

Obituaries

Deaths

KRIETE, BARBARA J., 67, of Branchville, formerly of Oak Ridge, died on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015. Visitation: Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m., M. John Scanlan Funeral Home, Pompton Plains. Funeral Mass: Wednesday, 11 a.m., St. Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church, Oak Ridge. Cremation will be private.

MICHALSKI, SUSAN S., 66, of Wantage, died on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015. Visitation: Wednesday, 4 to 7 p.m., Pinkel Funeral Home, Sussex. Funeral: Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the funeral home. Private burial services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Services

BENNER, HELEN "BERNICE": Memorial service: Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m., Lebanon United Methodist Church, Drakes Branch, Va.

BROWN, SUSAN K.: A celebration of Susie's life will be held at the convenience of the family.

CARR, LINDA E.: Celebration of life: Sunday, Aug. 16, 2 p.m., Fredon Firehouse.

CUTLER, BONNIE JEAN: Visitation: Saturday, Sept. 12, 2-4 p.m., Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, Newton. Memorial service: Sept. 12, 4 p.m., at the funeral home.

HECHT, RAYMOND A.: Memorial service: Sunday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, Andover Township.

LEVENDUSKY, PATRICIA E.: Visitation: Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Ferguson-Vernon Funeral Home, Vernon. Funeral service: Wednesday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m., at the funeral home, to a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Francis de Sales R.C. Church, Vernon. Cremation services are private.

MASTALIA, PIETRO G.: Visitation: Today, 4-8 p.m., Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home, Landing. Funeral Mass: Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m., St. Jude R.C. Church, Hopatcong.

MOYSE, MARY CARR: Celebration of Life: Saturday, Aug. 22, 1-4 p.m., Hamburg Fire Department.

SYTSEMA, WILLIAM: Visitation: Today, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Ferguson Funeral Home, Sussex. Funeral services: Tuesday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m., Sussex Christian Reformed Church, Sussex. Interment will be private.

Minn. Rep. David Dill loses cancer battle

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — State Rep. David Dill, who represented northeastern Minnesota and focused much of his legislative efforts on mining, outdoor recreation, the environment and natural resources, died after a short battle with cancer. He was 60. Dill, DFL-Crane Lake, died Saturday night after getting the diagnosis only a month ago, said Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk. Bakk, who said he received word of Dill's death from his wife and son, said Dill's organs ultimately shut down from the chemotherapy treatments.

"He was as hard of working member of the state house as I've ever seen," Bakk said Sunday of his friend. "He always put his constituents first."

Dill represented Koochiching, northern St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties, since 2002. He was re-elected in November with more than 65 percent of the vote in a district that is the largest in the state by area. Dill, chairman of the Lands Subcommittee, also worked on agriculture finance and economic development issues.

Gov. Mark Dayton released a statement Sunday, saying he would miss Dill. "David was deeply committed to Minnesota. As a legislator, he advocated tirelessly for the best interests of his district and the general welfare of our state."

Dayton will likely call a special election to fill Dill's seat.

Barbara J. Kriete

BRANCHVILLE — Barbara J. Kriete, 67, of Branchville, formerly of Oak Ridge, passed away on Aug. 8, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born and raised in Queens, N.Y., she graduated from College Misericordia and then began her teaching career in Randolph Township. It was there she built her career as a Spanish teacher for 23 years where she touched the lives of countless students and formed lasting friendships with many colleagues.

She married Dick Kriete on Oct. 3, 2009, and shortly thereafter built their dream home in Branchville. Together they shared a love for gardening, wildlife and spectacular views from their front porch. Barbara adored her husband and although their time together was short, their love for each other was unmatched.

