

Robin Karlis Pitts

WASHINGTONVILLE — Robin Karlis Pitts, 45, of 300 West Main Street, died of a brain aneurysm at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday at Akron City Hospital.

Robin was born May 27, 1957, in Salem, a daughter of Richard J. and Helen E. Hinerman Karlis and had lived in the area all of her life.

She was a 1975 graduate of Salem High School and was a social member of the Washingtonville VFW. She was the owner and operator of Creative Stitches in Salem.

She is survived by her parents of Salem; two daughters, Kellee Falk and Amie Falk, both at home; a son, Matthew Pitts of Salem; sisters and brother in laws, Kristine and Ernie Kozacek of Lakewood, CO and Kellee and Kirk Lowdermilk of Kensington; and brother and sister in law, Richard and Laura Karlis of Denver, CO.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Washingtonville Robbins United Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Gaston officiating. Burial will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Salem.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Woods-Rettig Funeral Home in Leetonia and at the church one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorial tributes may be directed to the Amie and Kellee Falk Fund, care of Bank One, 123 N. Broadway St. Salem, OH 44460 or the church memorial fund. This obituary may be viewed on line and condolences sent at www.familycareservices.com.

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'Dearly Departed'

Nancy Wolf and Emmett Hughes are among the stars of the Salem Community Theatre presentation of "Dearly Departed." Directed by Mary Beth Morse, the play will be staged weekends May 2-18. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. As a special Mother's Day feature, SCT is teaming up with the Timberlanes to offer "Dinner and a Show" on May 11. Tickets are \$22 and include the Mother's Day buffet at Timberlanes and the 2 p.m. performance at SCT. For more information or to make ticket reservations, call the theater at 332-9688.

LEETONIA

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Mike Grunick as to the possibility of keeping the old stadium area intact in the event the Bears need it to play football this season, Inchak said he was very concerned about running the risk of losing state money. He also pointed out there is now no electrical service to the old facility and even if the Bears played Saturday afternoon games for one season, they would still need a functioning score board.

Architect Fred Bishop of Olsavsky-Jaminel, who attended the meeting, assured the board to date everything is on schedule with the athletic complex project and all signed contracts from contractors have been returned. He said currently, his company is taking care of any permits and/or variances that are needed and workers are working 12-hours per day to grade the site and the

new football field, dig the wells and do necessary test borings in the area.

Bishop reported he had also mandated the contractor in charge of laying sod on the football field to have it in place and the grass planted by June 27, 60 days before the first game.

Although he admitted, rainy weather could hamper progress of the project, he remains completely optimistic the football stadium will be completed on time.

"It's doable," Bishop assured the panel.

He added foundations for bleachers should be installed within the next two weeks and he is currently planning the second phase of the athletic complex to include the stadium locker rooms, baseball fields and dugouts.

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SALEM

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one township officer working each shift, Cranmer said. However, he said there are shifts when more than one officer is on duty.

This, in turn, results in increased activity for the dispatchers. Beyond answering the phones and directing officers to complaints, Salem dispatchers also provide Perry officers with driver and vehicle information during traffic stops.

"When we talk activity, we're not talking about the number of calls," Cranmer explained. "We're talking about traffic stops, the running of license plates, the running of driver's license information and things like that. That's part of the activity."

Cranmer said he will be meeting with Trustee Larry Parker today to explain the city's position on the increases. "I think once the trustees know more information about what we consider activity, that will enlighten them a little bit more," he said.

While the increased manpower can add to a dispatcher's stress level at times — especially during accidents, when a single dispatcher must direct officers to the accident, possibly contact ambulances and the Highway Patrol, and answer phone calls on other complaints — Cranmer does not believe dispatching for two police departments is overwhelming city dispatchers.

The current contract expires Dec. 31. The city has proposed increasing the amount the township pays for dispatching services from the current \$1,653.75 to \$1,850 per month on Jan. 1, 2004. The rates will increase to a proposed \$2,035 on Jan. 1 2005 and increase again to \$2,197 the following year.

Cranmer said these increases were "pretty much the city's bottom line," but he said there was some room for negotiations.

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ELO COURT

EAST LIVERPOOL — In Municipal Court Wednesday, Daniel E. Duvall, 16373 Irish Ridge Road, was fined \$500, sentenced to 180 days, 150 suspended, and was placed on probation two years for a fourth driving under suspension offense. He was fined \$50 for a third marked lanes violation, while a driving under the influence charge was dismissed.

Darrell R. Eccleston, 711 Lincoln Ave., was sentenced to 90 days, 80 suspended, and placed on probation one year for criminal damaging. He was fined \$100 for intoxication.

Janice C. Deutsch, Midland, Pa., was fined \$25 for speeding.

A pretrial was scheduled June 5 for Patricia F. Sanders, 710 Minerva St., charged with no operator's license.

