

DEATH NOTICES

DIPPRE
TUNKHANNOCK — Edward W. Dippre, 56, of Tunkhannock, died Nov. 17, 2013, at home. He is survived by his beloved companion of 12 years, Gail Leyshon. Private arrangements are under the care of the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge.

BISHOP
SARASOTA, Fla. — Rhoda Claire Bishop, 84, of Sarasota, Fla., passed away at home, surrounded by her family, on Nov. 10, 2013, following a courageous 2 1/2 year battle with cancer. She was formerly of Tunkhannock. Memorial services and interment were held Nov. 18 at Church of the Nativity, Sarasota. A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 7 in St. John's Episcopal Church, Palmerton.

DOLLARD
DALLAS — Mrs. Alice E. Dollard, of Dallas, passed away Nov. 19, 2013 on her 58th wedding anniversary. She was born in Duryea. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 22 in Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

SPENCER
DALLAS — Arthur "Jim" Spencer Sr., 74, of Dallas, passed away Nov. 20, 2013, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral was held Nov. 23 at the Richard H. Disque Funeral Home Inc., 2940 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

SCHALL
PLAINS TWP. — John T. Schall, 93, of Plains Township, died Nov. 23, 2013, at Wesley Village, Pittston. He had family in Dallas. Funeral services were held Nov. 27 at the Gubbiotti Funeral Home, 1030 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church, Plains Township.

OWENS
WYOMING — Clifton J. Owens, 69, of Wyoming, passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 21, 2013 at home. He formerly resided in Dallas. Funeral was held Nov. 25 at the Hugh P. Boyle & Son Funeral Home

Inc., 416 Wyoming Ave., Kingston.

FENDLER
KINGSTON — Sheila C. Fendler, of Kingston, died Nov. 24, 2013. She had family in Shavertown. The funeral was held Nov. 26 at the Rosenberg Funeral Chapel, 348 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre.

ECKERT
DALLAS — Brad A. Eckert, 59, of Dallas, died peacefully Nov. 23, 2013, at home with his wife, Sherry, by his side. Funeral service was held Nov. 26 at the Rosenberg Funeral Chapel Inc., 348 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre. Shiva was observed at 22 Baldwin St., Dallas.

RASMUS
TUNKHANNOCK TWP. — Julius S. Rasmus, 66, of Tunkhannock Township, passed away peacefully at his home on Nov. 24, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services were Nov. 27 from the Sheldon-Kukuchka Funeral Home Inc., 73 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Nativity of Our Lord Parish/Sacred Heart Church, Stephenson Street, Duryea.

JUDGE
PITTSBURGH — James W. Judge II, M.D., 89, formerly of Pittston, passed away Nov. 24, 2013, in Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre. He had family in Dallas, Harveys Lake and Trucksville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 30 in St. John the Evangelist Church, William Street, Pittston, with arrangements entrusted to the Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home, 251 William St., Pittston.

MEDICO
WEST PITTSBURGH — Beatrice A. Medico, 88, of West Pittston, passed away at home on Nov. 24, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. She had family in Shavertown. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 26 in Corpus Christi Parish, Luzerne Avenue, West Pittston, with arrangements entrusted to the Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home, 251 William St., Pittston.

CHURCH BRIEFS

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 EVEN 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.



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 Members of the Shavertown United Methodist Church Praise Ringers who will participate in Carols by Candlelight on Dec. 8 at the church are, from left, first row, Bethany Dennis, Courtney McCarthy, Linda Frame, Kate Jenkins. Second row, Cathy Berkey, Michele Butts, John Bunney, Tyler Tuck. Third row, Cara Farina, Chris Biesecker, Cindy Biesecker, Thomas Ketchner. Absent at the time of the photo was Barbara Mark.

Carols by Candlelight at SUMC

The Shavertown United Methodist Church Fine Arts Concert Series will present Carols by Candlelight at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 at the church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. The annual Christmas concert will be an evening of carol singing accompanied by The Anthracite Brass, hand bells, piano and organ. The chancel choir, guest singers and five other choirs from the church will also sing and play special arrangements of favorite Christmas and Advent carols. A reception will follow the concert and a free will offering will be received. For more information, call 570-675-3616.



