

Obituaries

Lawrence Bush

KANE — Lawrence E. "Larry" Bush, 83, passed away Wednesday (March 21, 2018) at PMC Hamot.

Born Oct. 9, 1934, in Kane, he was a son of the late Ralph and June Thayer Bush. On Aug. 5, 1958, in Poughkeepsie, he married Jean Power, who survives.

Before his retirement in 1996 after 38 years of service, Larry had been the manager of the Hamlin Bank in Kane. He began as a bookkeeper in 1959 and served as bank vice president and head of the Kane office since 1991 and continued to be an active board member.

Larry was a 1952 graduate of Kane High School and was a letterman on the basketball team and a pole vaulter in track. He attended Bloomsburg State College on a basketball scholarship and was a starter in his freshman year on a team that won the State Teachers College Conference championship. He also finished third in the state conference track meet in his freshman and sophomore years. He remained active in sports as a player and a bowler.

He served in the U.S. Army and continued a 20 year career in the Army Reserves, retiring in 1978.

Larry was a member of the Kane Elks and a member and past president of the Kane Country Club, where he also served as secretary-treasurer for 19 years. He was an active member of the Friends Memorial Library, where he had served as vice president.

He was a member of Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and had served as treasurer of the church's endowment fund committee. He also served on the endowment fund committee at the former Kane Community Hospital and was a past president of the Kane United Way.



Dorothy Ransom

Dorothy May "Dotty" Ransom, 81, of 2 South Ave., formerly of 21 Edwards St., Bradford, passed away Monday (March 19, 2018) at her residence.

Born July 16, 1936, in Bradford, she was a daughter of the late William and Elva Devore Cline.

On Sept. 14, 1956, she married Richard H. "Dick" Ransom, who died July 13, 1973.

Dotty was a graduate of Bradford High School.

She had been employed at Zippo, J.C.Penneys, Bradford Hospital in housekeeping and baby sat for several area families.

Mrs. Ransom was a member of the Eastern Star Mizpah of Great Valley, N.Y., a member of the Emery Towers Association, where she served as past secretary and ran the bingo games.

Dotty was known as the neighborhood Mom. Nearly all of her son's friends called her mom.

She loved her NASCAR races, crafting, knitting and crocheting, items she shared with her family and friends.

Surviving are a son, Jeffrey A. (Beverly) Ransom of Cary, N.C.; several nieces and nephews including Mary Kedian and Bill Johnston; friends, Judy Louk and Don Bennett

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; Uncle Eddy Devore; two sisters, June Luzzi and Marion Johnston; a sister-in-law, Pat Lockett.

A Celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Seth McClymonds, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Willow Dale Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Homes Inc.

Memorials if desired may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.hollenbeckcahill.com



Frederick Moricca III

OLEAN, N.Y. — Frederick J. "Freddy" Moricca III, of 470 Indiana Ave., passed away on Monday (March 19, 2018) at Bradford Regional Medical Center from an acute illness, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Fred was born on Oct. 9, 1966, in Olean, and was the son of Frederick J. and Donna M. Swendsen Moricca. On June 13, 1992, he married his wife of 25 years, Susan A. Livingston, who survives.

Fred was a 1984 graduate of Archbishop Walsh High School. He received an Associate degree in Surveying from SUNY College of Technology at Alfred Tech in 1988. Fred also worked at Acerman's Surveying in Olean during his college years. After he received his degree, Fred began working in Rochester for Bergmann & Associates Land Surveying. In April 1990, he began working at E & M Surveying and Engineering in Bradford, Pa., where he was still currently a Partner. He was a member of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Fred was the President of the North Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors and a member of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors, and a member of the Bradford Club.

Along with his loving wife and mother of Olean, Fred is survived by a daughter, Sabrina E. Moricca; three sisters, Michelle A. (Dan) McGraw of Cuba, Elizabeth A. "Beth" Ross of Mount Pocono, Pa., and Nicole A. Moricca of Olean; a sister-in-law, Holly (Douglas) Klotch of Tampa, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Steve (Annie) Livingston of Bradford; nine nieces and nephews, Matthew Ross, Mark (Kristel) Ross, Benjamin McGraw, Zachary McGraw, Maggie Ross McGraw, Adam and



NYC rail tunnel, bridge could get boost from spending bill

By DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A key infrastructure project seen as critical to the future of rail travel in the northeast could get a jump-start from money contained in a spending bill being negotiated in Congress.