Richard L. Buchanan, 805 Avondale St., was fined \$100, sentenced to 30 days, suspended, and placed on probation one year for no motorcycle endorsement. He was ordered to obtain an endorsement. He was fined \$35 for a second safety equipment violation.

CORRECTION

In stories sent April 24-25 about states considering a crack-down on Medicaid-financed nursing home care, The Associated Press erroneously used the word "scofflaw" to refer to people who give away their money to qualify for free nursing home care. Giving away money to obtain such care is not illegal but some consider it unethical.

WATER

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would address one of the BWD's concerns: The proliferation of private water suppliers, one of which could come in and take customers away. This contract would eliminate that possibility by giving BWD the first opportunity to be supplier to those areas within the jurisdiction of commissioners.

The BWD currently purchases water from the city of East Liverpool and also uses water from the former Wellsville reservoir, which it owns. Usage from those two sources averages 660,000 gallons per day for 3,700 customers.

DeAngelis said they need to get the customer base up to the 4,800-5,000 range for the water plant/pump station project to be affordable without raising rates on customers.

A big help would be if the BWD landed the contract the county as water supplier to the federal prison in Elkton, which amounts to 325,000 gallons per day. The city of Salem is the prison water supplier, but the contract comes up for review in two years, and DeAngelis said the BWD is interested in becoming the supplier.

He said the contract with commissioners had been recommended by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, which is requiring the BWD to come up with a reliable secondary source of water, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is providing the project construction loans.

The working relationship between commissioners and the BWD dates back about 10 years, when commissioners created the BWD under its original name of the Southern Columbiana County Regional Water District. The purpose was to come up with a reliable water supplier for develop-

ment in the southern part of the county.

Since then, commissioners have undertaken various water-line projects it then turned them over to the BWD for incorporation into its system. DeAngelis expects the working relationship to continue in this manner.

Wednesday's move was significant in another aspect since it apparently extends the BWD's jurisdiction to areas where only commissioners can run water lines. The BWD as it is currently constituted can only operate in Wellsville and St. Clair, Liverpool, Madison, Yellow Creek, Center, Washington, Wayne and Elkrun townships.

DeAngelis said they are already plans in the works to extend water lines to the trailer park on Echo Dell Road in St. Clair Township and then Beaver Creek State Park, from West Point to the county vocational school outside Lisbon, and from Calcutta to the Frederick Heights area of St. Clair Township.

Commissioner Sean Logan said a "regionalization" approach of this sort makes sense in regard to utilities because it is a cost-efficient way to provide public services rather than each community going it alone.

"Where it's done, there is progress," Logan said.

One of the major reasons for the agreement is Cogentrix's apparent withdrawal from plans to build a natural-gas powered electric plant north of Lisbon. Cogentrix offered to pay for running a waterline to the site from the BWD's yet-to-built water plant outside Wellsville. Cogentrix was to have also shared in the cost of plant construction.

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SUSPECT

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Tuesday after he stopped to check a parked Lincoln Town Car that matched the vehicle of a suspect in a shooting at the Casoloma Gardens bar, police said. That victim Donel Rowe of Struthers was upgraded from critical to serious condition Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Health Center.

It was the first death of a Youngstown officer in the line of duty in 11 years, police said. Hartzell had been with the police department since December 2000.

America's Most Wanted was in Youngstown taping a segment for

broadcast Saturday on the murder.

Youngstown police, who declined to furnish additional details about the capture, are awaiting extradition back to Ohio.

Hartzell, who was to be married in August, leaves a fiancée, his parents and a brother.

His mother, Mary Kay, is the treasurer at Austintown Fitch High School, which Hartzell attended.

"It's just one of those unbelievable days that you don't think can happen," Principal Doug McGlynn said.

DEATH NOTICES

FOSTER, Willie G., 45, of East Liverpool died April 29, 2003; services 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dawson Funeral Home, East Liverpool; calling hours 1-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. Friday.

PITTS, Robin (Karlis), 45, of 300 West Main St., Washingtonville died April 29, 2003; services 11 a.m. Saturday at the Washingtonville Robbins United Methodist Church; calling hours 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Woods-Rettig Funeral Home, Leetonia, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

LOTTERY

Ohio
Lotto: 2-5-15-17-30-33 (38)
Kicker: 6-0-8-6-0-3
Five: 1-7-19-22-33
Three: 5-6-5; Four: 2-2-8-6
(Day) Three: 0-3-3; Four: 6-8-3-9

Pennsylvania
Three: 0-7-1; Four: 2-9-6-2
Five: 18-24-25-27-30
(Day) Three: 9-6-3; Four: 5-5-8-7

West Virginia
Three: 5-0-0; Four: 1-8-9-2
Powerball: 7-13-17-32-33 (35) (4)

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