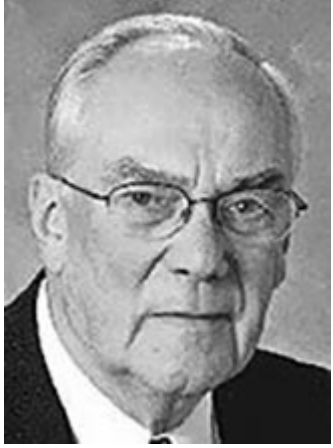


Area Obituaries



Henry Niemitz
Maplewood, N.J.

Lifelong resident Henry E. Niemitz, 94, of Maplewood, N.J., died on Feb. 28, 2017. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Winchester Gardens, 333 Elmwood Ave., Maplewood, on Saturday, April 29, at 1:30 p.m.

Hank was born in Newark, N.J., but lived in Maplewood his whole life, most recently at Winchester Gardens. He was a graduate of Columbia High School and Williams College. During college, he was called to active duty and served in North Africa with the Army Air Corps and at Air Force Headquarters in Vienna. After graduating from Williams in 1946, he completed a year of graduate studies in business at Babson College and joined New Jersey Bell, where he spent 35 years in management and marketing, lastly, on the new cellular mobile service development team.

His real passion was serving as a community volunteer and civic leader. As a 51-year member of the Maplewood Civic Association, he participated in or chaired numerous events and was involved with the Boy Scouts, Maplewood schools, the Durand Hedden House, and YMCA, and was president of the Maplewood Rent Leveling Board. For his tremendous contributions, he was awarded the Maple Leaf Award by the Maplewood Civic Association in 2003. He was a member of Morrow Memorial Church for 83 years, serving on the Administrative Board for 58 years and as president of the board of trustees.

It was as president of Morrow's Young Adults Club that he met his loving wife of 67 years, Carolyn. After his retirement, they traveled the world, documenting their experiences on film and sharing them with friends and neighbors of all ages. They also spent 50 wonderful summers at Crystal Lake (Pa.) with lifelong friends, their children and grandchildren.

Hank was a lifelong learner who wrote poetry, studied the financial markets, read widely and engaged you in active and interesting conversations. His family gave him great joy and he will be missed for his wise advice, encouragement, and support.

In addition to Carolyn, he is survived by his three children, Jeffrey Niemitz (Tricia), Peter Niemitz (Paul Gaucher), and Gail Fritzing (Peter); six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; his sister, Catherine Walker, and niece, Susan Walker.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Winchester Gardens Residents Association Scholarship Fund or the Niemitz Scholarship Fund at Morrow Memorial Church. Arrangements are by The Jacob A. Holle Funeral Home, Maplewood.



Elizabeth Sakevich
North Scranton

Elizabeth Sakevich, North Scranton, died Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at Green Ridge Health Care Center after an illness.

Born in Scranton, daughter of the late Frank and Victoria Stanulis Rataic, she was a lifelong resident of the Marvine section of the city. She was a member of St. Joseph's Lithuanian R.C. Church, now Mary, Mother of God Parish. She was a judge of elections in the Marvine Dutch Gap for more than 30 years. She enjoyed bingo, crocheting and especially her grandkids.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony and wife, Tammy, Forest City; and Frank and wife, Tammy, Olyphant; two daughters, Brenda Casciano and husband, Matthew, Scranton; and Maryellen Ducas, Carbondale, 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Elaine Beck, Old Forge; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Thomas.

The funeral was held March 25 from the Bomberger-Lesko Funeral Home Inc., Scranton, with Mass of Christian Burial in Mary, Mother of God Parish at Holy Rosary Church. Interment, Cathedral Cemetery.

FC Recycling Curb Pickup

The weekly Forest City curbside pickup of recyclables is held every Tuesday of the month, weather permitting.

Ann Marie Arabia
Honesdale

Ann Marie Arabia, 68, of Honesdale and Wrighter Lake, died Friday, March 17, 2017 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale. Her husband is Carl Arabia.