An aide to Democratic New York Sen. Chuck Schumer said the bill contains more than a half-billion dollars toward the Gateway project to build a second rail tunnel between New York and New Jersey and replace a century-old bridge.

Lawmakers had sought \$900 million for the plan, but President Donald Trump objected.

Congress must pass the spending bill by Friday to avoid a government shutdown.

The money available for the Gateway project wouldn't be subject to approval by the Department of Transportation, three people with direct knowledge of the negotiations said Wednesday. They weren't authorized to discuss details of the bill because it hadn't been released publicly.

Both Trump and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao have said they oppose the project unless New York and New Jersey pick up a greater share of the cost.

New York and New Jersey have committed to picking up half the estimated \$11 billion price tag. The current spending bill also gives them the chance to compete for \$2.9 billion in federal grants.

The estimated \$1.5 billion project for a swing bridge located just outside Newark has received environmental approvals and could begin construction in a matter of months if Congress passes the current spending bill.

Some of the money also could be used to push ahead with the tunnel project. Final environmental approval could be given as soon as the end of this month, and

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wment fund committee at
former Kane Community
ital and was a past president
e Kane United Way.

arry served as a board mem-
nd treasurer of the Lutheran
e at Kane and was affiliated
the Boy Scouts of America
7 years and was a past scout-
er and district chairman.

e had been a member of
Kiwanis Club and later the
lub for many years and had
ed as president six times. In
e, he was one of five members
committee which reviewed
ications and distributed more
\$100,000 in donations to
ms of the tornado.

urviving, in addition to his
e, are three daughters, Debi
dy) Larson of Kane, Terri
no of Shipperville and Kelly
n) Zampogna of St. Marys;
m, Dave (Maria) Bush of
lotte, N.C.; three grand-
ghters, Brandi Nicklas of
e, Ashely Zampogna-Krug of
hold, N.J., and Jessie Bifano
Houston, Texas; two grand-
e, Chris (Abby) Zampogna of
Marys and Justin (Kate) Bifano
nox; six great-grandchildren;
great-great grandchild; and
brother, Sonny (Janice) Bush
ane.

i addition to his parents, he
preceded in death by a broth-
ary Bush.

riends and family may attend
emorial service at noon
rday at Tabor Evangelical
eran Church with the Rev.
iam Waterman, pastor, offi-
ng. Burial will be in Mount
r Cemetery.

emorial donations may be
e to the Friends' Memorial
lic Library, 230 Chase St.,
e, PA 16735.

he Cummings Funeral Home
is in charge of arrangements.
Online condolences can be
ressed at www.cummingsfh.com.

Rita Meyer

T. MARYS — Rita M.
er, 88, of Fox Manor, Kersey,
formerly of 1184 E. Eschbach
d, St. Marys, died at her home
Tuesday evening (March 20,
3) surrounded by her family
owing a brief illness.

rrangements are under the
ction of the Lynch-Green
eral Home, St. Marys.

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Memorials if desired may be
made to the charity of the donor's
choice.

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made at www.hollenbeckcahill.com

Ann Umpleby

KANE — Ann L. Umpleby,
80, of 314 Tionesta Ave., for-
merly of Janeway Street, both in
Kane, died early Monday after-
noon (March 19, 2018) at UPMC
Hamot in Erie.

Born Nov. 10, 1937, in Degolia,
she was the daughter of Albert
and Maxine Knight Wilson. On
Aug. 9, 1958, in Smethport, she
married Elton Umpleby, who died
March 17, 1994.

Ann was a supervisor in
housekeeping and laundry at the
Lutheran Home at Kane for many
years. She was a member of the
First United Methodist Church,
the F.O. Eagles Ladies Auxiliary,
both in Kane, and enjoyed play-
ing bingo.

Surviving are two daugh-
ters, Kathy (Nicholas) Cook of
Wise, Va. and Julie Sandlin of
Kane; two sons, Donald (Bonnie)
Umpleby of Weldbank and Roger
(Allie) Umpleby of Kane; 16
grandchildren and several great-
grandchildren.

