

CIVIC BRIEFS

Civil War group holding meetings

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table sponsored a trip to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in the spring. The group also held its election of officers. Officers and members of the executive committee for the incoming year are Steven Leonardo, president; Maureen Follmer, vice president; Reese Pelton, secretary; John Chapple, treasurer; Gladys Chapple, publicity; Gary Mathers, membership; Jim Hennigan, sulter; Ed Brewer, Connie Brewer, Ted Dymond, and Deb Hocko, executive board.

The Civil War Round Table holds its monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion on Route 415 in Dallas.

Some of the group's upcoming presentations include Kim Glemboski's Center for Anti-Slavery Studies and the Underground Railroad on Sept. 8, and the Tony DeLacy's Licensed Battlefield Guide on Oct. 13.

This is not a reenactment group. Anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about the Round Table is invited to attend a meeting. For more information, call Leonardo at 675-0468 or Pelton at 675-5790.

Veterans assistance available Aug. 29

Thomas Morris of the Governor's Veteran Outreach and

Assistance Center will be at the Dallas Township municipal building from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 29. The building is located on Route 309.

Questions about issues such as records, pension, disability compensation, health care, Agent Orange, death and burial, medals, education, nursing care and Iraq service will be answered. No appointment is needed and peacetime and wartime veterans are welcome.

Veterans should bring a copy of their DD Form 214 or discharge. For more information, call 654-9589.

Alzheimer's support group plans meeting

An Alzheimer's support group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at The Meadows Nursing Center, W. Center Hill Road in Dallas. The meeting is held at the center on the first Thursday of every month. For more information, call The Meadows at 675-8600.

Dallas Class of 1985 holding reunion

The Dallas High School class of 1985 will hold its 20th reunion activities from Sept. 2-4. Events include an informal get-together at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake The reunion dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Stax Complex, Dallas. Reservations are required. Families are welcome at the Checkerboard Inn Pavilion, Trucksville, for an afternoon picnic Sept. Reservations are also required for the event.

For more information about the events, contact Mary Farrell McCarthy at mary.mccarthy33@verizon.net.

Starfires dance set for Sept. 17

An Evening with the Original Starfires dance will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 17 at Stax & Co., Route 415 in Dallas. The music will begin at 7 p.m. The event is part of the annual Dallas Days Weekend.

Tickets for the dance are \$25 and are available at the Dallas Borough Municipal Building, 675-1389; Stax & Co., 675-7007; and Ochman's Coin & Jewelry, 675-5872.

The ticket price includes a buffet from 6-9 p.m. that features oven roasted steamship round of beef, baked haddock with lobster sauce, and chicken marsala, with mushroom sauce. A cash bar will also be available.

Dallas Days Weekend begins Sept. 16 and will culminate with the third annual Dallas Harvest Festival from 1-6 p.m. Sept. 18 on Main Street in Dallas.

Anyone with questions about the festival should call borough manager Joseph Moskowitz at 675-1389.

DHS Class of 1990 holding 15th reunion

The Dallas High School Class of 1990 will hold its 15th reunion Sept. 3 at Konefal's Grove in Chase. For more information, call Melissa (Malonis) Jesse at 212-0399 or Megan (Hardisky) Estock at MegEstock@yahoo.com.



Preparing for the third annual 'Kiss the Pig' contest, which is held annually in conjunction with the Dallas Harvest Festival, from left, are Dallas Borough manager Joseph Moskowitz and contestants state Senator Charles D. Lemmond, Dallas postmaster Kristen Tucker, and Dallas businessman Drew Fitch. Dallas School District superintendent Frank Galicki is also a contestant.

Contestants hope to bring home the bacon

The Dallas Harvest Festival Committee has announced the contestants for the third annual "Kiss the Pig" contest, which is held annually in conjunction with the Dallas Harvest Festival. The annual street fair on Main Street in Dallas will be held Sunday, Sept. 18.

Four Back Mountain professionals have chosen to vie for the enviable honor, with all proceeds being donated for good cause. This year, the event proceeds will be donated to Dallas Fire & Ambulance Co. The contestants are state Senator Charles D. Lemmond, Dallas postmaster Kristen

Tucker, Dallas businessman Drew Fitch of R.N. Fitch & Sons, and Dallas School District superintendent Frank Galicki.

Ballot jars are located at the following locations: Ochman's Coin & Jewelry, Church Street, Dallas; J&J Deli, Route 415, Dallas; Citizen's Bank, Main Street, Dallas; Unimart, Route 309, Dallas; Pizza Perfect, Carverton Road, Trucksville; Lemmond's office in the Dallas Shopping Center; Hilbert's The Tractor Store, Route 415, Dallas; Fino's Pharmacy, Dallas; Dallas Fire & Ambulance Co. station, Church Street; and the Dallas High School, Conyngham

Avenue. A donation of \$1.00 must be included with each submitted ballot. Voters may purchase as many ballots as they wish through Saturday, Sept. 17. Additional ballots will be available throughout the festival.

The identity of the winning "kisser" is scheduled to be announced at the Harvest Festival. The person with the most ballots will kiss "Rocco Rooter," a 2-year-old potbelly pig owned by 4-H educator Marge Bart of Dallas.

Last year's "kisser" was Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage.

Luzerne County Fair crowning its queen during Sept. 2 pageant at the fair grounds in Dallas/Lehman Township

The 43rd annual Luzerne County Fair will sponsor its official Fair Queen Pageant at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 at the fair grounds on Route 118 in Dallas/Lehman Township.



Cassie Sailus

All contestants must be a resident of Luzerne County, never married, and a female age 16-20.

Each contestant must submit a signed application and photograph with a written essay titled "What My County Fair Means To Me."

During the contest, each contestant will present a 1-2-minute promotional radio/TV slot along the theme, "Why You Should Come to the Luzerne County Fair." The contestants will be interviewed and questioned about the fair. Each contestant will also have a private

interview with the judges.

The winner will appear at the 2005 Luzerne County Fair from Sept. 7-11 and will compete in the State Queen Pageant in January 2006 in Hershey. This year's winner will be crowned by last year's queen, Cassie Sailus of Swoyersville.

All contestants will be judged on poise, personality and appearance. A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the winner in memory of the Carrie L. Martin Endowment, along with other prizes. The pageant coordinator is Deboraha Desiderio.

Applications may be obtained by calling Desiderio at 823-3743 or by stopping by the Barbizon School of Modeling, 41 Oxford Street in Wilkes-Barre. The deadline to enter is Aug. 28.

The following performers and events will perform at the fair grounds amphitheater during the four days of the fair.

An Old Time Fiddle Contest will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7, with \$500 in prize money being awarded to the top fiddlers. The first prize is \$250, second prize is \$150 and third prize is \$100. The event is open to the public and entry forms are available by calling Jim Chervanage at 829-5639.

Rick K. and the Allnighters will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8. The variety show band performs a hit parade of popular music spanning

50 years.

Also that night, an Antique and Classic Car Cruise by the Public Square Car Cruisers will be held at 6:30 p.m.

XCOUNTRY, a modern country party band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sept. 9. The band plays the tunes of Toby Keith, Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw and Garth Brooks.

John Berry will take the stage at 8 p.m. Sept. 10. The country singer

is touring to support his latest album "I Give My Heart." Berry has earned multiple gold and platinum albums from the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music.

The popular Jimmy Sturr and his Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. Sept. 11.

The band is on the top 10 list of all-time Grammy Awards, winning 14 Grammys.

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