

Back Mountain girls win Section 3 title

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Minor league champs

The Reds won the Minor League championship in the Back Mountain Little League Organization July 28 via a 3-1 victory over the Phillies. Prior to the title game, both teams held 10-1 records. Shown here are members of the championship Reds. From left, first row, Sean Mulloy, Hugo Selenski, Walter Fry, Barry Smith, Shawn Conrad, Michael Gusher. Second row, Laura Poynton, Brett Gauntlett, Brian Jordan, Jennifer Besecker, Sean Pugh, Howie Strom. The Reds are coached by George Poynton, George Brutko, Ron Selenski, Bernie Walsh and Joe Walsh. (More photos, page 13.)

Dallas Board votes for increase in lunch prices

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The increase in price for school lunches in Dallas School District, approved at the July 25 meeting of the Board, applies only to the Class A lunches at the secondary level, according to Patricia Gregory, chairman of the cafeteria committee.

The board approved prices of 85 cents at the elementary level, 95 cents at the secondary level and \$1.40 for professional and non-professional Class A lunches. In addition, the reduced price lunch will remain at 30 cents and the ala carte half pint of milk price at 25 cents. The increase at the secondary level amounts to five cents over last year's cost of 90 cents.

The board's action was based on a proposal submitted by Mary Reistetter, A.R.A.'s food service manager in the Dallas District. Reistetter based her proposal on an estimated increase in food prices during the 1983-84 school year.

She recommended an increase at the secondary level because she reported that junior and senior high school students eat larger portions and because of a decline in the number of students buying the Class A lunches.

Reistetter recommended that a Deli Cart be initiated at the intermediate school in order to give students a choice of foods and also allow them an option as to juice or milk.

The faculty daily sandwich and salad menu will remain the same as last year's with offerings of cold cut, turkey or ham and cheese hoagie at \$1.00; tuna hoagie \$1.25; egg salad hoagie 95 cents; tuna salad sandwich, cheese hoagie, roast beef or corned beef on

rye sandwich 85 cents; ham or turkey sandwich 75 cents; bologna, bologna and cheese, salami, turkey salad or salami and cheese sandwich 65 cents; and egg salad sandwich 60 cents.

Faculty members also will have a choice of numerous cold plates, ranging from \$1.50 to 50 cents per plate. White, chocolate or skim milk will be served for 25 cents; coffee or tea 20 cents.

Students may purchase ala carte items ranging from \$1.00 down to 55 cents. A cheese steak hoagie costs \$1.00. Other hoagies and sandwiches cost from 90 cents down to 55 cents with hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled cheese and bologna sandwiches at the low price.

Hot entrees range from turkey casserole 80 cents, beef stew or hot turkey sandwich 75 cents; tacos (2), roast turkey or pork parmigiana 70 cents; spaghetti, creole, baked shells 60 cents; Salisbury steak, meat loaf 65 cents; macaroni and cheese 50 cents or pizza 35 cents.

Students may purchase cold plates or salads ranging from \$1.00 to 50 cents, vegetables 25 cents, French fries or soup 30 cents, fresh or canned fruit 25 cents, juices 25 cents, pie 35 cents, ice cream or chips 30 cents, cake 25 cents or cookies 15 cents each.

Based on the proposal submitted by Miss Reistetter, the directors approved the five cents increase at the secondary level for the 1983-84 school year in an attempt to assist operation of the cafeteria at a break-even figure.

"It is a never-ending battle to try to provide sufficient, nutritious meals to the children and operate in the black," said Mrs. Gregory. "It remains to be seen what the coming year will bring."

New tax laws

Confusion reigns, but people will still smoke

By JANE C. BOLGER
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If the average man on the street is confused about the new state taxes enacted to balance the budget and just what they will mean to him personally, he apparently has a lot of company in state agencies.

Following receipt of a generalized press release from the Department of Revenue in Harrisburg announcing that a six percent state tax would be placed on cigarettes starting Aug. 5, phone calls were placed to several state agencies seeking further information.

The State Bureau of Cigarette and Beverage Taxes in Wilkes-Barre reported they had "nothing from Harrisburg" on the subject, asked what information we had and then transferred the call to the Sales Tax Office. That agency stated they didn't have "any official news", but several different people on the extension, including one of whom thought it was a five percent tax that might take effect some time next fall.

An attempt was also made to clarify another statement in the press release that "the legislature exempts state Lottery winners from paying personal income tax on their prizes...withholding 2.45 percent of Lottery prize winnings directly from the Lottery Fund."

