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Deaths

LACCOARCE, TERRY ANN, of Byram, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007. Viewing: Today, 7 to 9 p.m., Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home, Landing. Memorial service: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., at the funeral home, followed by graveside services at Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover.

MERUSI, LYNN ALISON, 51, of Montague, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007. Visitation: Friday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Stroyan Funeral Home, Milford, Pa. Service: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Milford.

SALANDRA, MICHAEL, 83, of Sandyston, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007.

TROFIMUK, ANN, 78, of Franklin, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007. Mass of Christian Burial: Saturday, 10 a.m., at Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Franklin.

Services

ACKERSON, WESLEY C.: Funeral: Today, 10 a.m., Milton United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge.

BABCOCK, DOLORES THERESA: Visitation: Today, 2 to 4 and 7 to 8:30 p.m., F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, Franklin, with a service at 8:30 p.m.

CROWELL, ROBERT D. Sr.: Service: Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m., Frankford Plains United Methodist Church, Augusta.

GANGEMI, IDA MAE: Visitation: Today, 7 to 9 p.m., Wood Funeral Home, Branchville. Service: Saturday, 11 a.m., at the funeral home.

HOWARD, WILSON P.: Service: Saturday, 2 p.m., Goble Funeral Home, Sparta.

LITTLEHALE, REV. LAWRENCE A.: Service: Sunday, Feb. 18, Hamburg Baptist Church, 3 p.m., followed by reception.

NAUSS, DONALD DUANE: Funeral: Friday, 9 a.m., Ferguson-Vernon Funeral Home, Vernon, followed by Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., St. Francis deSales R.C. Church, Vernon.

TROFIMUK, ANN: Mass of Christian Burial: Saturday, 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Franklin.

Terry Ann Laccoarce

BYRAM — Terry Ann Laccoarce died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007 at home after a long illness. She was born Aug. 5, 1958 in Dover.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff; her daughter, Courtney; two sons, David and Dylan; her parents, George and Roberta Ziler; her sisters, Debra, Sharon and Christina; and her brother, Brian.

The viewing will be today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home, Main Road, Landing. The memorial service will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a graveside service at Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover.

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Ann Trofimuk

FRANKLIN — Ann Trofimuk, 78, died peacefully on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007 at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex Borough after a long illness. Born in Franklin to Catherine and John Trofimuk, she had resided in Franklin all her life.

Ms. Trofimuk was an executive secretary for the Plastoid Corp. in Hamburg for many years before retiring some years ago. She was a faithful and dedicated parishioner of Immaculate Conception R.C. Church in Franklin, where she was a member of the choir and a renowned soloist.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Nicholas Trofimuk; and her loving nephew, Philip Trofimuk.

Mrs. Trofimuk is survived by her loving nephew, Nicholas Trofimuk, and his wife, Joette, of Galisteo, N.Mex.; her cherished great-niece, Christina; and her dear sister-in-law, Pauline Trofimuk, of Franklin.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Saturday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, 75 Church St., Franklin. Private cremation will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the direction of the F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, 1 Main St., Franklin. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the choir of Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, 75 Main St., Franklin, N.J. 07416.

Lynn Alison Merusi

MONTAGUE—Lynn Alison Merusi, 51, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, N.Y., after a six year battle after the death of her son, Dominick. The daughter of Clyde L. and Alice Edwards Keeler, she was born in Port Jervis, N.Y., on May 6, 1955. She was a longtime employee of Contel Telephone Co., in Middletown, N.Y. In Montague, she was a member of the recreation committee and secretary for the wrestling club. She attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and was a stunning artist.

Mrs. Merusi is survived by her husband, Fred Merusi; her mother, Alice Keeler of Milford, Pa.; her daughter, Sarah A. Merusi, who is attending Elizabethtown College; one brother, Gary Keeler, and his wife, Nancy, and their children, Erin and Meghan Keeler, all of Port Jervis; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Emil and Jane Merusi, of Montague; and her brother-in-law, Emil Michael Merusi, and his children, Rachel and Rebecca, all of Gold Hill, Ore.

Friends may call Friday, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., at Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 Harford St., Milford, Pa. A service will be held Saturday, at 10 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Milford, 308 Broad St., Milford, Pa. The Rev. Angelo Forleo will officiate. Burial in Montague Reformed Church Cemetery will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Dominick Emil Merusi Memorial Fund, c/o Port Jervis School District, 10 Route 209, Port Jervis, N.Y. 12771.

Charles Grimes, tennis player, dies at 71

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Grimes, a member of the Yale varsity crew that won a gold medal at the 1956 Olympics and the husband of U.S. Tennis Association chairman Jane Brown Grimes, has died. He was 71.

Charles Grimes had pancreatic cancer and died Monday, the USTA said Wednesday.

His crew at the Melbourne Games was the last college team to win an Olympic rowing championship and was featured in Bud Greenspan's "100 Greatest Moments in Olympic History."

After a brief law career, Grimes worked as a financial adviser and



Sadie

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longer than any other dog at the time.

