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## Lehman Fire Co. plans horse show

The Lehman Volunteer Fire Company is proud to announce its annual horse show at the Lehman Horse Show grounds.

Starting on Friday, July 2 at 6:30 a.m. is a parade, featuring the award-winning Lake-Lehman Marching Band. After the parade is the Queen Contest, consisting of local high school girls representing their schools. At intermission following the Queen Contest, there will be for entertainment a local band.

On Saturday, July 3, starting at 9 a.m. there will be a full day of Western competition consisting of 32 western classes. Including western pleasure, equitation and gymkhana classes. Riders will compete from the local area, also from New York, New Jersey and western Pa. There will be champion and reserve champion awards pre-

sented for four divisions. Judge for the western day will be William Plush from Collegeville, Pa.

Sunday, July 4, starting at 8:30 will begin the English day. The first class will be Lead Line followed by 30 English flat, hunter, and pony driving classes. Many top English riders and their mounts will compete for divisional champion

So plan to spend fourth of July weekend with us. Breakfast will be served daily, plenty of food and beverages, plus there will be many other amusements throughout the weekend.

and reserve champion awards. The judge for the English day will be Donna Martin from Pottersville, N.J.

## Appeal holds up new seafood store

Construction of the Bankovich Seafood Store along Route 415 in Dallas may be held up while an appeal is filed in Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas. The appeal concerns possible improper advert-

ising of the setback variance granted by the Borough's Zoning Board on April 6.

The variance allows Paul Bankovich, Dallas, to come less than 10 feet from his property at the rear. He was given permission to build within two feet at one corner and four feet at the other. Dallas Zoning Officer, Drew Fitch, said the actual distance will probably be three and seven feet.

Although it appears the store will be close to the right of way, Fitch said it is completely in line with the existing structures which determine future building. All commercial establishments on the stretch are close to the highway and Fitch explained that has set the precedent which is now followed. New commercial sites would, said Fitch, require a 30 to 50 foot setback from the right of way.

Latest measurements of Bankovich's proposed 18 by 70 foot building have its furthest corner in line with Sutliff's Furniture Store. The store will sit 15 feet back from the highway with plenty of parking and a split entrance and exit. The entire front of the property will be curbed, meeting both State and Borough standards. Fitch explained the plans and construction to date, do not interfere with the right of way and have been approved by PennDOT and the Borough.

Raymond and Patricia Balcomb filed the appeal to the Zoning Board's approval of the rear variance. The matter will be taken up in the County Court with newly-appointed solicitor Charles Lemmond representing the Zoning Board.

## Dallas businessman loses against Arco

It's a matter of big business vs. small business and, according to Jack Dowey, owner of the Arco Station in the center of Dallas, he has definitely come out the loser.

Dowey said he closed his station suddenly on Thursday, June 17, after being forced out of business by Arco. The oil company obviously has plans for the sight which do not include ownership by an independent businessman. Dowey said the company wants to run the station itself, making it a high-volume location. He understands plans include an AM-PM Mini Market run by Prestige Oil, a subsidiary of Arco. In order to regain control of the property, Dowey said, Arco squeezed him out over a period of a year.

"It started last June," he explained. "They attempted to force me to sell gas below my cost." The company also told Dowey he must raise his gallonage to 100,000 per month. This, he felt, was impossible. The only way to go along with the company would be to undercut the Red Head Station, which was financial suicide. Dowey theorizes he could have handled a volume of 50,000 to 60,000 gallons per month, but it wasn't enough for Arco. It was 100,000 or out of business.

"I was the loser either way," explained Dowey. "If I went along with them I'd lose money if I bucked it, I was out of business anyway."

To exert its will on Dowey, Arco squeezed financially over the year.

"They held up my money, I never received money from February's credit card sales nor my gas rebates. They held \$6,000 of my money."

By withholding the cash, the company left Dowey in a poor position to fight legally. "I had to drop my lawsuit because I couldn't afford it. What they did is blatantly against the law but I can't fight it."

Finally, on Wednesday, June 16, the company came forward with Dowey's money with the understanding that he move out the next day.

