

DEATHS



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Democrat co-workers Diane Hess, left, and Deb Evans, at a recent wedding celebration.

Democrat loses well-loved employee

BY DAN HUST AND FRANK RIZZO

CALLICOON — It is with great grief that we report the passing of Deb Evans, a longtime member of the Democrat family.

Deb, 60, died Thursday while on vacation in Arizona with her husband, Andrew Scott Evans. They had been staying with Debbie's relatives when she unexpectedly fell ill and was hospitalized.

Deb started at the Democrat in January 1995 as a darkroom technician, developing film and creating camera-ready art. Later, when the newspaper switched to all-digital photography, she became the resident expert in Photoshop, preparing images for both our print and web editions.

"Deb loved working with the photos as well as making color photos for so many of our customers," Democrat publisher Fred Stabbert III said. "Not only was she talented at her craft but she always wanted to learn new things and help our staff in any way she could."

"Deb also brought in the 'Scott story of the day,' which

amused our staff to no end at the trials and tribulations between her and her best friend, husband Scott," Stabbert said. "And her baking was legendary, as she was chosen to bring in the cakes we so enjoyed to celebrate each of our staff member's birthdays."

"She shared her birthday with my grandmother, Nellie, so I never forget that June 6 was her big day," Stabbert said. "We will all truly miss her, the night owl who we tried to transform into a morning person, and all the wonderful, wonderful times we had."

Deb is survived by her husband, Scott, of Callicoon Center, and her sisters Cherie and Antoinette, niece Amanda and nephew Devin.

A native of Butler, NJ, she was predeceased by her parents Lorraine and Vincent Biddle.

Scott, a well-known computer expert with Kristt Co. in Monticello, affectionately referred to his wife as his "Number One."

"There'll never be another Number One," he affirmed yesterday.

Earl Doderer

Retired Engineering Professor, 76

Earl Doderer of San Antonio passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. He was 76.

Earl was born June 11, 1934, in Monticello, NY.

After graduating from Union College, he started his 21-year career in the Air Force, during which he earned two Master's Degrees and his PhD from Princeton University, fought in Vietnam and achieved the rank of Colonel. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for a low-fuel late-night mission over Laos where he kept a village illuminated with flares and saved them from enemy attack. After retiring in 1977 and settling in San Antonio, Earl started his second career of 21 years, teaching at Trinity University. During his time there, he touched many students' lives, both educationally and personally, and earned the position of Professor and Engineering Department Chair. He exemplified selflessness, stewardship, thinking and caring for people.

After a full and blessed life, he leaves behind Sylvia, his wife of 53 years; his four children, Audrey Laird and husband Rick, Jill Rousseau, Mark Doderer and wife Marcy, David Doderer and wife Kristie; 12 grandchildren; a treasured extended family; and countless students, friends and colleagues who were all changed by his life.

Earl's life was celebrated Sunday, Feb. 20 with a Rosary, and a funeral Mass was held Monday, Feb. 21 at St. Pius X Church, 3309 Harry Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78209. Interment will be in Ft. Sam National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be made in Earl's memory either to Trinity University's Engineering Science Department Discretionary Account for the Earl S. Doderer Excellence Award, or to Vinny's Bistro (St. Vincent de Paul's downtown "soup kitchen"), remembering Earl's love for teaching and his care for others in making and sharing homemade soups.

Paul D. Gillow

Retired Electrician, 66

Paul D. Gillow of Long Eddy, a retired electrician of IBEW #363 and lifelong area resident, died Sunday, February 27m 2011 in Long Eddy. He was 66.

The son of the late Paul and Alice Minckler Gillow, he was born April 19, 1944 in Roscoe. He was married to Rhonda Darder Gillow.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council #4478, past fire chief and commissioner for the Long Eddy Fire Department, and a Little League Coach.

Anyone who ever met Paul knew what a great guy he was. He was there for anyone who needed a helping hand, whether it be to put up a building, run some electric, plow a driveway or take care of a house or hay field. Everyone knew they could count on Paul to help.

Paul played a huge role in the lives of his children, especially on the ball field. Though he often worked hours away from home, he always made it a point to be at all of their sporting events and his voice could always be heard shouting encouragement or, more often, instructions. He guided all his children into becoming better athletes and better, stronger people.

Paul enjoyed many years of playing ball and he was like "Norm," wherever he went, everyone knew his name. He also enjoyed the many memories of traveling cross country with his family in the family motor home.

