

CIVIC BRIEFS

Valentine's Giving Tree benefits agencies

Elva Valentine of Valentine's Jewelry, Route 309, Dallas, announces an opportunity to support the community with a donation to Valentine's Giving Tree. A local charity will receive a donation every month between August 1 and December 31.

A donation of \$20 (more if you would like) enables you to choose a gift from the tree valued from \$20 to \$50. All proceeds will benefit the charity of the month. In August, the charity will be the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

Irem Ladies plan show

The Irem Ladies will sponsor an Arts, Crafts & Collectibles Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Sept. 27, at the Irem Country Club Pavilion, Dallas.

In addition to crafts, there will be a light lunch, baked goods and super door prizes. There is ample parking and the pavilion is handicapped accessible.

Carol Smith is chairlady.

Auditions slated for 'Nutcracker'

Audition for "Nutcracker," the musical play will be held at 4 p.m. today, Sept. 27, at Major Performing Arts, Carverton Road, Trucksville and at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at Arts Youiverse, North Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

The play will be presented by the Northeast Youth Theater December 12-15 at Lemmond Theatre on the campus of Misericordia University.

For more information, call Northeast Youth Theatre at 675-4333.

Alzheimer's Support Group sets meeting

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, in the board room of the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

Representatives from AARP will speak about "Driving With Alzheimer's."

Bluegrass Jam slated

A Bluegrass Jam will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Old Noxen School. All bands are welcome. Food and refreshments will be available.

Admission is \$4 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. All proceeds benefit the Noxen School Building Project.

For more information, call 928-8535 or 298-2052.

Contra dance planned

A New England Contra dance will feature the music of Dr. Twamley's Audiosnakes and calling by Shane Knudsen will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Church of Christ Uniting, Sprague Avenue, Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission to the dance is \$9 for adults and \$24 for families.

Call 333-4007 for more information.

REASON slates Open House for October 10

R.E.A.S.O.N, the Retired Equine Adoption Society of the Northeast, will hold an Open House from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at its farm on Route 292 in Centermoreland.

There will be a silent auction, pony rides for kids and adults, bake sale, food and drink plus new and used horse tack and horse-related items for sale. Admission is free.

For more information, call 333-5266.

Fall Festival/ class reunion scheduled

The 40th anniversary reunion of the Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1969 will be held in conjunction with the Fall Festival at Harveys Lake from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18.

In combination with festivities presented by Sandra Serhan, an event of old-fashioned qualities will highlight the entire afternoon at the Serhan homestead near Hanson's Park in Harveys Lake. Friends, neighbors, clients

and lake community members are invited as well. Reservations are necessary and tickets are available by calling 639-3299.

'Party of the Month' club has openings

The "Party of the Month" social club is now open for new members. There are five great parties for the upcoming year with dinner and dancing at Newberry Estates featuring music by "The Statesmen."

If interested in joining, contact Ruth at 655-1023. The first party is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18.

Pumpkin carving contest set

The Jackson Township Police Department and the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors will sponsor their Fifth Annual Pumpkin Carving and Coloring Contest and Emergency Services Day from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Jackson Township Recreation Park and Pavilion at the Jackson Township Municipal Building at 2211 Huntsville Rd.

There will be food, games and emergency services equipment on display. There will also be a hayride in the park and General Jackson's World Famous Chili!

Pumpkin carving and coloring awards will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Bus trip benefits cancer research

A one-day bus trip to New York City will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, to raise money for breast cancer research.

The bus will depart from Wegman's in Wilkes Barre at 7:30 a.m. and will leave New York around 7:30 p.m. Participants will be free to schedule and arrange their own activities for that day.

Tickets are \$30. A fundraising auction will be held on the bus enroute to the city. All monies raised will go directly to the American Cancer Society's breast cancer research fund.

Call 654-9814 or 696-1410 to reserve a seat.

MEADOWS AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS



The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, of Dallas, met recently for a luncheon meeting and installation of officers. Robert Law was installed as president for an additional two-year term of office. From left, first row, are Peter Klein, second vice-president, four years and 599 hours of service; Robert Law, president, 14 years and 4,152 hours of service; Irene Transue, first vice-president, 25 years and 3,383 hours of service; Nelson Ashburner, treasurer, 10 years and 1,852 hours of service. Standing, Betty Sorchik, volunteer coordinator; Cristina Tarbox, Meadows administrator; Marilyn Gregorski, volunteer coordinator; and Lloyd Ryman, secretary, seven years and 1,469 hours of service.

KOREAN WAR VETS PRESENT PROGRAM TO ROTARY CLUB



Members of the Korean War Veterans Association of the Wyoming Valley recently presented a program on the Korean War to the Rotary Club of Dallas. Standing in front is Almon Long, Army, Past PA Dept. Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars. From left, second row, are Fred Searles, Army, past PA Dept. Commander for former prisoners of war; Bob Alper, USMC, Public Affairs Officer, Korean War Veterans Association; Paul Saxon, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Dallas; Joe Sincavage, Navy, Commander Korean War Veterans Association.

Sons of American Legion sponsor poster contest

Sons of the American Legion Post 672 Dallas recently sponsored an essay contest at the Nanticoke Greater Education Center in Nanticoke.

The essay was put together by Mrs. George Dailey of Dallas and Mr. Joseph Long. The title of the essay was "Why I'm Proud to be an American."

Winners were Alyssa Warho, first place; Deanna Thomas, second place; Megan Matthews, third place; and Jacob Niewinski, fourth place. Each winner received a gift card for Barnes & Noble.



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PEOPLE BRIEFS

MU professor edits chapter in book

John N. Mellon, Ed.D., associate professor of business at Misericordia University, revised the chapter, "The Quest for Quality," in the third edition of the recently published book, "Leadership and Management in the Hospitality Industry," written by Robert H. Woods, Ph.D.,

CHRE and Judy Z. King.

Dr. Mellon has been teaching marketing, management and hospitality management courses since 1986 and has been a member of the Misericordia University faculty since 2002.

Three graduate from Wilkes University

Three Back Mountain resi-

dents received degrees from Wilkes University during its summer commencement ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 13, in the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center, Wilkes-Barre.

They are Anne Crompton, of Dallas, Master of Science, Education; Emily Fischbein, of Sweet Valley, Master of Science, Education; and Heather Pitcavage, of Shavertown, Master of Science, Education.

Baker urges EMS squads to apply for grants

Senator Lisa Baker (R-20) is urging local volunteer fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS) squads to apply for grants from the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program.

The online application for the grants is available through October 23 at www.osfc.state.pa.us.

Grants may be used for the purchase or repair of firefighting or rescue equipment, construction or renovation costs for facilities, training or debt reduction. Grants range from a minimum of \$2,500 to a maximum of \$15,000 for volunteer fire companies and rescue companies or \$10,000 for volunteer ambulance companies.

Volunteer fire companies that also provide volunteer ambulance service are eligible to apply for both a volunteer fire company grant and a volunteer ambulance service grant.

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