Dowey had been in the business 12 years, dealing all of those, with Exxon. He ran the Exxon Station in Dallas from 1970-76 before opening one in Kunkle. He has no complaint about his dealings with that company saying they were always "up

front, fair and helpful." When Exxon wanted out of the Kunkle location, the company helped Dowey with the transaction, offering alternatives and suggestions. He believes Arco simply counted on the fact that he was powerless against its will.

Dowey has plans to build a station of his own in the area, but nothing is confirmed on this move. In the meantime, he is left with a \$25,000 investment in new equipment, which is not good for resale, as well as the property from his other station. If he finds it impossible to remain in the gas business, he might just add all of that to his already substantial losses. He will continue his mechanical work out of a Wilkes-Barre garage. He can still be reached at the Dallas phone number of the station.

## Bullock renews fight against heart rejection

From week to week, reports on Bradley Bullock fluctuate. This week, his family reports, he is again fighting rejection of his newly-transplanted heart. Brad is presently in isolation being treated with medication for the rejection symptoms. Doctors are watching and waiting for the medication to begin working.

Doctors at Columbia Presby-

terian Hospital in New York are working to get his white blood count up. Part of the problem is that the count does not remain stabilized for any length of time.

On the optimistic side, plans to release him from the hospital in two weeks remain firm. It is hoped that he will respond to the medication and regain his strength in time for the planned release.



FUN IN THE WATER—One warm day last week these three youngsters had fun in the water at Harveys Lake. "The water's cold," said the little girl in the center to her two friends playing in the sand. They all took time out from their fun to pose for the photographer but wouldn't give their names. (Mark Moran Photo)

## 'Where do we go from here?'

Following a 4-3 board vote with one abstention, cementing the proposal not to rehire Dallas Area basketball coach, Clint Brobst, director Ernest Ashbridge asked, "Where do we go from here?" To answer that question, The Dallas Post contacted a number of the involved parties.

The school board is saying nothing about the issue at the moment. Dr. Mahmoud Fahmy, president of that body, said only that the matter will be brought up at

a special meeting on Monday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. One item on that evening's agenda is Clint Brobst.

The Dallas Education Association will continue to remain active in the issue pushing it into arbitration if it is not resolved at next Monday's meeting.

"It's a matter of policy, not personalities," explained DEA president John Johnson. "It's more than a basketball coach at stake. If they can change that policy to suit themselves, they can change

any. The policy book is two inches thick. There are a lot of policies which could be changed at the whim of the board."

Johnson said it is important not to set a precedent now. The coaching policy states the only reasons for dismissal are an unsatisfactory rating or voluntary resignation. Neither reason applies with Brobst.

He hopes the issue is resolved without the necessity of arbitration as the process is long and costly, "And we know we'll win."

## Kalinosky heads 'new and old' goods

Joe Kalinosky of the Kingston Twp. Lions Club is in charge of receiving both new and old goods for this year's Back Mountain Library Auction. This is his second year with the auction and Joe believes that the work he has done with the auction has been rewarding.

"I've met some of the nicest people here," he said. "It's cer-

tainly for a good cause. You'd be surprised at the number of people who come here to work to put this thing together." Joe says local business people spend untold hours doing hard, physical labor. Part of this work includes constructing booths for the auction and picking up and unloading goods that have been solicited for the auction from the area.

Some of the goods already collected are TV's, tables, beds, lamps and pianos. "It's amazing," said Kalinosky, "You never know what you're going to find in some of the many boxes we receive."

He said that the new goods selection is always slow to come in until the last week. Then people really start to get serious about supporting the auction.

But the Odds and Ends selection is already huge. Christmas trees of all sizes, flower pots and flats, coffee pots, and popcorn makers are some of the many items at this very important booth.

The barn will be open to receive new and used merchandise Saturdays from 10-12 and 1-3. Starting June 28, the barn will also be open 6-9 nightly.



Wendy Weir, Dallas, placed third in the Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant in Altoona last Saturday. A graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes College, Wendy studied ballet with Wilkes-Barre Ballet, American Ballet, Geoffrey, Philadelphia Ballet, with Eglesky and on a two-year scholarship at Harkness. Entering the contest as Miss Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wendy did a ballet routine, a variation from Don Quixote. She plans to continue her dancing in New York this summer prior to attending law school where she will use the \$1500 toward her tuition. "Would I enter again? I sure would, I loved it!" said Wendy.