Paul was a very active member of St. Patrick's Church Parish, taking part in all church activities. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Rhonda Darder Gillow, at home; his son, Beau; daughters, Monica Carmen and Mariah; his grandchildren, Arie, Ben and Zoe; his brothers, Robert, Karl, and John; his sisters, Sarah, Dawn, and Mary; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 at the Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home, 34 Upper Main Street, Callicoon.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 3 at St. Patrick's Church in Long Eddy, with Father Ignatius Smith, O.E.M. officiating.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Long Eddy Hose Company, Long Eddy, NY 12760.

John A. Bailey Sr., 93

Oct. 15, 1917 - Feb. 22, 2011

John A. Bailey Sr. of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Kiamesha Lake, died Tuesday, February 22, 2011. He was 93.

He was co-owner of Bailey's Lake and Campgrounds with his brother Ken.

John was a veteran of WWII, receiving the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific service medal, European-African-Middle Eastern service medal, American defense service medal, Bronze Star, Presidential unit emblem, American Campaign medal, WWII Victory medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Honorable Service Lapel Button, and Marksman Badge with rifle bar.

Survivors include his son, John, Jr. of Lutz, Fla.; daughter Lois of Millerton; three grandchildren, Albert, Scott and Kristy; and two great-grandchildren, Emma & Albert John.

John was pre-deceased by his brother Kenneth, and sisters Mary and Alice Jean.

Services will be held at a later date at Sarasota National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at Oakwood Manor.

Memorial donations may be made to The Women's Exchange, Sarasota, Fla.

Ann Knise, 80

January 22, 1931 - February 12, 2011

Ann (Roberto) Knise passed away on February 12th at the Heart of Georgia Hospice in Perry, Ga., after a long battle with breast cancer. Ann was 80 years old and a resident of Warner Robins, Ga., at the time of her death. For much of her life she resided in Callicoon before retiring to Highland Beach, Fla. with her beloved husband, Frederick "Sonny" Knise, who predeceased her in 2007.

Ann was a loving mother and is survived by her four children: Dennis (Leila) of Randolph, Mass.; Dan (Kathi) of McLean, Va.; Pamela of Byron, Ga.; and David (Audra) of Los Gatos, Calif.; nine grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn Schroeder of North Canton, Conn.; a brother, Joseph Roberto of Canton, Conn.; and many nieces and nephews. Brother Frederick Roberto and twin sister Rose predeceased Ann.

Ann was an accomplished seamstress and arts and crafts devotee who worked in New York's fashion industry before marrying Sonny and moving to upstate New York in 1954.

Memorial donations can be made in Ann's name to: Heart of Georgia Hospice Inpatient Care, 1120 Morningside Drive, Perry, GA 31069.

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March 1 — As we begin March, I have had reports of robin sightings and crocuses pushing up under the snow, and hope that means that spring is right around the corner.

The Nordic Ski Club is ending its informal guided cross-country ski trips next Saturday, March 5. Bob and Betty Klein will lead the trip to Fluggertown Town Road. Call them on Friday for updates at 796-3336.

It is true that the Fallsburg library is open with fewer hours. But, at least it is open. The hours are Sunday through Friday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 3-6 p.m. The children's room is still closed, however, several shelves in the adult section have children's books that can be taken out. The computers are also available.

With March comes the spring holidays. Purim is right around the corner. Saturday night, March 19, there will be the first reading of the Megillah.

All the synagogues will read it and everyone is invited to come in costume.

I understand the Liberty synagogue will be giving out prizes.

Sunday, March 20 there will be a second Megillah reading with costumes.

Sunday, all day, friends will be exchanging beautifully wrapped portions of food (Shalach Monis).

Sunday evening the South Fallsburg, Monticello and El-

lenville synagogues will be serving Purim dinners.

To find out more information call your local synagogue.

Chabad of the Catskills has your Shalach Monis plus other interesting information for Purim. Call them and join their holiday celebration 434-8570.

Years ago I remember every organization having pre-Purim parties.

This year there is only one, at the Hebrew Day School of Sullivan and Ulster County is hosting a concert with Simply Tsfat. The program will be this Thursday. Call them to find out more information at 794-7890.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by mental illness.

In Sullivan County, Friends and Advocates for Mental Health (FAMH) is the local NAMI affiliate.

They are offering a program to help local families better cope. To find out about this please call 794-1029.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Amanda Newberg, 3/1, Donna Levine, Dennis Newberg, Ceil Cohen, Sam Ingber, Terri Stewart and Theresa Perlmutter 3/2, Carl Makofsky 4/3, Leah Billig 4/6, Leonard J. Levine 4/7.

Enjoy the last few weeks of winter and don't forget to call me with all the news that you feel fit to print.



