

CIVIC BRIEFS

SAL meets Aug. 20

Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 Sons of the American Legion will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20 at the post home, 4907 Memorial Hwy., Harveys Lake.

Food will be served following the meeting.

Bingo at Northmoreland Twp.

Bingo will be held on Monday, Aug. 20 at the Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Hall.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available.

For more information, call Marge at 333-4095.

Exeter Twp. board seeks new members

The Exeter Township Medical Center Board of Directors will hold its bi-monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20 at the Falls Senior Center, Route 92 in Falls. The board is seeking new board members.

This volunteer board meets every other month (six times per year) and oversees the physical building that houses the Rural Health Medical Center and the dental office of Santo LaFoca on Rt. 92 in Falls.

The board needs to have members from the following five townships: Exeter Township, Luzerne County; Exeter Twp., Wyoming County; Falls Twp., Franklin Twp. and Northmoreland Twp.

For more information, call Tina Smith at 388-6898.

Training scheduled

The Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services, along with its Training Council on Quality, will host a training entitled "Dual Diagnosis - Supporting People with an Intellectual and Mental Health Disability" from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the Luzerne County West Side Annex, Forty Fort.

Dr. Sharon Falzone, director of the Northeast Pennsylvania Health Care Quality Unit, a component of The Advocacy Alliance, will discuss fundamental principles, concepts and approaches to support individuals with an intellectual and mental health disability.

The training is free. For more information or to register, phone 825-9441.

Reps plan Senior Expo

Reps. Sandra Major (R-Susquehanna/Wayne/Wyoming) and Karen Boback (R-Luzerne/Wyoming/Columbia) are co-hosting a Senior Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Triton Hose Company, West Tioga Avenue, Tunkhannock to provide area senior citizens with a one-stop-shop to gather information on services and programs available to them and their caregivers.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Various health screenings will also be offered, along with three break-out sessions focusing on identity theft at 10:30 a.m., aging at 11:30 a.m. and senior law at 12:30 p.m.

Beef dinner slated

The Sweet Valley volunteer Fire Company will hold a family-style beef dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children between the ages of 6 and 11 and free for children under 6 years of age.

Irem Ladies plan purse Bingo

Irem Shrine Divan Ladies and Directors Staff Ladies will hold a Vera Bradley Purse Bingo at 1 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Irem Shrine Country Club Pavilion. Coach purses and Silpada jewelry prizes will also be available.

Doors open at noon. Lunch and cocktails will be available for purchase. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available at the

Irem Shrine Office, Dallas, from any Divan or Directors Staff lady or by contacting Merlynn Morrow at 472-7072 or Bernice Richards at 706-5867.

Buffet at Noxen Methodist Church

A buffet of meats, salads, hot and cold dishes, desserts and drinks will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29, Noxen.

A free will offering will be accepted.

Art exhibit at Meadows

The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will hold a public art exhibit for its "Memories in the Making" group from 2 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 26 on the first floor of the nursing center.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 574-4537 or e-mail cynthiasickler@gmail.com.

Dutch Treat luncheon set for Aug. 29

Anyone who grew up in the Back Mountain area in the 1950s and 1960 is invited to a Dutch Treat luncheon at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake.

For more information, call Jeff Thompson at 239-591-0551.



Planning an orientation program at Dallas Middle School are, from left, Dr. Thomas Duffy, principal; Shelly Maransky, secretary; Lynn Wilson, secretary; Raelene Daring, guidance counselor; and Michael Shevock, guidance counselor.

Orientation set at Middle School

Dallas Middle School will hold an orientation program for newly registered middle school students and families from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Guidance counselors and Principal Thomas Duffy will

meet with students and families in the library to overview key information about the middle school. Tours of the building will follow.

Families are reminded that new student registrations are ac-

cepted daily. Families planning to enroll are encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience. District building offices are open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

The first day of school for students is Aug. 29.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Students seek veterans' names

The Student Leadership In Civics Club from Dallas Senior High School is in the process of completing the

Veterans' Honor Wall at the high school and is seeking names of veterans who have graduated from the Back Mountain area and who have received a Gold Star and/or Purple Heart award.

Information can be emailed to slic@dallasd.com.

LHS reunion set

The Luzerne High School All-Class Reunion will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26 at the Checkerboard Pavilion, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Cost is \$23 per person which include a full picnic menu as well as beverages. Attendees are encouraged to bring desserts.

Checks should be made payable to "Luzerne High Reunion" and mailed to Bernie Luksic, 106 E. Franklin St., Shavertown, PA 18708 by Aug. 15.

DHS Class of 2002 plans reunion

The Dallas High School Class of 2002 will hold its 10th anniversary class reunion from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Metro Bar & Grill in Dallas. Cost is \$15 per person with an adult guest welcome and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Anyone wishing to attend the event is asked to contact class officers via email at dhsalum2002@gmail.com, log on to <http://dallas2002reunion.eventbrite.com> or call Jeff Jumper at 334-819-4125.

Wyoming Seminary opens 169th year

Wyoming Seminary, with campuses in Kingston and Forty Fort, will begin its 169th year of classes at the end of August.

The Upper School in Kingston will register boarding and day students on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25 and 26 for grades nine through 12 and postgraduate.

New students will participate in orientation activities on Saturday and Sunday and freshmen and new students will attend a special New Student Retreat on Sunday.

A special opening-of-school convocation service will be held on Monday, Aug. 27 at the Upper School.

Sem government president Caroline Reppert '13 of Kingston will offer words of welcome and will ring the historic Cokesbury bell 16 times, one for each decade of Wyoming Seminary's existence, to usher in the new academic year. Jason Sherry, a member of the English faculty, will address the student

body. The Lower School Forty Fort will open for its first day of classes for pre-kindergarten to eighth grade students on Wednesday, Aug. 29 with a convocation for students in fifth through eighth grades. The convocation for primary students will be held on Thursday,

Aug. 30. Classes for students in the Lower School's new toddler program and for preschool students will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Lower School Dean Dr. Claire Smith Hornung encourages all parents of preschool, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students to attend a Parents' Back to School Night at 6

p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27. A similar Back to School Night for parents of children in first and second grades will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30 for third and fourth grades at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and for parents of middle-school students at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Gallagher graduates from Drexel

Alexander Gallagher, of Dallas, graduated from Drexel University's College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering.

Bicking accepts surgery position

Dr. Griffin Bicking, D.O., has accepted a position in

vascular surgery at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.

A 1996 graduate of Dallas High School, Dr. Bicking is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of The University of Scranton, earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree and completed his residency in general surgery



Bicking

and fellowship in vascular surgery at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He is a current member of the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. Other honors include Chief Vascular Fellow and Chief Surgical Resident, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The son of Keith and Mimi Bicking, of Dallas, Dr. Bicking is married to the former Sarah Kwashnik and is the father of Madison, age 3; and Grayson, age 1 1/2.

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