An agent at the State Lotteries Bureau on South Main Street stated, "I don't know anything about it," but said he would have someone else call back with the information. Another man did call long distance from the Harrisburg Lottery Office but as it turned out they did not have "the details because we will not be administering it." He gave the name of still another agency in Harrisburg to call, and they in turn suggested another agency.

Stifling the impulse to go out and buy all the cigarettes and lottery tickets available since I was apparently the only one other than maybe the governor who had this information, I decided instead to share the information. Surprisingly, a few local retailers had also received letters from Harrisburg.

Jack Magee, Manager of Stapinski Drugs in the Dallas Village Shopping Center, was kind enough to share his Harrisburg notice from - oddly enough - the Bureau of Account Settlements, License and Bonding. It confirmed that there would be a six percent state tax going into effect this Friday on all cigarettes sold over the counter or in vending machines.

The amount will be added on as a sales tax at the cash register rather than be reflected as a change in

the quoted price, Magee explained, adding that this is the same tax and method presently in use for tobacco and cigars.

Daring's Market on Memorial Highway had received absolutely no word at all nor had their main supplier, the Economy Stores Warehouse which orders and delivers thousands of cartons of cigarettes weekly. When last heard from, warehouse officials were in the process of wiring Harrisburg for further information on the tax that goes into effect in less than a week.

In the meantime, Mary Ellen Neely, head cashier at Daring's, did some quick arithmetic and figured out that a pack of cigarettes will go from 95 cents to \$1.01 and a carton of regular size from \$8.13 to \$8.54 while a carton of king size will go from \$8.34 to \$8.85.

Despite the increase, the second in two months, Mary Ellen said, "I'll continue to smoke." Her opinion was shared by a woman shopper from Harveys Lake who proudly stated, "I've been smoking for 60 years and I'm not going to stop now."

At the Dallas Township Police Station where three hale and hearty smokers were at work, the story was the same.

Patrolman Wayman Miers said "If you want to smoke, you'll pay for it" and added a tip on where to get cigarettes wholesale. Police dispatcher Bernie Pecukonis said, "I always said if the price went up to 50 cents a pack I'd quit, then I said if it went to 65 cents, then if it ever hit 90 cents a pack. But I didn't, so I guess I'll keep on (smoking) now." Patrolman John Appel, after considering the bad news for a few minutes, decided he, too, would continue smoking.

On the subject of the State Lottery, comments ranged from "Uncle Sugar wants it all in one lump" to several volunteers who wanted to pay the taxes if they won eight million dollars.

Dallas Township Tax Collector Leonard Kozick worried about proposed new distribution of lottery monies saying, "The State Lottery was supposed to be for the benefit of Senior Citizens over 65 and it should be kept that way. Now it sounds like everybody's trying to get their hands on the money."

So the consensus of opinion, despite the selective information available, seems to be that most people will go on smoking and or buying Lottery tickets with whatever money they have left. It probably won't be much either after the new 2.45 percent personal income tax is withheld from your pay at a retroactive rate of 2.8 percent.

This information also comes from a press release from Harrisburg. Anyone know anything about it?



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Ride 'em, cowboy!

Employees at Rea & Derick, Dallas, are shown sporting Western outfits as part of a nationwide promotion. From left, Lucille Campbell, Ann Marie Onderko, Beulah Harshbarger, Joe Campbell, manager, Steve Horan, and Bob Walsh.

Rea & Derick goes 'country'

It may look a lot like Dallas, Texas but it really is still good, old Dallas, Pa. and the employees at Rea & Derick are just having fun. Western dress was in order at the Church Street drugstore this week as part of the company's Summer Fun Days.

Pharmacist Joe Campbell, who is also store manager, explained that this is the first annual summer

fun program throughout the Rea & Derick chain where each store selects its own theme and proceeds to have fun with it.

A lot of the customers thought it was fun for shopping at "the ranch drugstore" admiring beaver hats, prairie skirts, western jeans, suede vests and gen-u-line cowboy boots.



Dallas Post/Rod Kaye

New fire truck

Shown here as they stand proudly with the new Franklin Township fire truck are, from left, Robert Appleby, fire chief; Louise Brown, firewoman in cab; and Bob Brown, fire-police. The truck is a 2500 gallon tanker with a 500 gallon per minute front pump. The firemen have also added a Bart American Fire Apparatus Pumper, a John Bean high pressure fog pumper and a 1979 15-foot equipment truck.

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