Barbara was a caring and compassionate wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren. She loved to tell stories of her little girls and share photos with anyone and everyone.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Kriete; her sons, Paul Gates Jr. and his wife, Maria, and Chris Gates and his wife, Chrissy; her daughter, Amanda Gates; her brother, Robert Parbel; her grandchildren, Adriana and Madison, and many close family and friends. She was predeceased by Edward Parbel and John Weber.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m., at the M. John Scanlan Funeral Home, Pompton Plains. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Wednesday at St. Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church, Oak Ridge. Cremation will be private. (www.scanlanfuneral.com) A very special and heartfelt thank you to Dr. Pecora, his team, and everyone at the John Theurer Cancer Center for their kindness and exceptional care. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory can be made to the John Theurer Cancer Center at HUMC.

Susan S. Michalski

WANTAGE — Susan S. Michalski, age 66, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, at Newton Medical Center. Sue was raised in Clifton and had lived in Wantage since 1977. She had been employed as a special education teacher by Willow Glen Academy at the Sparta campus and had retired in 2013.

She was predeceased by her husband, John A. Michalski in 1995; her father, Kenneth Tintle in 2009; and her sister, Sheryl Renavitz in 2015.

Sue is survived by her daughter, Meredith; her mother, Helen Tintle, of Clifton; her niece, Rebecca Renavitz, of North Brunswick; and her cat, Calli.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank St. (Route 23), Sussex. Private burial services will be held at the convenience of the family. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m., at the funeral home prior to the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to Katie's House, P.O. Box 96, Newton, NJ 07860 or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

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Hobby Weekend at fair can be very educational

By JOE CARLSON
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FRANKFORD — The Richards Building at the Sussex County Fairgrounds is home to many different activities during fair week.

All week long it displays artwork; on Tuesday it was the home of the fair's annual cupcake baking competition; and on Saturday and Sunday, it was the home of Hobby Weekend at the fair, where fair goers can learn about different hobbies from experts.

In one area there are steam powered model trains. Next to that are electric model trains. Ten feet from that sit a pair of looms. There was also a 1914 sewing machine, cooking demonstrations, pottery and wood carving.

Lee Thomas, of Wantage, and Glenn Habrial, of Blairstown, said they have been bringing their G-scale — meaning they are designed for outdoor use in a garden — steam model trains to the fair for the last eight years and the main question they get asked is how they make the steam look real.

"We tell them it is real," Thomas said.

"There is a butane tank feeding two burners that boils water in long tube," Habrial said. "We open up throttle and it goes, exactly like a full scale."

"When we first came, no one understood," Thomas said. "Now they've been learning more each year, and a lot of people come and explain to someone else what it really is."



Photo by Daniel Freel/New Jersey Herald

Hobbyist Lee Thomas, of Wantage, shows off his steam-powered model train during Hobby Weekend Sunday at the Sussex County Fairgrounds' Richards Building during the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

The Train-Station, a toy and collectible store in Mountain Lakes, also has a display with multiple trains running simultaneously and accessories for sale.

Just feet from Thomas and Habrial, Sally Orgren, of Byram, displayed two weaving looms where she was making multicolored fabric.

Orgren said the colorful fabric works as a visual to draw people in and that kids love weaving the strands of fabric together.

"Many of the people I speak with want to know where they can go to take a

class and learn," she said, adding that she points them in the direction of places like Peters Valley School of Craft and Millbrook Village.

"You want to learn before you buy a loom," she said. "It would be like buying a car but not knowing how to drive."

Donna Lee Pollard, of Wantage, sewed together patches for the fair's Quilt of Valor on her 1914 Singer treadle sewing machine as she spoke with fairgoers on Saturday, asking if they would sign a patch for an injured soldier.

"I've been bringing this here about three years and people love it," she said. "It brings back a lot of memories. They'll say, 'Oh, my grandmother had one; oh, my mother had one.' Some people even start crying because they remember the good times they had with their family."

Hobby Weekend was sponsored by C&W Aero Services Inc.

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Osprey making Pa. comeback

By TOM VENESKY
(Wilkes-Barre) Times Leader
LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Doug Gross saw the evidence he was looking for flying above the Wawa store in Blakeslee.

