two invasions (Normandy and Holland) and four major campaigns (Normandy, Holland, Battle of the Bulge, and Hagenau).

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Certificate, a prestigious tribute for heroic conduct in France on July 16, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart with three clusters and earned two Presidential Citations for Gallantry in Action given by President Roosevelt and President Truman.

He worked for Dallas Dairy, the old Boston Store and stayed with Boscov's for 17 years until he retired and then worked for Car-Lotta in Kingston. He became a Mason in the George M. Dallas Lodge, Shrine Club of Greater Wilkes-Barre, Irem Shrine and a member of the Shepherds Unit.

He had been a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church and the Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, the former Alice Holcomb; sisters, May Chamberlain and Wahnetta Berti, both of Dallas; nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Memorial donations to the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708; or The Shepherds Unit of Irem Shrine, P.O. Box 307, Dallas, PA 18612.

MONKA - John S. Jr., 47, of Trucksville, died Sunday, July 7, 2013, at his home.

He was born in Kingston. Surviving are a sister, Cindy Jerzak, Dallas; a nephew; aunts, uncles and cousins.

ROGERS - Enid Novitski, 87, of Shavertown, died Friday, July 5, 2013, in Guardian Elder Care in Nanticoke.

She was born Nov. 20, 1925, in West Nanticoke.

Surviving are daughters, Sharon Stockage, Sweet Valley; Lynn Wiepa, Nanticoke; brother, Keith Cragle, Ceasetown; sister, Bonnie Brader, Ceasetown; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ROSS - Jane McKim, 83, of Dallas, and Key West, Fla., died Saturday, July 6, 2013, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

She was born Feb. 25, 1930, in Newark, N.J., and graduated from Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J., in 1948 and Cornell University with honors in economics in 1952.

She had been active in

numerous community and civic organizations, among them the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre, the League of Women Voters of the Wilkes-Barre area, the Luzerne Foundation and the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley.

She was a member of the Huntsville Golf Club and the Westmoreland Club.

Surviving are her daughter, Barbara, of Somerville, Mass.; son, Richard III (Rip), of Dallas; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Carol Brownell.

Memorial donations to Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley, 31 W. Market St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18701.

SUTTON - David W. Sr., 85, of Virginia Beach, Va., died June 27, 2013 in Sentara Leigh Memorial Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

He was born in Trucksville, and was a graduate of Kingston Township High School. Before retiring, he was a traffic manager for Sterling Extruding, South Plains, N.J.

He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Virginia Beach, where he was very active in many of the church groups. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in both World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are daughters, Patricia Unterstein and Linda Johnson, both of Virginia Beach; son, David W. Jr., New Brunswick, N.J.; brother, Sherman, Trucksville; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

URBANAS - Paul D., 66, of Sweet Valley, died Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at Commonwealth Hospice, Wilkes Barre.

He was born in Plymouth, and was a graduate of Plymouth High School and Penn State University Wilkes Barre.

Before retiring, he was employed by Air Products, Hanover Township. More recently, he was employed by Kimberly Clark, West Pittston.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are daughters, Amy Maseychik, Dallas; and Jill Gruver, Shavertown; brother, Joseph, Parsons; sister, Diane Laibinis, Hanover Township; four grandchildren.

VOELKER - Ruth T., of Shavertown, died Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at her home.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, was a graduate of GAR High School, Bucknell University Junior College (now Wilkes University), and Bucknell University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, where she was a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, a national honorary mathematics society.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, president of the Dorcas Society, director of senior and children's choirs, church council and the committee for the new church. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Shrine Auxiliary.

She was a volunteer for the Meadows Nursing Center and Hospice St. John.

Surviving are sons, Robert B., The Woodlands, Texas; Donald J., Raleigh, N.C.; David C., Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter, Barb Towne, Litchfield, N.H.; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the Candle Fund of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 802, Dallas, PA 18612.



Members of Take the Stage Players preparing for their production at the Back Mountain Memorial Library are, from left, first row, Alex Metz, Whoops and Doodle; Emmalee Carlsson, Boogie; and Jace Hynick, Ledoo. Second row, Madison Carlsson, Zoop; Sarah Gurzynski, Patsy; and Maria Fioti, Sue Snickles. Third row, Evelyn Toennes, Marie; Olivia Anderson, Mother; Corrine Toennes, E; Olivia Thomas, X; Shaun Thomas, E; Rebecca Balara, Squish and Julia Macey, Peter.

