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Post has Crime Watch meeting

## Attendance low; outcome should prove beneficial

By JUDIE MATHERS  
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According to Luzerne County District Attorney Robert Gillespie, "The best neighbors in the Back Mountain turned out for last week's neighborhood crime watch meeting that was sponsored by The Dallas Post.

While only about 35 residents attended, police lieutenant Jerry Cookus, Wilkes-Barre's crime prevention officer who was one of the speakers at the meeting, thought that was a good start.

"We only had nine at our first meeting and now we have spread to 19 municipalities and touched the lives of about 37,000 people," he said. "We have been responsible for a 55 percent reduction in burglaries and vandalism. Neighborhood crime watches work."

During his presentation, Gillespie told Back Mountain residents that they have "excellent police officers of the highest quality who do good hard work. But they aren't the answer to crime prevention," he stated. "They can't be everywhere. Along with adequate police protection (You can double my taxes if you will double any police protection, he said), you need people who will become actively involved. Next time you come, drag two neighbors with you. And where are your elected officials?" he continued. "There are only a few here."

The District Attorney went on to say that crime statistics could improve if people got "back to basics."

"What happened to neighbors?" he asked. "People used to sit outside and everyone in the neighborhood knew everyone else. Now they sit inside in front of the TV."

Gillespie explained that this not only affects neighborhoods - it affects families as well, and he feels this is the reason juvenile crime is on the increase.

"At least 80 percent of the crime in Luzerne County is related to drugs and alcohol," he said. "And we're getting to the point where we're prosecuting just about as many juveniles as adults. Our kids' friends are committing these crimes. It's your 18 or 19 year old neighbor who is vandalizing or bur-

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### DA speaks

Luzerne County District Attorney Robert Gillespie spoke to the group at the Crime Watch meeting last Thursday. Gillespie stressed the importance of Neighborhood Crime Watch programs and how they can and should be started in the Back Mountain.

## Programs begin

Two Neighborhood Crime Watches are being organized in the Back Mountain community.

Mrs. Polly Michael of Michael Drive in Dallas has volunteered to chair a crime watch for the area around Michael Drive which includes Elizabeth Street and the home of Ed and Bernadine Weiss. The Weisses are the Dallas couple who have been victims of vandals for the past 11 months.

Mrs. Michael, who attended the crime watch meeting sponsored by The Dallas Post last Thursday, said she was advised to personally contact 15 neighbors who would become involved, then set a date for an orientation meeting.

Polly said she has contacted several families who are interested, and would like anyone she hasn't contacted yet to call her at 675-3786 or at the Nursing Department of College Misericordia at 675-2181. Watch The Dallas Post for the date and time of the orientation meeting.

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### Her very own car

Winter Rusiloski is shown here with her very own car, made for her by her father.

## 'Little Red Car' solves bored child's problem

By JUDIE MATHERS  
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When Stan Rusiloski, his wife Pat, and their daughter, Winter, visited the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit last year, no one expected the tourist attraction to be a source of inspiration for Stan's own creation - what has become fondly called Winter's "little red car." But somehow, seeing Ford's first automobile built with bicycle wheels suddenly seemed the answer to a problem that had been plaguing Stan.

The Rusiloskis have a lovely home in Chase nestled in the side of a hill with a beautifully landscaped yard and sloping drive.

Unfortunately, however, the scenic hillside setting has caused a small problem for six-year-old Winter. There is nowhere for her to ride her bike. This may not seem like too much of a problem to many of us, but to the parents of a bored six-year-old, it can present some frustration.

Seeing the little model T resting on bicycle wheels provided the answer for Stan, who is an engineer in mind as well as profession. Last November he began constructing what he had visualized. Using materials he had on hand, and with Winter's able assistance, he set out to build a car.

Two weeks ago, Winter had her first driving lesson. Now she is becoming fairly efficient.

The learning process has not been without some thrills, however. After a close scrape with a rock and an even closer one with the swimming pool, she can now maneuver around the lawn quite successfully, and loves every minute of it. She is quick to say that her teddy bear and Cabbage Patch Kid enjoy the ride as much as she enjoys the navigation.

