

DEATH NOTICES

DALLAS — William S. Michaels, 78, of Dallas, passed away peacefully in the company of his loving family on Oct. 16, 2013. Funeral services were held Oct. 21 at the A.J. Kopicki Funeral Home, 263 Zerby Ave., Kingston. Mass of Christian Burial was held in Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas.

DALLAS — Regina Ann Powell, 78, of Dallas, passed away Oct. 18, 2013, at home, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held Oct. 22 at the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, Inc., corner of routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with a Mass of Christian Burial in the Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

PITTSSTON TOWNSHIP — Veronica H. (Sekerchak) Snopkowski, a former resident of Pittston Township, passed away Oct. 18, 2013, in Little Flower Manor, Wilkes-Barre. Veronica had family in Dallas. Funeral services were held Oct. 22 at the Graziano Funeral Home, Inc., 700 S. Twp. Blvd, Pittston Township. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in Holy Rosary Church (Nativity of Our Lord Parish), Duryea.

LUZERNE — Russell W. "Bud" Muchler, 86, of Luzerne, passed away suddenly on Oct. 18, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General

Hospital. Russell had family in Dallas. Funeral was held Oct. 23 at the Kopicki Funeral Home, 263 Zerby Ave., Kingston, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Family Parish, Luzerne.

DALLAS — Agnes G. Lewis, 90, of Dallas, died Oct. 19, 2013. Funeral services were held Oct. 23 at the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek.

SHAVERTOWN — Mrs. Margaret "Tess" Pryor Whitesell, 86, of Shavertown, passed into Eternal Life on Oct. 18, 2013 in the Commonwealth Hospice Inpatient Unit at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre. Funeral services were conducted on Oct. 22 with a funeral Mass for family in St. Theres Roman Catholic Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP — Andrew "Buddy" M. Sholtis Jr., of Jackson Township, passed away Oct. 20, 2013, at the General Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, on his 68th birthday. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 23 in Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas.

DALLAS — Thomas M. Zaboraski, 66, of Dallas, passed away Oct. 13, 2013, at his home. Graveside services were held in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown.

CHURCH BRIEFS

"TRUNK OR TREAT" IN SWEET VALLEY

"Trunk or Treat" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 27 at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Road, Sweet Valley.

Call 570-477-2320 for more information.

LIUM "TRUNK OR TREAT"

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, 1011 Mountain View Drive, Lehman will hold a "Trunk or Treat" from 2 to 4 p.m. today, Oct. 27 in the church parking lot. Children are invited to dress in their Halloween costumes and receive treats. Those interested in participating by decorating their trunks and treating the children are invited.

"LIGHT THE NIGHT"

"Light the Night" featuring a variety of indoor amusements and the annual chili cook-off will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Rock Rec Center, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Chili contestants should have their chili available no later than 6 p.m. There will be special prizes for first, second and third place.

For more information, call 570-696-1128.

HAM DINNER

A ham dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Menu includes ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, roll and butter, pie and beverage.

For more information, call 570-639-5688 or 570-333-4218.

CHICKEN DINNER

A baked chicken breast dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29, Noxen.

Dinners, at \$8 each, include chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetables, cabbage salad, rolls with butter, beverages and homemade pie.

Takeouts will be available.

SENIOR PROGRAM

"Compassionate Senior Care: Looking Out for Our Loved Ones" will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6 in Father Sammons Hall in the basement of St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown.

Guest speaker will be James Siberski, MS, CMC, Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Gerontology Education and Director of the Geriatric Care Management Program at Misericordia University, who will offer tips for family members and caregivers.

The free program is open to the public. For more information, call 570-696-1144.

CRAFT FAIR

A craft fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, 1011 Mountain View Drive, Lehman. Shop from local and handmade artisans and crafters with Scentsy, Jamberry and other handmade items. Admission is free.

For more information or to request a vendor spot, contact Lyndsey at 570-690-2533.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

A breakfast buffet will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown.

Senior citizens and children age 6 and under eat free. Adult charge is \$7. Breakfast includes, eggs, sausage, toast, homefries, pancakes, ham, coffee, tea or orange juice.

