Fund to aid Jobson family

A fund has been established for the Paul Jobson Jr. family at PNC Bank, 14 N. Main Street, Plains, PA 18705. Paul Jobson Jr., 36, has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

ALS attacks the nerves in the spinal cord and brain that control muscle movement. It causes progressive paralysis. The disease can progress rapidly or it can slowly deteriorate the muscles over a very long time.

Jobson was a former basketball star dout at Lake-Lehman and Lycoming College. He formerly coached the Dallas girl's basketball team and until his illness,

was a basketball official in the Wyoming Valley conference. He is currently on a leave of absence from Topps Chewing Gum, Inc. in

Jobson is seeing several specialists and is receiving treatment for his illness. He is remaining positive about his prognosis. Several benefits were conducted on his behalf and he is very appreciative for the kindness and generosity extended to him by his friends, family and community.

Jobson lives at home with his wife, Sharon. The couple has a two year old daughter, Katie. All contributions to the fund will be given to the family.

Newspaper office holiday schedule

The office of The Dallas Post will close Thursday, Dec. 24 at 2:30 p.m. and be closed all day Friday, Dec. 25 for Christmas. News and photos for the Dec. 30 issue should be dropped off or mailed to arrive by noon Thursday. There also is a deposit box at the front of the office.

Advertising deadlines for the Dec. 30 issue are unchanged - 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 for classified and display ads.

The office will close Thursday, Dec. 31 at 4 p.m. and be closed all day Friday, Jan. 1, 1999 for New Year's. Contributed items for the Jan. 6 issue should be in the office Thursday, Dec. 30. Advertising deadlines will be Monday, Jan. 4 at 4 p.m.

Toilets

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ning Specialist in Water Management at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The state governs chemical toilets in three areas: administration, permitting, and standards. Administration describes when they're used, permitting requirements control their use, and standards define their design.

According to Sabulski, however, the state is vague in many of the definitions used in its own regulations regarding chemical toilets. Although state law requires that any home or residence within 150 feet of a sewer must tap into the line, it is unclear whether boathouses are residences. The state itself uses the term "temporary use" when permitting chemical toilets for construction or large public gatherings and entertainment, but "temporary use" is not defined. Certain laws only apply to subdivisions created after May, 1972, and new regulations went into effect in January, 1998.

Sabulski said he is not aware of any other communities with a similar problem to Harveys Lake. DEP traditionally will not get involved with the chemical toilet battle unless an environmental problem occurs, such as leaks or pollution.

Permitting regulations give the municipalities some leeway regarding what they can exempt from use, he said, adding that "we don't allow chemical toilets to go in helter skelter. I think it is within their prerogative to enforce sewer

hook up. Council is divided on the use of job johnnies. President Martin Noon is in favor of a three-day limit. Ed Kelly has suggested a three-month limit. "It's a judgment call," said Charles McCormick, "to define short du-

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Charles McCormick

Borough solicitor ration." McCormick, the borough solicitor, argued that according to the state, residents are not allowed to use alternatives if a sewer system is available

At the meeting, Wayne Devine asked which council members owned boat houses, and four responded affirmatively. Noon's house is hooked up to the sewer, and Kopko said his will be next summer. Both Andrews and Kelly have lake properties that are not hooked to the sewer.

Larry West suggested that council be specific about removal of the job johnnies, in addition to restricting their use.

"Are you going to give me permission to put a second floor on my boathouse to fit in a bathroom?" asked Marie Gurnari.

In other business, the council passed a resolution naming a "tax hearing officer," as required by Act 50 of 1998, also known as the "Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights." John Brokenshire, CPA, was appointed and will serve the borough pro bono as a sounding board for residents with tax problems

other than real estate taxes. Michael Sitkowski was appointed as borough arbitrator for the new police contract. The borough and the police department have yet to agree on terms of the new contract, and negotiations will now go to arbitration. Sitkowski's hourly rate of \$50 is half of the average lowest hourly rate in Luzerne County, according to McCormick.







Bingo for a good cause

Freshman students at Lake-Lehman High School held a Toy Bingo Dec. 12 at the high school, and the turnout exceeded expectations. More than 200 children and parents attended the event, held in the high school cafeteria as a fundraiser for the class. After soliciting gifts from area businesses and individuals, cooking all the food and helping younger children play their cards, the class came out with more than \$400 which will be used to support the Snowball, a semiformal dance, and to be used to aid selected families in the school

Mr.s Gail Meeker is the freshman class advisor. Shown above, in right photo, Kari Maskalis and Bert, the finger puppet, helped Tom

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Hess, Sweet Valley, with his cards. Top right photo, students Christie Gordon and Heather Prescott called numbers. Jeffrey Carter, above left photo, and his cousin Michael Menn with one of the prizes.

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