Stan figures Winter's transportation cost him about \$150.00. Visits to a number of flea markets yielded numerous parts he didn't have. (Of course, if the cost of labor was figured in, the vehicle might be in line with a Mercedes.)

Powered by a two horsepower lawnmower motor, the tubular frame is Stan's own design. The transmission is from another lawnmower and Stan says he will hook up reverse when Winter has really mastered forward.

He lists his priorities in the following order: The car had to work, and it had to be safe. Style came last, and like most women, Winter knew just what she wanted.

With Winter's mental image, Mom's creative talent, and Dad's genius and enduring patience, the "little red car" was hailed a success.

## Lake-Lehman Board votes for increase

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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The Lake-Lehman School Board, at its regular meeting last Tuesday, approved a tentative 1985-1986 budget in the amount of \$8,161,436 with an increase in real estate millage to 117 mills for Harveys Lake Borough, Jackson, Lake, Lehman, and Ross Townships in Luzerne County and to 133 mills for Noxen Township in Wyoming County.

School director Alan Keiper objected to the action on the budget, stating he believed taxpayers should have an opportunity to reply to the proposed tax increase. The motion was approved, despite Keiper's objection.

The directors also approved a summer recreation and conditioning program which is scheduled to begin the week of June 24-28 and continue for six weeks, ending the week of Aug. 5-9. It will be held daily from 9 a.m. to noon at Lehman-Jackson and Lake-Noxen Elementary Schools. Activities will include softball, basketball, weightlifting, aerobics, golf, field hockey, horseshoes, wiffleball, volleyball, flagball and several other programs.

A staff of four supervisors for 90 hours each and a program director, responsible for the total program, will be recommended at the June board meeting.

The board also approved wrestling programs for the non-wrestlers, introductory and interest clinics designed to promote interest and participation. One of the clinics will be at the elementary level for one week, two and a half hours per day for a total of 12.5 hours, under the supervision of Ed Ladamus. The second will be at the secondary

level for six weeks, one day per week, two and one half hours per day for two staff members, a total of 30 hours. Ed Ladamus and one other staff member will direct the clinic.

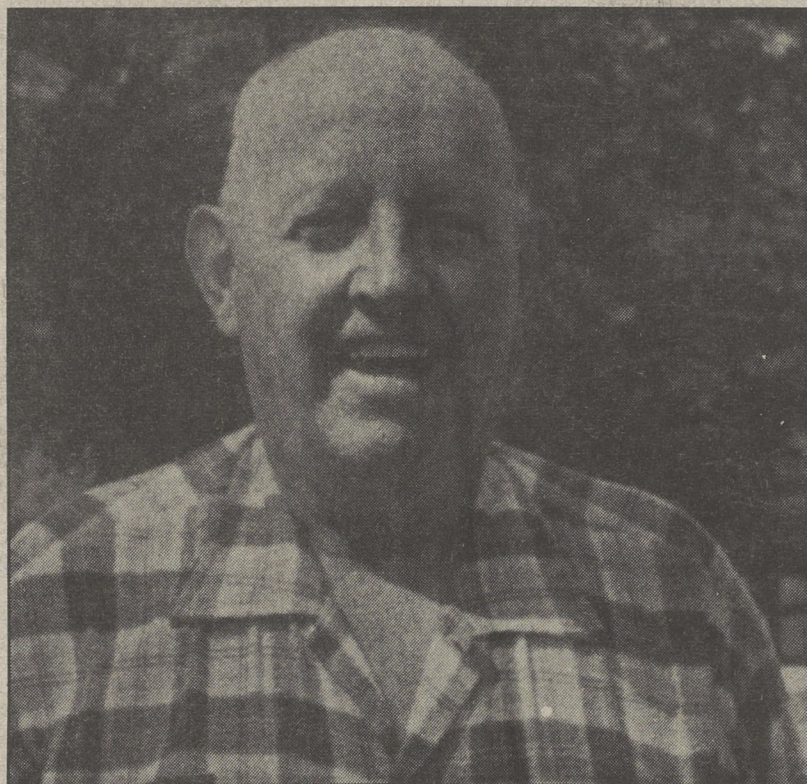
Two music instruction programs were approved by board directors, the first an elementary instrumental music instruction, June 10 to Aug. 13, directed by Jonathan Pineno and the second, senior high school marching band and instrumental lessons for nine to 10 weeks, directed by Band Director John Millauskas.

