

DEATH NOTICES

KERN
DALLAS — Leon George Kern Jr., 50, of Dallas, passed away Nov. 11, 2013, at home. Funeral services were held at the convenience of the family, with arrangements by the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., 1100 S. Creek. There were no viewing hours.

DUGAN
KINGSTON — Ruth C. Dugan, 97, of Kingston, passed away Nov. 12, 2013, at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township. She was born in Lehman. Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at the Harold C. Snowdon Home for Funerals Inc., 420 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Mass of Christian Burial followed in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston.

DILLON
PORT GRIFFITH — James W. Dillon, of Port Griffith, passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 13, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. He had family in Tunkhannock. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 18 in St. John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston, with arrangements by the Baloga Funeral Home Inc., 1201 Main St., Pittston (Port Griffith).

GIBBONS
MOUNTAIN TOP — Phil Gibbons, 61, of Grinnell, Iowa, and formerly of Mountain Top, died Nov. 12, 2013, of a heart attack in Des Moines, Iowa. He had family in Tunkhannock. A Mass of the Resurrection was held Nov. 16 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grinnell.

STOSS
SWOYERSVILLE — Richard Stoss, of Swoyersville, passed away Nov. 13, 2013, in the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at St. Luke's Villa, Wilkes-Barre. He had family in Trucksville. Funeral services were held Nov. 17 at Metcalfe-Shaver-Kopceza Funeral Home Inc., 504 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming.

BARTOLI
EXETER — Patrick J. Bartoli, 63, of Exeter, passed away Nov. 12, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General

Hospital, surrounded by his family. He had family in Dallas. Funeral service was held Nov. 16 from the Gubbiotti Funeral Home, 1030 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Barbara Parish in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 28 Memorial St., Exeter.

MAZUR
HARDING — George "Bucky" Mazur Sr., 78, of Harding, a much loved husband, father, grandfather, brother and son, passed away Nov. 14, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. He had family in Shavertown. Funeral service was held Nov. 19 at the Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home, 251 William St., Pittston, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Corpus Christi Parish, Church of the Holy Redeemer, Harding.

SMIGA
DALLAS — Elmer Smiga Sr., 79, of Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, passed away peacefully Nov. 15, 2013, at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. A private memorial service will be at the convenience of the family with arrangements by the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek.

KUNDRATIC
WILKES-BARRE — Genna M. Koval Kundraic, 45, of Wilkes-Barre, daughter of Marge R. and Michael G. Koval, Wilkes-Barre, died Nov. 17, 2013, at home, surrounded by the people she loved most. She had family in Franklin Township. Funeral with Mass was held Nov. 20 in St. Nicholas Church, South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

SHRINKO
HARVEYS LAKE — Samuel "Sam" Shrinko, 91, of Harveys Lake, passed away Nov. 17, 2013, at the Guardian Eldercare, Newport Township. Funeral services were held Nov. 21 at Stanley S. Stegura Funeral Home Inc., 614 S. Hanover St., Nanticoke, with a Mass of Christian Burial in the main site of St. Faustina Parish, 520 S. Hanover St., Nanticoke.

Giving thanks

Parishioners of the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle Church in Orange celebrated Thanksgiving early with a church service, followed by a Thanksgiving dinner in the fellowship hall.



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Willow Walter, left, of Franklin Township, and Emily Spencer, of Shavertown, perform a skit during the Fall Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Orange.



Members of the congregation take part in the music during the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle's Fall Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Orange.

CHURCH BRIEFS

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SUMC
A "Free Thanksgiving Dinner" event will be held at noon on Thursday, Nov. 28 at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Reservations are needed by Monday, Nov. 25 by calling the church office at 570-675-3616.

Anyone interested in helping with the dinner is asked to contact Sandy Michalisin at sandy1965@epix.net.
HOAGIES AT HUMC
The Huntsville United Methodist Church, 1233 Huntsville Road, Shavertown, will sell 8-inch Italian, turkey, veggie, ham and cheese and roast beef hoagies for \$5 each. Chips and a soda may be added for an extra \$1. Orders must be placed by Nov. 24 by calling 570-477-3748. Pick up will be between 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday, Dec. 1.

CRAFT FAIR SET
A Christmas Craft Fair will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Fellowship Church, 45 Hildebrandt Road, Dallas. Several local craft vendors will be on hand as will items from Pampered Chef and Scentsy, photography, wreaths, woodwork, jewelry and more.

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.

BREAKFAST BUFFET
The Huntsville United Methodist Church, 1233 Huntsville Road, Shavertown will host a breakfast buffet from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. Seniors 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.

CHRISTMAS EVENING SERVICE SET
Christmas Eve service will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at the Cross Creek Community Church, 370 Carverton Road. Sunday morning services are at 9 and 10:45 a.m. and Wednesday Family Night is at 6:30 p.m. A fully-staffed nursery and Junior Church are provided on Sunday mornings. For more information, call the church office at 570-696-0399.

Police association gathers coats for kids

Project has given away more than 1,000 coats to date

The annual Coats for Kids event was conducted on Nov. 10 by the Back Mountain Police Association. Members of the association collected gently-used coats from noon to 3 p.m. at the Shavertown Shopping Center.

The Back Mountain Police Association is celebrating its 55th anniversary and has collected and given away over 1,000 coats since beginning the project in 2009, according to David Dembowski, public relations representative for the association. The Back Mountain Police Association includes representatives from not only local police departments but also from the state game commission, the fishing and boating commission and the state police. Since 2008, the group has added community outreach programs to its activities.



Members of the Back Mountain Police Association pose for a photo during their coats for kids drive outside of Thomas' Family Market in Shavertown. From left, are Dave Dembowski, vice president Ross Piazza, president Martin C. Maransky, Michael Huntzinger and John Fuches.



Planning a Gingerbread House Contest and a day of fun at Gate of Heaven Church are, from left, Barbara Michaels, Kathy Selner, Carol Yezilski and Rev. Daniel Toomey, pastor.

Gingerbread House Contest, day of fun planned for Dec. 7

Gate of Heaven Church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas is having a Gingerbread House Contest on Saturday, Dec. 7. Participants can create their own gingerbread house at home and take it to the church to be judged.

Rules and entry forms available at the church office and there is no entry fee.

In addition to the Gingerbread Contest,

there will be a day of fun from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 7. The event will include public judging of gingerbread houses, children's crafts and play area, cookie decorating, carolers and Handbells, homemade soups and rolls, wimpies and beverages.

Admission fee is \$2 for all ages (ages 2 and under will be admitted free).

For more information, call 570-675-2121 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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Back Mountain Police Association public relations director Dave Dembowski, left, receives donations of coats from Dr. Deborah Spring, of Dallas Township.

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Danny Naylor
October 19, 1997
We miss you always.
Love,
Your sisters, Janet and Bet

Claire Butelli
January 27, 2009
We miss you so much and wish you were here to spend the holidays with us.
Everyday we think of you and know you are with us in our hearts.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Your children & grandchildren

This tribute will publish on Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25 and will also appear on timesleader.com
Send your photo to arrive by Thursday, Dec. 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Drop off or return this completed form with your photo and payment to: The Times Leader, Special Angels, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to have your photo returned or pick it up at our office after Dec. 31, 2013. Please include angel's name and your mailing address on back of photo. All submissions must include phone number. Please use a separate sheet of paper for more space. Alternatively, you can email your photo and the information below to classifieds@timesleader.com.

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