

CIVIC BRIEFS

Ride benefits sick children

The 13th Annual Benefit Ride and Family Picnic will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. today, Sept. 1 at Holy Child Grove, Sheatown. The ride benefits Isabelle Hunsinger, of Berwick; Michael McCue, of Sweet Valley; Eva Kiduff, of Kingston; Ella Rose Powell, of Plains and families of other seriously ill children. For more information, call 735-5333.

Grange meeting

Mountain Grange 567 will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in the Grange Hall, Eighth Street, Wyoming.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Sept. 5 in the board room of the Meadows Nursing and Rehab Center, 4 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas.

Bingo slated

Bingo will be held on Monday, Sept. 9 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds begin at 5:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

Scout sign-up set

Cub Scout Pack 281 of Dallas and Cub Scout Pack 155 of Trucksville will hold a joint sign-up night for boys in first through fifth grades from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Dallas Elementary School cafeteria.

Roundtable meeting

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Roundtable will begin its 17th year with a meeting at

7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

William Kashatus, a local historian, educator and writer, will present his program on "A Trial of Principle and Faith; Lincoln, the Quakers and Civil War."

A \$3 donation is required of non-members. For more information, call John at 675-8936.

Best of open mic night slated

The 2013 Dallas Harvest Festival Best of Open Mic Night will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13 at Masonic Lodge 531, 60 Main St., Dallas.

Sign-ups begin at 5:30 p.m. Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. Top three finishers will perform at the Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 15.

For more information, call 574-7870.

Airport day planned

Airport Day, including a pork barbeque dinner and fly-in fundraiser, will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Valley Aviation, 2001 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

Admission is free. The event includes food, desserts, balloon making, scenic flights, K-9 demonstration, Ident-A-Child, raffle, vendors, face painting, static displays, moon bounce, WWII plane rides and entertainment.

All proceeds benefit Fallen Officers Remembered. For more information, call Gina Boyle at 690-6003.

Irem women plan lunch

The Irem Women's Auxiliary invites the public to attend the last summer luncheon that the group will host beginning at noon on Sept. 19 at the Irem Country Club, Dallas.

Prizes will be awarded. Cost to attend is \$18 and reservations must be made no later than 11 a.m. on the Monday

preceding the luncheon with Bernice West at 256-3031 or Sally Wagner at 675-2325. Cost includes parking and lunch.

The Irem Country Club is handicapped accessible.

Janet Stritzinger is president of the Women's auxiliary. Suanne Moses is general chairperson of the luncheons and Janet Augustine is co-chairperson.

Bingo Slated

Bingo will be held on Monday, Sept. 23 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland. 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 Jim at 333-4906.

Roast beef supper

A roast beef supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the Northmoreland Twp. Fire Hall in Centermoreland. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 years of age and under and may be purchased at the door. Takeouts will be available. For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

Card party set

Irem Women's Auxiliary will host a card party at the Irem Country Club from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased from Hope Beisel at 675-1652, Marie Miskel at 288-6341, Suanne Moses at 822-4976, from any member or at the door. There will be lunch and prizes. Handicapped parking is available. For those who don't play cards, there is Pokeno (played like Bingo) or participants can bring a game of their choice.

James

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Although James doesn't consider his new position a promotion, he now supervises 40 to 45 faculty and staff members while, at Ross, he was at the helm of 25 to 30 people. There are 460 students at Lehman-Jackson to 290 at Ross.

"I see this as an opportunity to share my abilities with new staff and new faculty," he said. "And to learn from them, as well."

A self-proclaimed type-A personality, James knows he brings a "different style" to Lehman-Jackson, describing himself as organized, particular and high-energy. He just wants to be sure procedures are in effect and "everyone is on the same page."

Admitting that he "always looks back" and thinks about how he could have done things differently, one accomplishment at Ross brings a smile to his face. During his last year there, the Ross students were

entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for the "longest friendship bracelet."

"That experience bonded me with a lot of different people," he said. "It was awesome."

A 1992 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School where he was a pitcher on the baseball team, James, a native of Chase now residing in Lake Silkworth, received a bachelor's degree from Bloomsburg University and his principal's certificate from Wilkes University.