Born September 28, 1948 in Rahway, NJ, she is the daughter of the late Herbert and Elizabeth Ford Buhl. Prior to retirement, Ann worked for Merck and Company, Rahway, NJ. She was a Catholic and liked to read and garden. She also enjoyed pottery and summering at Wrighter Lake. Ann was a loving wife and mother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Also surviving is a son Daniel Arabia, Honesdale; brothers Herbert Buhl, Columbia, SC; and Keith Buhl and wife Theresa, Rahway, NJ; sisters Shelagh Julio, Somerset, NJ; and Dawn Antonozzi and husband Leonard, Basking Ridge, NJ; nieces and nephews.

Also preceded in death by a sister Marlene Trice.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are through the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City.

Condolences visit www.lesjackfuneralhome.com.

Lent 2017 Ascension & St. Katharine

The celebration of the sacrament of penance (with Exposition and benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament) at St. Katharine Drexel Parish and St. James Church on April 3 - confessions from 6 to 7 p.m. and at Ascension Parish at St. Joseph Church on April 10 confessions 6 to 7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be Fridays throughout lent at 4:30 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel Parish at St. James Parish and 6 p.m. at Ascension Parish at St. Joseph Church.

Bag Lady lunch Tues., April 4

A bag Ladies Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 4, in the Starrucca Baptist Social rooms at noon. The menu will be wimpies. A donation plus a food pantry item requested. The public is welcome.



Marion G. Wargo
Clifford Twp.

Marion G. Wargo, 89, of Clifford Township, died Wednesday night at the Forest City Nursing Home. Her husband, Richard "Dick" Wargo, died on January 16, 1996.

Born March 19, 1928 in Carbondale, she was the daughter of the late Byron, Sr. and Mary Chapman Gummo.

Marion was a graduate of Harford High School and later became a secretary at the Methodist Board of Missions in New York City. She had been employed as an inspector at the Bendix Corporation in South Montrose and retired as a seamstress from the Clifford Dress Factory. She was a member of the Clifford United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star and a quilting club made up of several friends. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and quilting.

She is survived by two sisters: Ethel Ward of Scranton and Carol Roth and husband Stephen of Clifford Township; two brothers: Byron Gummo and wife Fran of Tunkhannock and Gerald Gummo of Florida; several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister: Betty Cottrell.

The funeral will be Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. from the Shifler-Parise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 18 Airport Road, Clifford, with Pastor Eric Watkins, officiating. Spring Interment, Clifford Valley Cemetery, Clifford.

Friends may call Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

To share condolences with Marion's family visit her book of everlasting memories at www.parisefuneralhome.com.

LIBRARY TIDBITS

by Nancy Narma

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month." -Henry Van Dyke

How do you treat your books? I'm not talking just about your own, private Library, but, also, about the tomes you borrow from your local Library Location. Do you handle them with tender loving care?

Do you make sure that the book jacket stays clean, no matter what your fingers have handled? How about bookmarks? Do you grab the closest thing at hand and, groggily stuff it in between the pages? It's difficult to even contemplate that you would turn down the corner of the page—but some of us have done it in a pinch within our own private selection (not recommended). If you loan someone one of your favorites and they find toast crumbs or a slight coffee stain within the pages, they might figure that you couldn't wait a minute more and read while having breakfast or on a lunch break. Bookmarks—in a way I suppose—but more likely a subtle note about a juicy passage. The majority of Readers care for library books as if they were precious jewels awaiting another Reader's perusal and enjoyment. But, it still seems as though we like to leave things behind in the books we read. An Acknowledgement sometimes perhaps, of how much one liked the book for the next borrower to find. "Tin House Publishing" recently asked Librarians to name the most interesting, memorable or, just plain odd items found in books. Some answers weren't that surprising. The items probably were the closest thing at hand to hold their place—a photograph, an event ticket, a wine label, but, there were instances where paper money, paychecks, and even divorce papers were discovered. However, the biggest puzzle was the amount of food they found tucked between the pages. Imagine finding a cooked shrimp, pickle slices, French fries or a pop-tart while checking in the bound beauties? Three Librarians reported finding slices of bologna and two found strips of raw bacon. Now, you can imagine that the bologna may have been left by a child, unhappy with his lunch, but, raw bacon? The top three in the Tin House Publishing "Competition" was a taco, perfectly preserved like a dried, pressed flower, a photograph of the Librarian's own Russian Grandparents and Uncle who had been persecuted for their religious beliefs and last but not least, a sealed, stamped envelope that had never been sent (The Li-

brarian added postage and sent it off without steaming it open). In the category of "Inquiring minds want to know", I asked our local Librarians what oddities they had found over time.