Coaches approved for the 1985-86 school year included Mark Boyle, junior high football coach; Joe Martini, girls' varsity basketball head coach; Richard Morgan, assistant coach; Sue James, junior high coach; Cheryl Travis, junior high assistant coach; Rodger Bearde, head coach, boys basketball; Robert Langan, assistant; William Jones, junior high coach; Mark Kirk, junior high assistant coach; Ed Ladamus, head wrestling coach; Dwight Barbacci, assistant coach; Thomas Williams, and Philip Lipski, junior high coaches.

The board members also approved the following program changes for the 1985-86 school year:

In-school suspension programs from kindergarten through 12th grade; computer literacy, kindergarten through sixth grade; add computer science, industrial arts and home economics to eighth grade curriculum; library science to seventh grade curriculum; add world foods, general art II, achievement career typing, general business, SAT preparation, for math, English, reading and research, PASCAL computer program, read-

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GEORGE TAYLOR

### Must have been fate

## Lucky guy wins \$2700 in IGA Bankroll Game

By JUDIE MATHERS  
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Sometimes it seems like things are just destined to happen. At least, that appeared to be the case for George Taylor when it came to winning I.G.A.'s Bankroll game last week and collecting \$2,700. Somehow it was "just in the cards."

Three weeks ago, when the bankroll jackpot had accumulated to \$2,300, Mr. Taylor's name was picked out of thousands of names contained in a large drum at the Dallas I.G.A. He was notified that his name had been drawn, but alas, he had forgotten to have his bankroll card punched that week. For the 23rd week in a row, there was no winner.

George was given a \$10.00 gift certificate as a consolation and told

that his name would be put back into the drum. "Who knows?" said the assistant manager who had called him. "Your name could come up again sometime!"

Sure enough, that's just what happened. Mr. Taylor explained: "Saturday I ate lunch at the Hoogie Bar, then stopped at I.G.A. to pick up some groceries. I went through the check out line and got my card punched. Just a few hours later, I'm told, they drew my name."

The cashier who punched his card said she remembered Mr. Taylor saying to her, "Here, you better punch this. I feel lucky today."

George Taylor, who lives in Forty Fort, has a 230-acre farm in Idetown. He was spending Saturday afternoon out at the farm when the call came.

## Bonomo's Skating Rink is sold

Bonomo's Skating Rink on the Memorial Highway changed hands last Thursday, and according to the new owner, changes on the inside are already underway.

The familiar facility was sold to Mr. Nick Tsioles of Kingston who has the franchise on the Dallas Mr. Donut and four other Mr. Donut shops as well.

"When I first bought the rink," Nick told The Dallas Post, "I was going to close it and open up a shopping center there. But then I changed my mind, so the kids can continue skating."

Nick said he has already begun cleaning the building, fixing up the snack bar and machines and putting all the lights in working order. In addition, he has increased the number of staff to insure good behavior among the skaters. Plans for the near future include painting, new carpeting, and the installation of booths around the skating area.

When asked about a new name for the facility, Nick

said that would be announced in one month.

"We're having a contest," he explained. "We want all the kids to think of a name, write it on a piece of paper with their name and address, and drop it in a box we have at the rink. One month from now, we will go through and pick the name we like the best. The person who submitted that name will be awarded one year of free skating. We started the contest Friday when we announced it over the microphone at the rink."

Tsioles said that the rink will remain open during the renovations. It is open daily from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evening has been designated as "Old Timer's Days." Sunday skating is from 1:30 to 4:30.

Nick says after the work is completed on the rink it will be open on Saturday afternoons, also. He has scheduled an "All Night Skate" for July 3rd.

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