He and his wife have been married for nine years and have two children. Gracie will be 6 years old this month and is looking forward to attending Lehman-Jackson next year and Landon will be 3 years old in January.

Sitting back in the executive principal's chair and looking around the office, James said it's "special" to be the principal at the school where he grew up. "How many people have that opportunity?" he asked.

Extended

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own collection, a substantial amount of money could be saved. DAMA currently serves Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville and other Back Mountain communities.

In other matters ...

Mayor Clarence Hogan said the borough will continue to pursue cyclists who are not obeying the law on Lakeside Drive. Hogan also stated that several of the summer homeowners and other residents have expressed their gratitude at the new aggressive measures being taken regarding the growing number of

people who ride bicycles or motorcycles around the lake and do not obey the stop signs.

Hogan also announced that there will be a fireworks display at the parking lot of Our Lady of Victory Church beginning at 8:45 p.m. today, Sept. 1.

The borough has hired two part-time police officers, John Bevilacqua and Jon Van Campen. The officers will officially join the force after being certified by the borough and undergoing training by full-time officers.

The next borough council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Family Service Association will honor James Gallagher

Family Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania (FSA of NEPA) will hold its 118th annual meeting at noon on Monday, Sept. 9 at the East Mountain Inn.

This year's honoree for the agency's Albert N. Danoff Trustees Humanitarian Award is James Gallagher, former president of Family Service Association and current trustee of the organization.

Also being honored is Robert Silvi, Director of Human Resources at Penguin Random House and Trustee of FSA NEPA, who will be awarded the agency's Community Leader of the Year Award.

Gallagher became involved with

FSA NEPA in 1981, representing the community at large serving on the agency's Program Advocacy Committee.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the FSA Board of Directors and over the next 30 years served in various capacities, including chairing numerous committees, as well as holding board officer positions of treasurer, secretary and vice president.

A graduate of Wilkes University and Northwestern University Graduate Trust School in Chicago,

Gallagher began working for what eventually became First Eastern Bank in 1968. He was named Assistant Vice President in 1972 and Vice President in 1974. He worked in the bank's Credit and Commercial Lending area, but spent most of his career in the Trust Department of the bank which eventually merged with PNC Financial in 1994. Gallagher served as the Wilkes-Barre Trust and Financial Services area group manager until his retirement in 2009.

He has been married to the former Deborah Hartman, of Dallas, for 40 years and has two daughters, Kristi and Melissa, as well as two grandchildren, Grace and Ian;

all of whom live in Downingtown. Gallagher is a past member of the Lehman Golf Club and Irem Golf Club and a current member of the Wilkes-Barre Golf Club.

Gallagher has served on various fundraising committees for Wilkes University, King's College, The United Way of Wyoming Valley, St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen and the American Heart Association. He is a member of George M. Dallas Lodge, The Irem Shrine Association, and the Estate Planning Council of Northeastern Pa.

For further information on the upcoming annual meeting or to register to attend, contact Ruth Kemmerer at 823-5144.



Gallagher

Appeal

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Mountain high school.

Panella reassigned the cases after more careful consideration. He said the cases scheduled would attract media and public attention that the high school might not be able to handle and wanted to be responsive to the community.

Jeff Shaffer, principal at the school, said, "I agree that it would have been a difficult day and that it might not be conducive to learning."

Others in the community were delighted and applauded the judge's discretion.

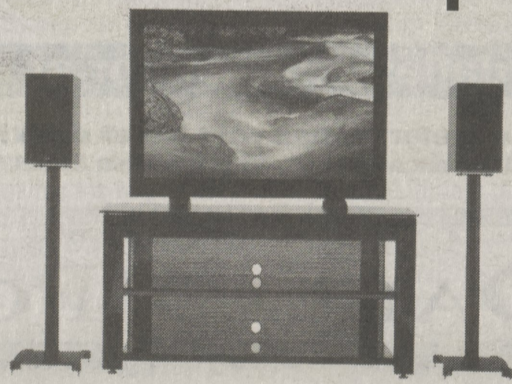
"I applaud the judges for their foresight and compassion of the parents and chil-

dren. We all had the same mixed feelings about this," said Elizabeth Martin.

Dr. Joan Greulich, an area pediatrician, said "Oh, yeah, we really wanted to

talk and hear about these cases. I'm excited they are doing the right thing."

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