

Judith A. Kessler WASHINGTON TWP.

The Family of the late Judith A Kessler wishes to express their gratitude for all your sympathy cards, phone calls, flowers and prayers. Your every act of kindness is very much appreciated and truly has been a comfort during our time of permanent.

Bill Kessler & Family

OBITUARY

Judith A. Kessler, 74, of Washington Twp., PA, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest. She was the beloved wife of William M. Kessler. Together they shared 53 years of marriage on April 9, 2019.

Born May 2, 1945 in Kresgeville, PA, she was a daughter of the late Sterling and Viola M. Hahn Leyer. Judy was a proud graduate of Pen Argyl High School-class of 1963, and served as class historian. She was a dedicated member and tireless volunteer at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plainfield Twp., where she was a member of the Lutheran Church Women, Girl Friday, made lap robes, baked for the coffee hour, and helped with the newsletter. Judy loved to play bingo, bake, and embroider beautiful baby blankets.

She and her husband, Bill never missed a Saturday night dance at the Wind Gap American Legion.

Along with her beloved husband, Bill, Judy is survived by sons, Scott W. Kessler and his wife, Kimberly, and Brian L. Kessler and his companion, Cheryl Tudge; and her sister, Barbara Lilly. Family and friends are invited to a viewing on Friday, Sept. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1422 Church Road, Pen Argyl (Plainfield Twp). Funeral services will follow at 12 noon in the church with the Rev. Chris Druckenmiller presiding. Judy will be laid to rest in Plainfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of the Schmidt Funeral Home, 202 West St., Wind Gap, PA.



Theodore Brodhead's Murder in Delaware Water Gap

By Amy Leiser, Executive Director

STROUDSBURG
- The Monroe County Historical Association (MCHA) is pleased to announce a free program open to the public. Due to popular demand, John H. Abel will give an encore presentation titled, "The Murder of Theodore Brodhead" on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Mr. Abel's program will be a vivid account of Monroe County's

first murder and execution. Guests will learn about the events leading up to Theodore Brodhead's murder in Delaware Water Gap in 1868 and the subsequent search, trial, and execution of the suspect.

This program is free, but reservations are required due to limited space. Light refreshments will be served. The presentation will be held on the 2nd floor of the Stroud Mansion, which is not handicap-accessible. For additional information or to make a reservation, please contact the Monroe County Historical Association office at (570) 421-7703 or email at info@monroehistorical.org.



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Be a Star

Does anyone really love their job? And if so will they love it next week or next year? Every job has its good aspects but just the fact that you have to go there so often and do something is annoying. People who say they love their job always seem to be rock stars or movie stars or sports stars. The common thread there apparently is that, to like your job, you need to be a star. There is a star in every profession but only Mike Rowe gets recognition as a star in the world of trades. It is no fun to be second best or tenth best or even lousy at what you do. Unless you are attempting something way out of your area of knowledge, you can expect to get better as you gain experience. But as the old saying goes, "how can you get experience if nobody will hire you?" One way is to start at the bottom. Most small companies will hire an apprentice or take an intern on if that person can afford to sacrifice some income in exchange for training. There is no better way to take some school smarts and turn them into job smarts than working with someone who already knows how to do it. One huge thing that can't be taught in school is efficiency. When we are on a job the truck is rarely parked next to where we are working so there are dozens of trips back and forth every day. Just making those trips efficiently can save close to an hour at the end of the day when cleaning up. I tell my techs never to go to the truck for something without looking around first and taking something back at the same time. Going back empty handed is inefficient. It doesn't matter what line of work you are in, if you rock it, you will like it better.

Some people change jobs often, some stay and work their way up in a company, and others just stagnate and complain. Complainers are drainers.

After 25 or 30 years everyone is entitled to have aspects of their job they no longer enjoy and avoid when possible but the knowledge acquired during that time can be gold for the new guy or any trainee. Everyone can shine at something and when they find that one thing, they should nurture it, because it makes life better and may be a lifelong career. Robots will not replace tradespeople anytime soon.

Ken Field is the owner of Field's Service, Inc. and Slate Belt Energy Services. He has over 40 years of experience in heating, air conditioning and is certificated by RESNET and BPI in various areas of energy conservation. He can be reached at 610-599-8832 or at www.SlateBeltEnergy.com

Proposal at Chili Cook-Off

By John Hambrose

PEN ARGYL - Many of the more than 400 friends who attended the third annual Grand Central Landfill Chili Cookoff enjoyed a surprise side of love while they sampled and judged the area's best chili recipes.

Halfway through the event, Grand Central Hauling Helper David Myers grabbed DJ Tim Smith's microphone and, before a crowd that included the Pen Argyl Area High School Green Knights football team and cheerleaders, proposed to his girlfriend of two years, Gloria Hosler.

Gloria overcame her surprise and delivered the "yes" David was hoping for. David then presented Gloria with a beautiful white gold engagement ring and a kiss.

David lives in Wind Gap and has worked for Waste Management's Grand Central Hauling for six months. The happy couple has not set a wedding date.



L-R Jana Morris, Rep. Joe Emrick

Jana Morris Recognized

By Joe Emrick

BANGOR - Last week I presented Jana Morris, Founder and Executive Director of Recovery Revolution, with a House citation recognizing her remarkable work as a community leader and advocate in the fight against opioid addiction.

She has taken significant action to change the stigma surrounding substance abuse disorders and cooperates with local police departments to shepherd at-risk individuals into treatment instead of prison. I thank Jana for touring me through the facility and her contributions to our community. It was a privilege to recognize all that she continues to do.

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