

Appointments

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The Supervisors appointed John Versari and Cornelius Allen to the board at special meetings held March 22. The legality of the appointments was questioned by township residents at the meetings, and by Corrina Wilson, an attorney for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, who was contacted by The Dallas Post.

Sabol told the Post he, Goodwin and Jones met a week prior to the March 22 meetings and decided on the appointments, which attorney Wilson said is a violation of the state's Sunshine Act.

Jones has denied taking part in any meeting where names were discussed, but has said he met with both Supervisors to discuss the process for appointing candidates to the board under the township's Home Rule Charter.

"I take full responsibility for interpreting the charter in the matter which I indicated," said

Jones. "Rather than go through litigation in the courts over this, we have decided to take remedial action and save the township time and expenses."

Several attempts to reach Sabol at home Tuesday were unsuccessful.

"I must assume that (Sabol and Goodwin) are going to choose those two people (at the meeting)," Jones said.

The Board of Supervisors must also appoint a fifth Supervisor, to fill a vacancy left by the death of William Tippet, but Jones said he does not know when that will take place.

"(Sabol and Goodwin) have not told me what their intentions are in respect to appointing the fifth Supervisor, because this really isn't a legal opinion, it is a political opinion," said Jones. "I did tell them to make sure that any discussion on number five take place in the open and not an executive session."

Geography

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compete at the state level.

"I think it is going to be a great experience," said Debbie Danko, Eric's mother. She, Eric's father, Ron, and his sister, Lindsay, are all making the trip to Shippensburg where the preliminary rounds will see groups of 20 students competing for a chance continue. The final round will pit the top 10 students against each other to earn the chance to go to the national level of the Geography Bee.

"He hasn't actually studied for this, he just reads all of the time," said Debbie. "We have a subscription to the National Geographic World magazine for children. Eric loves geography."

That is not the only interest Eric has, though. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 281 of Dallas and plays the clarinet in the Dallas Middle School Band. He was chosen to play for the

District Band at Bishop Hoban in late April. Eric also won a third place medal in the Bear Creek 5K run held this past March.

The winners of the state level of the geography bee receive \$100 and an expense paid trip with their teacher to Washington, D.C. There they will compete in the Geography Bee's nationally televised finals on May 21 and 22, where the first place winner receives a \$25,000 scholarship and a lifetime subscription to National Geographic magazine. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$15,000 and \$10,000 scholarships respectively. Anthony Chiarucci, sixth grade teacher at the Dallas Middle School, has been that school's Geography Bee moderator since the school started the program in 1996.

Noxen man charged in beating of wife

A Noxen man is accused of beating his wife and then fighting state police officers who arrested him Friday night.

Robert Fink, 45, is charged with simple assault and resisting arrest. State police at Wyoming said he assaulted his wife Donna Fink, 38, at their Bear Hollow Road home about 11:30 p.m. Friday.

When Troopers Joseph P. Buzink and Andrew Wilk tried to arrest Fink, police said, he tried to fight them off.

Robert Fink was sent to the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for lack of bail.



PSU Wilkes-Barre note cards feature artistry of Sue Hand

As part of its 85th anniversary celebration, Penn State Wilkes-Barre has made available a limited number of beautiful note cards featuring the watercolor artistry of well-known local artist, Sue Hand. The sets of 20 cards depict five scenes of Penn State Wilkes-Barre at its finest including variations on Hayfield House, and the Wilkes-Barre triathlon, which has been held at the campus since 1992. Hand has completed approximately 20 paintings of the campus and has plans for future works. The note cards were printed and packaged by Payne Printery, Inc. Proceeds will benefit the Hayfield Pathway Endowed Scholarship to help deserving students earn a Penn State education. To order cards at \$15 per set, plus postage, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 570-675-9228 or e-mail: jak38@psu.edu.

Dallas man dies, son hurt when car hits pole

DALLAS TWP. — An area psychologist was killed and his son injured when their car crashed into a utility pole on West Overbrook Road on Saturday morning.

James McAndrew, 51, of Woodside Drive in Dallas, died at Community Medical Center in Scranton, said Lackawanna County Coroner Joe Brennan.

McAndrew died of internal injuries more than two hours after the crash, Brennan said.

McAndrew's son, Sean McAndrew, was treated and released at CMC, officials there said.

Dallas Township police said speed might have been a factor in the crash, which occurred just after 11:30 a.m. James McAndrew, who was driving his 1998 Porsche Boxster, was airlifted to CMC from College Misericordia.