She was preceded in death,
besides her husband and par-
ents, by brothers, Richard Wilson
and Jon Wilson plus a brother in
infancy; a granddaughter, Jenna
Hollabaugh; and a son-in-law,
John Sandlin II.

Friends may call Saturday at
the Ronald McDonald II Funeral
Home Inc. from 10 until 11
a.m., at which time a service
will be held there with the Rev.
Martin Reynolds, pastor of the
Clarendon, Tiona and Stoneham
United Methodist Churches, offi-
ciating. Interment will follow in
Forest Lawn Cemetery, Kane.

Memorial contributions may
be made to a church or charity of
the donor's choice.

The Ronald McDonald II
Funeral Home Inc., has care of
arrangements.

Online condolences may be
expressed at www.ronaldmcdonaldfuneralhome.com

**Vehicles at
fairgrounds will
need removed**

SMETHPORT (EC)
— Vehicles that have been
stored during the winter at the

Livingston of Bradford; nine niec-
es and nephews, Matthew Ross,
Mark (Kristel) Ross, Benjamin
McGraw, Zachary McGraw,
Maggie rose McGraw, Adam and
Jennifer Klotch, and Jason and
Jennifer Klotch; and one great
nephew, Brayden Ross.

Fred was predeceased by his
father, Frederick J. Moricca, on
April 9, 2017; his in-laws, who
considered him as their son, Guy
and Anne Livingston; and a great
nephew, Travis John Ross, on
Nov. 28, 2014.

Friends will be received from
3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the
Letro-McIntosh-Spink Funeral
Home Inc., 646 E. State St.,
Olean. A Mass of Christian Burial
will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday
at the Basilica of St. Mary of
the Angels, Olean. The Rev.
Gregory J. Dobson will celebrate.
Burial will be in St. Bonaventure
Cemetery in Allegany.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials
may be made to the Pennsylvania
Land Surveyors Foundation
Scholarship Fund, PLS
Foundation, Board of Trustees,
801 East Park Drive, Suite 107,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111.

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es may be made at www.LetroMcIntoshSpinkFuneralHome.com

Some of the money also could
be used to push ahead with the
tunnel project. Final environmen-
tal approval could be given as
soon as the end of this month, and
construction is tentatively sched-
uled to begin the middle or latter
part of 2019.

Officials overseeing the
Gateway project — a long-range
plan that envisions expanding
New York's Penn Station and
other improvements — said last
week delaying the bridge start
could cost up to \$150,000 per
day, and delaying the tunnel start
could add up to \$1.2 million per
day to the tab.

Democratic New Jersey Rep.
Josh Gottheimer said the proj-
ect has bi-partisan support in
Congress and that he was opti-
mistic about the money being
approved.

"This is not a parochial issue,
this is a national economic issue,"
he said.

The bridge, built in 1910,
swings open to allow boats to
pass under on the Hackensack
River. It carries 450 trains per
day to and from New York. Last
week, workers performing main-
tenance couldn't get it closed
properly, causing several hours
of delays and inconveniencing
tens of thousands of travelers in
the corridor between Boston and
Washington, D.C.

Local briefs

McKean County Fair Association to sponsor egg hunt

SMETHPORT (EC) — The McKean County Fair Association will
sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds in
East Smethport.

This event is open to children ages 0-15 years, and all participants
should bring their own baskets. Prizes will be awarded.

An Easter hat parade and Easter basket giveaway are also sched-
uled.

For more information, contact Tayna Tanner, Vanessa Watson,
Janice Stanton or Denise Hale.

Ecumenical Home to host Easter Egg-stravaganza

The Bradford Ecumenical Home will host an Easter Egg-
stravaganza for the families of its residents and employees.

The event is being held at 1 p.m. this Sunday.

Continuous events will include and Easter egg hunt indoors at "Our
House," crafts, a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny, "Spring Baby
Animals" Petting Zoo from Sundance Kids Farm and Easter treats.

Police log

Police investigating report of stolen tools in Jones Twp.

RIDGWAY — Ridgway-based state police say that someone stole
miscellaneous plumbing tools from a crashed vehicle worth \$2,229.78
between March 16 and 17