While cars filed in for gas, an osprey secretly flew overhead.

And that was only the start of things to come. Gross, supervisor of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's endangered and non-game bird section, recently submitted a new 10-year management plan for osprey in Pennsylvania, and he has high hopes for the raptor that was extirpated from the state in 1982. Prior to that, ospreys were reported in 15 of the state's 67 counties before the population collapsed from DDT exposure.

Today, the osprey is listed as threatened in Pennsylvania, and Gross thinks that has changed to the point where it can follow the bald eagle off the endangered and threatened species list.

"It's taken a couple of decades to build up the populations, but they're reproducing well enough to the point they're steadily increasing," Gross said. "We feel they're past the point where they're threatened."

A trip through the Poconos seemed to confirm his belief.

A mammoth nest was constructed on top of a cell tower near Long Pond. Perched alongside were two juvenile and two adult ospreys. It's one of 25 osprey nests that Gross said can be found around the Poconos, and included in the 115 nests that were found during a statewide survey in 2010.

"There's probably even more," Gross said.



Photo by Maggie Streeter

A helicopter drops water on a brush fire on Sunrise Mountain in Stokes State Forest Saturday. This photo was taken from Crigger Road in Wantage. No further information was available Sunday from state police or the forest fire service.

Police Reports

Stanhope man faces drug charges

STANHOPE — A borough resident faces drug charges after an officer noticed the smell of raw marijuana coming from inside the vehicle during a traffic stop, police said.

Darren Wolffe, 21, is charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, careless driving and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle, police said.

He was stopped Tuesday at 7:49 p.m. on Route 183 by Sgt. Ryan Hickman after the officer saw Wolffe's gold Mazda almost strike another vehicle in the rear. Police did not say the time of the motor vehicle stop.

Wolffe was released pending an Aug. 17 Stanhope Municipal Court appearance.

Man charged after parking lot crash

HACKETTSTOWN — A town man was charged with careless driving and several businesses had to be vented because of fumes after the car he was driving struck a gas line in a parking lot, police said.

On Thursday at 10:37 p.m., Antonio Martinez-Lopez, 30, of Hackettstown, was driving a 2000 Lexus in the rear parking lot of Gabby's Pizza II on Route 182 when he

pulled into a parking space and pressed the accelerator instead of the brake, police said. The vehicle struck a gas line that was connected to the gas meter that was attached to the rear of the building.

Martinez-Lopez received a laceration to the lip and refused medical attention. There were no other injuries reported. He was issued summonses for being an unlicensed driver and careless driving.

Assisting at the scene were the Hackettstown Fire Department, Hackettstown Rescue Squad, Tri County Fire Company, Washington Fire Company (Warren County), Allamuchy Township Fire Department, Budd Lake Fire Department and Elizabethtown Gas Co.

Two warrant arrests in Hackettstown

HACKETTSTOWN — On Thursday, Hackettstown police arrested Marcella Leggio, 22, of Allamuchy, on a \$300 Roxbury Municipal Court traffic warrant. Leggio was released pending a court appearance.

Also Thursday, police arrested Jessica Rank, 33, of Saylorsburg, Pa., on a \$500 Hanover Municipal Court criminal warrant and a \$175 Sparta Municipal Court traffic warrant. Rank posted the bail on both warrants and was released.

Body found believed to be missing tuber

LOPATCONG (AP) — State police say a body found in the Delaware River is believed to be that of a New York man went missing while tubing with friends.

Authorities say divers found the body Sunday, shortly after they resumed their search for Christopher Lawrence.

The 22-year-old Brooklyn resident had vanished after he fell off a tube around 5 p.m. Saturday. The incident occurred in the area of Lopatcong and Harmony townships in northwestern New Jersey.

A search began a short time later, but was suspended later Saturday due to darkness and visibility issues.

A formal identification of the body will be made by the medical examiner's office.

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