Police Chief Robert Jolley said Tuesday an investigation into the cause of the crash was continuing, and included a state police reconstruction of the circumstances.

James McAndrew's obituary appears on page 2.

Dallas Borough evaluating Neighborhood Crime Watch program

Dallas Borough residents interested in organizing a neighborhood crime watch patrol program are asked to contact the Dallas Borough Police Department at 675-0161 or the Dallas Borough administrative office at 675-1389.

Upon evaluation of the level of interest the Borough will announce a date for a general community meeting.

North Branch Land Trust to meet

The North Branch Land Trust will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 at its office on 11 Carverton Rd.

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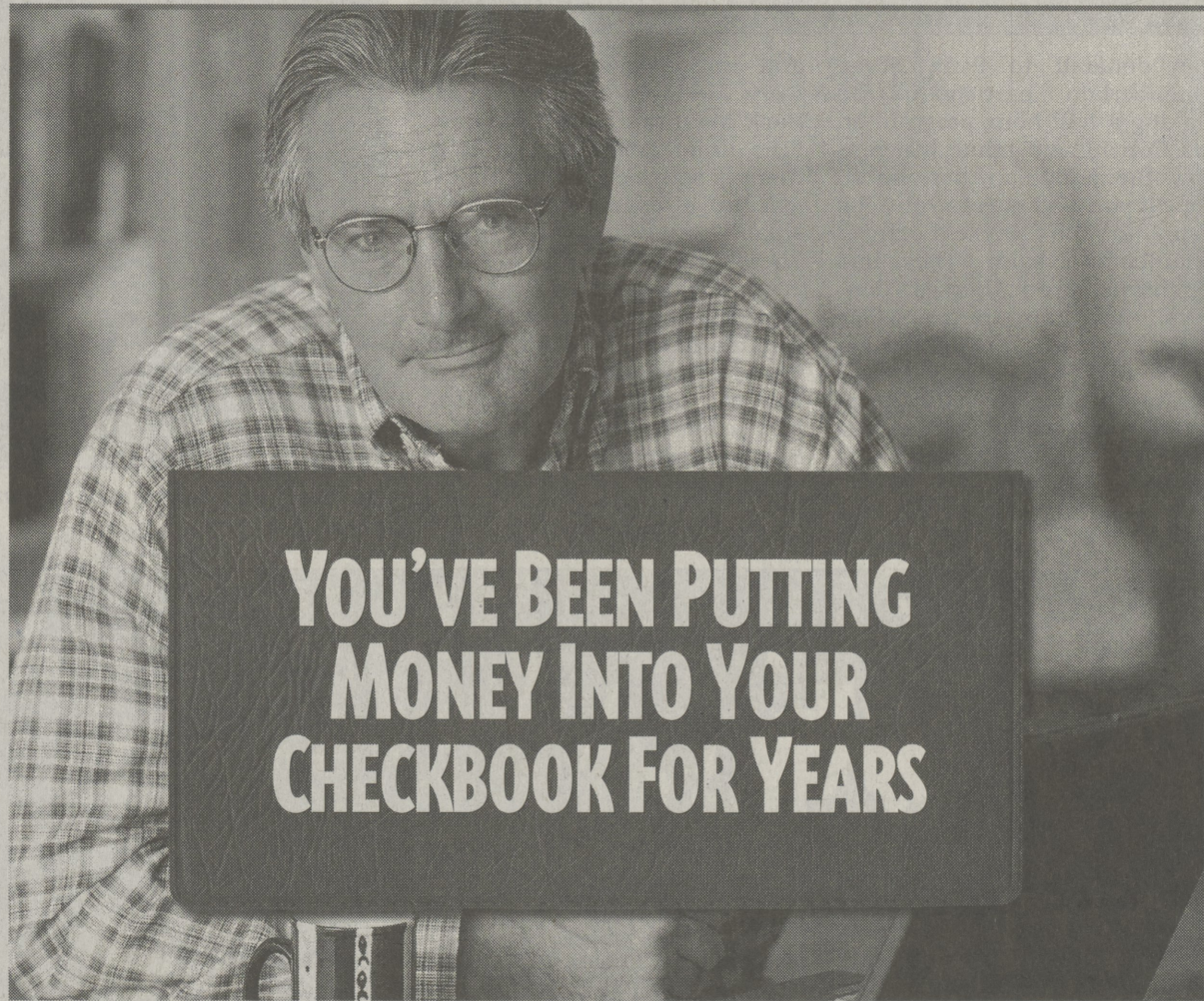
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