'Bed Bugs' and 'I Think I Can' come to Back Mountain library

"Bed Bugs" and "I Think I Can" are two children's productions planned for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20 by the Take the Stage Players at the Back Mountain Memorial Library grounds, Huntsville Road, Dallas.

"Bed Bugs" (by Leah Genuario) is a delightful tale of bedbugs living in Bed Village, also known as Marie's bedspread. The show takes the audience through the bugs' plans to get rid of the "Wicked Witch," also known as Marie. The little girl likes to jump on her bed, but to the bedbugs being squished underfoot, she is the wicked witch, causing earthquakes and other natural disasters. The citizens of Bed Village decide

they must take action with a full-scale attack. This prompts Marie to investigate and, to her surprise, there really are bedbugs and they can talk! Crawling with laughs, this play is a fun way to remind us there are always two sides to every story and conflict is best resolved peacefully.

"I Think I Can" (by Kathryn Shultz Miller and Barry Miller) is a play of possibilities. Becky Watkins has a case of "I-don't-think-I-can-do-it-itis."

Fortunately, for Becky, she has a sophisticated house cat and personal advisor named "Professor." The "Professor" recognizes Becky's symptoms and leads her through a

magical adventure with an abundance of fun through audience participation and songs. This play's inspiring message is "you can do anything you put your mind to."

The summer plays are produced for the "Theater on the Auction Block" series and are offered by Take the Stage Center for the Performing Arts, located on Dug Road in Trucksville. The July performance is directed by Caitlyn Metz, of Dallas who is assisted by Karl Kleist, Hanover.

Show tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under. Lawn seating is available. Proceeds benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

CHURCH BRIEFS

CHICKEN BARBEQUE

A chicken barbeque will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 20 at the Mount Zion United Methodist Church. Takeouts will be available from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children age 12 and under. For tickets, call Carole at 388-6565 or Bob at 823-2484.

MEN'S CLUB PLANS BARBEQUE

The Men's Club of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas will sponsor a chicken and biscuit dinner including homemade desserts and beverages from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 20 in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church. Takeouts will be available at 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 675-3131 or at the door.

TUMC PLANS CHICKEN BARBEQUE

The Trucksville United Methodist Church Annual Chicken Barbeque will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 26 at the Educational Building, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, off Route 309 at Carverton Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Dinner includes a half chicken, all the fixings and homemade dessert. To reserve tickets, call the church office at 696-3897 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VBS HAS WESTERN THEME

Back Mountain Harvest Assembly will host a Vacation Bible School called "SonWest Roundup" from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, July 29 to Friday, Aug. 2 for children ages 3-12. This year's theme is western and participants are encouraged to dress in western wear. There will be daily prizes and a grand prize awarded at the end of the week. Horseback riding will be available to those up for it. There will be a pool party concluding this event at the Rock Rec Sports Complex (formerly Valley Tennis and Swim Club). For more information, call 696-1128.

SUMC PLANS TRIP TO SEE 'NOAH'

Shavertown United Methodist Fine Arts is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound, Lancaster on Thursday, Aug. 1 to see "Noah." Cost includes ticket to the show, bus, meal at Miller's Smorgasbord following the show and all gratuities. Cost is \$98 for adults, \$81 for 13-18 year olds and \$57 for 3-12 year olds. Call or email Gene Kelleher to reserve your seat at 881-3712 or elkelleher@gmail.com. Bus will leave SUMC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Show is at 1 p.m. and dinner is at 4:15 p.m.

Three black kittens



Black goes with everything and so do our black kittens. Contrary to popular belief, these little ones are far from scary. In fact, they go overboard to be as affectionate and loving as any kitten. We have the three black jelly beans available for adoption as well as several other black kittens.

You can visit these kittens and their friends at **BLUE CHIP FARMS ANIMAL REFUGE** 974 Lockville Road Dallas **VISITING HOURS** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m. Other hours by appointment Call: 333-5265 Email: questions@bcfanimalrefuge.org

JCA

Jewish Community Alliance of Northeastern Pennsylvania

JCC 40 Acre Campsite indoor & outdoor Courts & fields for soccer, golf, lacrosse, field hockey, tennis and basketball are now available 12 months per year.

The Jewish Community Alliance of NE PA would like to invite all groups and teams to rent our facility located near Harvey's Lake. The 40 acre facility includes 3 tennis courts, 3 heated swimming pools, a diving well, and heated gymnasium. Groups are invited to visit and view our facility. Kitchen & eat-in dining area and picnic areas are available along with two playgrounds. Rentals are now being arranged for outdoor and indoor facilities.

Call Rick Evans at the JCA at 824-4646 or 947-6766