GFWC Harveys Lake welcomes members

The General Federation of Womens Club of Harveys Lake welcomed 11 new members at The Boathouse, in Harveys Lake on Nov. 7. From left, first row, are Kelly Rogan, Joyce Hoban, Mary Warner, Linda Brutsche. Second row, Angela Evans, Sharon Austin, Debbie Soback, Eve Schwartz and Sandy Miranda. Absent at the time of the photo were Elaine Hudak and Barb Mikielski.

Zumba Gold offered at Tunkhannock Library

The Luzerne-Wyoming County Area Agency on Aging will offer free Zumba Gold classes at the Tunkhannock Library for six weeks beginning Dec. 2.

Classes will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and are being offered at no cost through the Luzerne-Wyoming County Area Agency on Aging Prime Time Health Program, which focuses on promoting wellness and healthy living for members of the community who are 50+ years of age.



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 Planning Zumba Gold classes at the Tunkhannock Library are, from left, Patti Gozikowski, Director of Senior Center Services for the Luzerne-Wyoming County Area Agency on Aging; Connie Kintner, Zumba Gold instructor; and Kristin Smith-Garey, director of the Tunkhannock Library.

Books honor memory of loved ones

The following memorial/honor books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the month of November 2013:

In memory of Adam E. Onzik, "National Geographic Kids: National Parks Guide U.S.A." by Sarah Wassner Flynn, presented by Margaret and Russ Susko and Family

In memory of Irene Katyl, "Accused" by Lisa Scottoline (large print), presented by Dolores Newell

In memory of Dick Orłowski, "The Art of Negotiations" by Michael Wheeler, presented by Anthony and Mildred Turel; "The Smartest Money Book You'll Ever Read" by Daniel R. Solin, presented by Ellen and Joe Lehon; "The Great War: July 1, 1916" by Joe Sacco, presented by Richard and Linda Adams

In memory of Richard Evans Jr., "Hawaii Dreamscapes Revealed: Kauai" by Andrew Doughty, presented by Carol G. Crawford; "Saving Middle America: Securing Financial Dreams" by Rich Rossi, presented by WBRE Nexstar Broadcasting; "7 Money Rules for Life" by Mary Hunt, presented by Donald and Joan Britt

In memory of William Dauksis, "Jack London: An American Life" by Earle Labor, presented by Dr. and Mrs. William Wilkie

In memory of Jean DeRose, "Christmas Bliss" by Mary Kay Andrews (large print), presented by Donna M. Sheara
In memory of Charles Lemmond, "The Right Path" by Joe Scarborough, presented by Clarence and Morag E. Michael
In memory of Elizabeth

Kachmar, "The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon" by Alexander McCall Smith (large print), presented by Marie Preston; "A House in the Sky: a memoir" by Amanda Lindhout, presented by Marie Preston; "Margaret Thatcher: Power and Personality" by Jonathan Aitken, presented by Ethel W. Watlock; "The Craft of Baking" by Karen DeMasco, presented by John M. Thier; "Pilates/Yoga for Anybody" (DVD), presented by Robert Packer Hospital Radiation Oncology Staff

The following books are in memory of **Elizabeth Kachmar** and are presented by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meyers: "Strings Attached" by Joanne Lipman, "One Hundred and Four Horses" by Mandy Retzlaff
 The following books are in memory of **Honey L.**

Knorr and are presented by Joann and Bill Sauers: "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, "Johnny Carson" by Henry Bushkin

The following books are in memory of **Ella Katherine Shaw** and are presented by Alpha Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma: "Ramona and Her Father" by Beverly Cleary, Madeline and the Old House in Paris" by John Bemelmans Marciano

The following books are in memory of **Lainey Cooper Johnson** and are presented by Tom and Cathy Becker: "Time-Out for Sophie" by Rosemary Wells, "Xander's Panda Party" by Linda Sue Park

HONOR
In honor of Joe Boyle, "The Bully Pulpit" by Doris Kearns Goodwin, presented by Harleth W. and Elizabeth Davis

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