Susquehanna's Laura Nichols told me they get lots of store receipts, envelopes and the occasional birthday cards and photos, which they attempt to return to owner. The item they like finding the least is hair stuck between the pages. (Hmm—a hairy bookmark—maybe to be found in "Harry Potter" tomes?) Sorry, I couldn't resist. She said the odd-est returned in a book to date was a (Still wrapped) lollipop! Now, Forest City's Librarian, Diana Junior has found a somewhat different assortment, such as Mass Cards, scratched-off losing lottery tickets, book lists, recipes, and boarding pass photos. Hallstead/Great bend's Librarian Angie Hall reported that they hadn't found anything too out of the ordinary—yet. They also found money, birthday cards and photos, with the occasional grocery lists, Doctor's notes and personal bookmarks. I have a feeling after reading this column, more readers will be shaking out their volumes before returning them to you.

The 2017 Auction Night is right around the corner on April 8th at the Montrose VFW Hall on Route 706, and promises to, once again, have some beautiful and unique items to please the most discerning auction attendee. The Library Auction Fundraiser is now the second largest fundraiser for the Association, following closely behind the Blueberry Festival. It also features a delicious dinner, included in the admission price which is payable at the door. Items up for auction are of exceptional quality and feature antiques and collectibles, furniture, paintings, sculptures, pottery, gift baskets, event ticket, sporting items and much more. A smattering of auction items can be seen on the Library Website <http://www.susqcolibrary.org/auction>.

Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for an enjoyable evening as well as helping us to provide the programs and services you and your Family have enjoyed.

As I fashion a basket of nesting materials for the birds to find and use, I leave you with this thought:

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather instead of four and twenty hours." -Mark Twain

Hidden Crocus Blossoms—Piping Hot Soup—A Giraffe Calf ENJOY!!

3rd Annual Cruzin' 2 B'dale Sat., June 3

The Browndale Fire Company No.1 is excited to invite local vendors to exhibit at the 3rd Annual Cruzin'2 Browndale Car Show benefiting the fire company to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, beginning at 11 AM with food, music, raffles, and more until 5 PM at the Browndale Fire Company grounds, Route 247, 620 Marion Street.

We are still accepting crafters, vendors and swap meet applicants as well as car show registrations but space is getting limited so contact us to register now!

For more information please check us out on Facebook: Cruzin'2 Browndale or email us at browndalefire@gmail.com or phone us at (570) 785-5300. We thank you in advance for your support!

YMCA events

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and the Greater Carbondale YMCA is holding free trainings on the subject. Stewards of Children is a 2 1/2 hour training designed to educate adults on how to recognize, prevent, and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. Due to a generous grant from the MAXIMUS Foundation, these trainings are FREE but registration is required or schedule a private training for your community group/business. DATES FOR TRAININGS:

Sunday, April 2nd, 4:00-6:30pm; Monday, April 3rd, 6:00-8:30pm; Wednesday,

April 5th, 6:00-8:30pm; Thursday, April 20th, 8:30-11am; Sunday, April 30th 3:00-5:30pm

Annual Fred Ciotti 5K Memorial Race/Walk and NEP 1 Mile Fun Run - Join the Y and hundreds of runners/walkers on Saturday, April 22.

The annual Spring Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, May 6, in the Totsky gym at the YMCA, 82 N Main St., Carbondale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 40+ local artisans showcasing their talents and crafts, as well as a luncheon with a bake sale throughout the day. The Y is currently seeking talented vendors.

Day Camp registration - The Greater Carbondale YMCA is ready to make summer fun for your child. Register your child (1st through 7th in the 2017-18 school year) for a summer of trips, swimming, hiking, playing, and so much more!

Preschool Registration for half day and full day summer preschool is being taken. Children ages 3 1/2 to 6 years will enjoy of summer of continued learning, playing and growing in friendships.

Call the Y for more information on any of these events at 570-282-2210.

MEMORIAM

"Perhaps you sent a lovely card"

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so very much, whatever the part.

- Author: Unknown

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