"THE GIFT" TRADITION CONTINUES

The tradition of "The Gift," a live Christmas program, will continue this year at the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville. The program is scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14; and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. For more information, call the church at 570-696-1128.

Kingston Twp. acquires new all-wheel police vehicle

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently accepted the delivery of a new unmarked 2013 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Sedan to add to the Kingston Township Police Department's fleet. The upgrade to an all-wheel drive vehicle insures that the township can continue to provide service to township residents in all weather.

Also purchased was a digital in-car video system. Police vehicles equipped with in-car cameras allow officers to record events that transpire during their tour of duty.

The vehicle and video equipment were purchased with funds acquired from a Local Share Account (Gaming Grant) application submitted by Dallas Township on behalf of the Back Mountain Community Partnership. The purchases were made through the states Co-Star's program. The new unmarked sedan replaces a 2002 rear-wheel drive Ford Crown Victoria sedan. The township sold the used sedan at an auction this summer.



Shown here with a new Kingston Township police vehicle are, from left, Police Chief James Balavage; Supervisor Vice-Chair Shirley A. Moyer; Supervisor James Reino and Sergeant Michael Moravec.

Octoberfest, art show planned for Mercy Center



An Octoberfest and fine art show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Mercy Center Skilled Nursing and Personal Care Home. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free. For vendor and display information, call Mark Williams at 570-674-6945. Shown here are Gwen Harleman and Erin Dougherty, artists from the Verve Vertu Art Studio.

St. Paul's Brotherhood plans season's last supper



The Lutheran Brotherhood and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Dallas, Route 118, Dallas, will hold its final family-style roast beef supper for the fall from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 with takeouts beginning at 3:30 p.m. November 2nd. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children with tickets available at the door. Planning the supper are, from left, seated, Don Carey, Vernon Crispell, Joe Hardisky, Lee Fett and Bob McGuire. Standing, Brad Ide, Howard Shafer, Dave Kowalek, Bill Peiffer, Mark Walters and Larry Corpus.

As holidays approach, food pantry seeks help

Demand is up substantially this year at the Back Mountain Food Pantry and help from the public is very much needed and would be appreciated. It is expected that about 200 Thanksgiving food orders will be distributed to registered clients on Nov. 26; therefore, supplies need to be gathered by Nov. 15.

Please call 696-2917 to schedule food drives and delivery dates so that volunteers can be on hand to receive, sort and organize the food. All food items should carry current dates

to ensure the quality and nutritional value of the food.

Monetary donations for the pantry holiday projects may be sent to: Back Mountain Food Pantry, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708. Checks should be made payable to the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

Smaller amounts of donated food from individuals may be dropped off at Cook's Pharmacy, Route 309, Shavertown;

Hilbert's Tractor Store, Route 415, Dallas; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, off Route 118, Dallas, during their regular hours of operation.

Suggested food items needed are cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed dried potato mix, canned sweet potatoes, canned gravy, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta, canned evaporated milk, hot chocolate mix, canned hams, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-O, pudding mix, cake mixes, canned frosting and soup.

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NAMI honors Helgemos



At its recent Candlelight Vigil, The National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Luzerne/Wyoming Counties presented Ruth and Bill Helgemo, of Dallas, with the Lester Verano Advocacy Award for their volunteerism, leadership and advocacy in support of individuals and families affected by mental illness. The award was presented by James Jordan, Executive Director of NAMI-PA. From left, first row, are James Jordan, executive director, NAMI-PA; Grace Helgemo, Bill and Ruth Helgemo, Paul Radzavicz, director, NAMI Luzerne/Wyoming Counties. Second row, Glenda Race and Joseph Fedak.

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Arts at Hayfield  
**Homespun Holiday Craft Show**  
 Sunday, November 3  
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Penn State Wilkes-Barre in Lehman

Handcrafted items for sale:  
 Wreaths, dolls, toys, jewelry, furniture, clothing, & more!  
 Hickory Court Café open 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 Special: full turkey dinner (take outs available after 2:30 p.m. while supplies last)

\$2/adult donation requested  
 Directions: www.artsathayfield.org or 675-9232