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sets fines and can order someone serve up to 90 days in jail.

Since 1993, when he took over the position from Earl Gregory, who served as district justice for 20 years, Tupper's caseload has increased by 1,500 per year. He is proud of his and his staff's achievement in maintaining a smooth handling of the cases.



JAMES TUPPER

A 1993 audit found that many cases were not resolved and that some dated back to 1984 and were mixed in with new files. Also, the audit claimed that both computer and manual checking accounts were in "complete turmoil." In 1994's audit, Tupper's first year, it was stated that "this district has made strides to clear the problems that have been associated with the checking account. Under the guidance of District Justice James Tupper this dis-

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James Tupper
District Justice

trict seems to be following all procedures put forth in the District Justice Manual." Last year's audit found the district again following all procedures correctly.

"We've straightened the office up pretty well and I'd like to keep it running that way," said Tupper, who then mentioned how essential his staff is to the office's success. Joyce Culver, Jill Simchick, Kim Nordfors and Margaret Beakley comprise the efficient staff.

Tupper lives in Lake Township with his wife, Jill. Their son, Brian, attends Penn State University.

Scouts

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Scout who is a camp ranger for the NEPA council. Her other son, Jay, is in the U.S. Army.

Chappell said the service demonstrates the Boy Scouts' strong faith and commitment to God. "It presses more on the duty to God," she said. "It (reinforces) the oath they take every month. We all work together as one body no matter what our faiths. The service shows the boys we can all be together."

Jay Niskey of Dallas is also on the Protestant committee and said he has been working to get the service to the Back Mountain. He said planning the event is not exceptionally time consuming and the main need is to find a church

that can hold the expected 300 Scouts and leaders. Local Scouts will participate in the program by reading scripture and reciting the Cub Scout promise and Boy Scout oath.

"We hope it helps to instill religious belief and a further understanding of the Scout oath and law," said Niskey, referring to part in the oath. "On my honor do my duty to God and my country."

Niskey has been involved with Boy Scouts for 52 years. He believes Scouting helps boys grow into responsible, successful men. "We hope if you look at an Eagle Scout, as boys, they are not just normal kids. They are a cut above. It's pure. It's leadership," he said.

Project

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calls lay ahead when they decided on the project.

The trio is motivated by the cause. Last week Lyons, Morris and Whipple visited the Alternative Learning Center to meet some of the kids who will benefit from their hard work.

"They are kids just like us," said Lyons, who juggles a 30 hour a week job at the Mercy Center along with school.

"I think people get the wrong idea when they hear Alternative Learning Center," explained Morris.

After months of steady effort, the boys seem pretty relaxed, and there is no last minute scrambling and cramming because of poor planning. "I think it's going

"We figured if we have to do it, we might as well give back to the community."

Matt Morris
Lake-Lehman senior

good. I think we're feeling like it's all going smoothly compared to everyone else," said Morris.

So, what about decorations? "We'll put up little tinsel stuff and hearts. We'll make it nice and cheesy," he said.

They will help their parents chaperone the dance.

Dallas, Vo Tech will partner for skills training

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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DALLAS - In an effort to ensure students more hands-on training, the Dallas School District announced a pilot program that will allow students to study at both Dallas and West Side Vocational Technical School.

The program, set to begin next year, will give juniors and seniors the opportunity to attend Dallas for academics during the first part of the day and attain practical training at West Side Vo Tech in the afternoons before being trans-

ported back to Dallas. Their time at West Side Vo Tech will last one semester and count as one elective credit.

Students will be able to take a number of courses in electrical occupations, electrical technology, multi-media technology, business and collision repair technology.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the school board also discussed the Health Trust, an organization working with a consortium made up of the IU-18, to help lower Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums for all 14 entities. "We hope to get enough interest to

stabilize costs for the district for the next five years," said Ernest Ashbridge, board member.

Dallas and the other IU-18 schools are still working with Plan 3, another consultant firm working for lower costs, but find the firm is not getting anywhere with the insurance giant. In a few weeks the consortiums board of trustees will vote on whether to go with Health Trust.

In other business, representatives from Quandel gave the board an update on the new K-5 Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary School. Construction of the east wing of

the building, which includes the cafeteria, administration offices and central classrooms is on schedule for completion on June 28. The west wing, which includes the library and gym is 32 working days behind schedule. Quandel plans to improve the date by 17 days in order to complete the wing by Aug. 1.

Students from who currently attend Westmoreland Elementary will attend Wycallis Elementary next year. Some students may be moved between Wycallis and Dallas Elementary in the event class sizes are not proportionate.

Etiquette

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if you have a drink in one and a stuffed mushroom in the other.

Always use formal introductions when you meet and introduce people. Use Mr. and Ms. when addressing someone. Have a firm handshake, be confident and introduce yourself with a hello, not a hi, howdy or a high-five. And the key to good manners is being respectful and courteous to everyone you know.

Those are some of the suggestions Ms. Hepner gave the students, most of whom were dressed for the occasion. Women should wear hair up for an interview, men should always wear a tie, even if it's 100 degrees and in Mississippi.

"You are going out in the world and will be competing with hundreds of people (for jobs or promotions). What is going to distinguish you? How can you outclass your competition? You have to present yourself in a professional way," Ms. Hepner told the group during the mocktail party.

College Misericordia's kitchen staff gave a five-star effort throughout the evening. The large, round tables with white linens and precisely placed dishes were enchanting. Their quiet, but quick service turned Kennedy Lounge into the premiere hotspot for a night.

Other suggestions Ms. Hepner made included staying abreast of current events, reading up on a subject in which your potential boss has an interest and remaining polite and poised. Do not discuss controversial topics, never finish your food first or last and always get in and out of your seat



Ready for a night of fine dining tips, graduate students, Megan Walsh, Heidi Stepanski, Jennifer Ruglatic and Nicole Perrins raise their glasses for a "mocktail" toast.

from the right, she said. And always send a thank-you note.

Lori Chamberlain of Dallas, an education major, said she was surprised employers would look at such small details with such qualified people.

"I knew about the silverware, but I had to learn about the six glasses. I definitely feel more polished," said Chamberlain as

she ate her salad continental style.

Pat Lenahan of Forty-Fort, a business administration major, said the most difficult part of the evening was holding her knife and fork continental style, which is holding the fork in the left hand with tines pointed downward and the knife in right hand.

"I did think I had good manners before, but I knew they were not

refined. I'm surprised you have to eat a hamburger and fries with a knife and fork," said Lenahan.

After the dinner, Judy Ellis, director of career services, said she thought Ms. Hepner did an excellent job of preparing the students. "We enjoyed having her show our students that it is a big world. We are trying to give our students an overview of every possible situation they can come into," said Ellis.

Stephan Pill, a physical therapy major, said the program was excellent. "There is so much competition out there that it will come down to the small things," he said. Ms. Hepner said young people are not raised with formal manners anymore. "They are not prepared today. They are living at computers and eating fast food. They are not given the opportunities to learn," she said.

An education major is probably not going to be interviewed over chicken francaise at a four-star restaurant. A physical therapist in his/her first year most likely will not be expected to attend a cocktail party to facilitate contacts in his department.

But, Ms. Hepner says you never know. "You have no idea where you will be or what you will be doing in 10 or 15 years. It is always good to know (these skills)," she said. The Protocol School of Pennsylvania in Bear Creek educates corporations, schools and international diplomats on specific protocol.

Her final advice was to use common sense and genuinely be a class act.

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