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Monticello counselor relocates office

Licensed mental health counselor Tom Rue and his company, Choices Counseling Services, have relocated from St. John Street to 6 Pelton Street in Monticello. Also a credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselor, certified clinical mental health counselor and nationally certified counselor, Rue is eager to welcome adolescents and adults individually and in group sessions. Five rooms — just redone by Rue and his wife Carmen, the office manager — are available for meetings, to which Rue brings his 25 years of experience. A DWI group will be starting soon, he said. The office is located next to the state Mental Health Clinic, a short walk from the Monticello Post Office. Many forms of insurance are accepted, along with other financing alternatives, so for more information, stop by, call Rue confidentially at 323-9612, email him at choices13@gmail.com, or visit www.choicescounselingservices.org. By the way, if you're interested in gaining a copy of Rue's popular Monticello pictorial history book, he's got those for sale in the office, too!

VETERANS' VOICE

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Former Roscoe vet is back home

Welcome home to Thad Bull, formerly of Roscoe, who just returned home from Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom). Mr. Bull serves with the NY Army National Guard's 827th Engineer Company, which has a detachment at the Armory in Walton. Once again, welcome home and thank you for your service to our country. Congrats also to 1st Lt. David Provencher of Ellenville, who was awarded the Silver Star for bravery and saving three soldiers in Afghanistan.

More problems at Arlington National Cemetery, the Army has opened up an investigation into the recent discovery of eight urns containing cremated remains found in a grave marked "unknown." According to cemetery spokeswoman Kaitlin Horst, officials learned of the problem in October and a forensic anthropologist helped identify three sets of the remains. Criminal Investigation Command special Agents are still attempting to identify the others and notify the families.

This most recent probe into the cemetery comes less than a year after a scathing report by the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Steven Whitcomb, revealed dysfunctional management, a lack of established policies, an unhealthy workplace climate and gaps in record keeping and accountability that led to at least 211 discrepancies between burial maps and grave sites. Christopher Grey, a spokesman for the army Criminal Investigation Command, has acknowledged that previous problems might have been accidental, but said they are questioning

whether this most recent case was truly a mistake. "When there's eight set of human remains in one grave, it's most likely not a mistake, so we have to look into whether there is any criminality involved," Grey told USA today.

Under a new program, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Health Administration will begin an extensive, 12-week survey of former service members. The results of which will help the VA shape its future policies, programs and budgets. In all, about 42,000 enrolled in the VA system will be asked to participate in a 15- to 30-minute telephone interview. It is critically important for veterans to participate in this survey, so that the VA can address our needs and concerns along with theirs. As veterans, we need to take advantage of opportunities to speak openly about ways that VA can make their healthcare services even better and create new services as well. Questions will be of a wide variety and we, as veterans, need to be patient and to answer their queries to the best of our knowledge.

If you are contacted by the VA about this survey please be patient and courteous, allowing them the time they need to complete this survey. If you are caught at a bad time, you will have a chance to call back when it is more convenient. Please remember it is for our benefit and your input is most important. If you have a question about this program contact your local VA Healthcare Clinic. It may seem like an inconvenience now but it will help shape the future of our veterans' health care.

DVAA hands out grants

LIST OF GRANTS

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Seventeen Sullivan County non-profit organizations received \$17,920 in Decentralization Grants for 2011 cultural programming at a special awards ceremony held on Saturday, February 5 at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg.

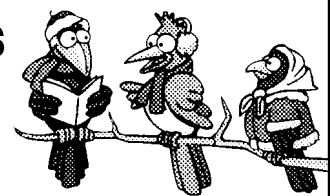
Assemblymember Aileen Gunther was on hand to present the award checks. Allocated by the New York State Council on the Arts, the funding is administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA). The granted organizations represent 10 townships throughout Sullivan County.

DVAA seeks candidates to serve on future grant review panels. A likely panelist is a citizen informed about the arts and/or county cultural events. Duties consist of reading applications and participating in two meetings. To be considered, or for more information about the grant program, call 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Callicoon Center Band for a summer concert series
Callicoon Creek Park Association for a concert series
Cornell Cooperative of Sullivan County for art workshops
Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra for a local composers series
Delaware Youth Center for art and theatre workshops
Forestburgh Theatre Arts Center for a theatrical production
Friends of Sunshine Hall Free Library for winter cultural program
Icehouse Arts for three youth video workshops
Liberty Free Theatre for the theatrical production
Liberty Museum and Arts Center for a jazz festival
Livingston Manor Free Library for a Johnny Darling Frolic
Roscoe Free Library for watercolor workshops
Shandee Music Festival for a family outreach series
Sullivan County Community Chorus for two concerts
Town of Fallsburg for two free Chamber Music at St. Andrews
Town of Lumberland for an architecture workshop for children
Western Sullivan Public Library theatre classes for young people.

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