Two other dogs were adopted Thursday, including May, a four-year-old German Shepherd and Labrador mix who had been found in Hamburg last month, and Honey, a one-and-a-half year old blond and white Australian Shepherd who was surrendered by her owner in December.

"This is great, it's good for the animals," Abate said. "To have only three dogs here at the pound and as many adoptions in such a short period of time is a really great thing."

Howie, an eight-year-old Jack Russell, and Spunky, a two-year-old Black Labrador mix, are still awaiting homes.

The third dog, a Labrador-Setter mix named Rosco, was brought to the pound Tuesday by the Newton Police, who found him running around on Trinity Street.

Strays have to remain in the pound for seven days before they can be put up for adoption.

Abate said there are also nine cats currently at the pound. The most recent feline adoption was Jackie, a long-haired gray kitten who was found in Hampton last month.

The Wantage Dog Pound is located on 888 Route 23, behind the Wantage Municipal Building. To contact the pound, call 973-875-9390.

Photo by Anna Murphey/NJH

ABOVE: Sadie gives her owner, Mike Gould, a kiss on the cheek. **RIGHT:** Sadie in her new adoptive home in Wantage with Mike Gould and his sons Michael, 6, and Jeremy, 2, and their 4-year-old dog, Shockey, that was adopted as a puppy from a shelter in Port Jervis, New York.



Hopatcong man hid from police

IN THE COURTS

NEWTON — A Hopatcong man has been indicted on four counts of resisting arrest after police accused him of hiding from an officer in August, the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office said.

The indictment charges Richard Willet, 24, with third-degree aggravated assault, second-degree robbery and fourth-degree theft, the prosecutor said. The state police investigated the case.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert Klingenburg presented the case to the grand jury, and arraignment will be within six weeks.

At the time of the arrest, Hopatcong police said Faulkner ducked down behind a car on Durban Road when an officer approached him. Faulkner allegedly ran away and hid behind bushes near Pavincini's Restaurant, before he ran away again and was tackled by an officer.

According to police, Faulkner said he ran because of a parole warrant that would send him back to jail.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert Klingenburg presented the case to the grand jury, and arraignment will be within six weeks.

Sussex man indicted on fraud charges

NEWTON — A Sussex Borough man has been indicted on assault and theft charges, the

Sussex County Prosecutor's Office said.

The indictment charges Richard Willet, 24, with third-degree aggravated assault, second-degree robbery and fourth-degree theft, the prosecutor said. The state police investigated the case.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert Klingenburg presented the case to the grand jury, and arraignment will be within six weeks.

Newton man indicted on weapons charge

NEWTON — A Newton man has been indicted on a weapons charge after he allegedly had a 12-inch serrated-edge knife in his waistband during a dispute in July, the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office said.

The indictment charges Santiago Martinez Marzilino, 23, with fourth-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

Newton Police had responded to a report of roughly 10 people fighting at a parking lot on lower Spring Street, where officers said they found Marzilino with the knife.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert Klingenburg presented the case to the grand jury, and arraignment will be within six weeks.

Dam

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Parrott also said those homeowners would probably find the dues unnecessary, since Friends of Lake Neepaulin has been operating and maintaining the lake without them.

"The good news is, you've done a wonderful job. The bad news is, you've done a wonderful job," Parrott said. "People come in and say, 'Look what we've done with only 125 people, why do we need to raise dues?'"

The committee said it will discuss the loan with its attorney and speak to the township engineer about possibly lowering the price on a \$19,000 storm drain.

They also said they will allow the group to host a Lake Neepaulin Day at Woodbourne Park to raise money and awareness for the dam and fundraising effort.

"I know it's a Band-Aid on a major artery that's bleeding," Parrott said.

Jable said the group has already paid more than \$30,000 on engineering work for the dam, and said by the time they raised the money necessary for repairs, the price could raise to more than \$1 million.

"We've stepped forward, we've stuck our necks out," he said. "At this point, we need to start talking about the nuts and bolts. How are we going to start paying for this?"

Jable said the dam can currently handle about eight inches of rain within 24 hours, which is nine less than the New Jersey Safe Dam Act requires.

To meet those standards, Jable said the group would have to widen the dam's spillway — the part of the dam the water flows over.

Jable said another option is adding overtopping, which means adding concrete that would create a downstream slope, essentially making the entire dam a spillway.

Other Friends of Lake Neepaulin members said the future of the lake was not a concern exclusive to its nearby homeowners, but to the entire township.

Lake Neepaulin is the most densely populated area in the township, and if the lake were to be drained, they said, township taxes would increase and property values and quality-of-life would decrease.

"We're talking about saving a natural resource that is a beautiful piece of property," Elaine Bore, secretary of Friends of Lake Neepaulin, said to the committee. "It's on the cover of your telephone book, for God's sake."

James Doherty, township administrator, said the group had done an excellent job of maintaining the lake with a small amount of people.

"What you have done with the amount you have is beyond commendable," Doherty said. "It's amazing."

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