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## Is Spring here?

Springtime weather is just beautiful at Rickett's Glen State Park as is evident in this photo taken over the weekend. Although Mother Nature played havoc with our outdoor plans

for a while on Saturday morning, the rest of the weekend saw temperatures soaring into the 80's, providing not only Springtime weather but summertime tanning weather, also. (Photo by Ed Campbell)

## Twp. supervisors meet to discuss program funding

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, May 9, at 8 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building to discuss the 1986 Capital Improvement Program Funding sources for this year's program and the General Fund and State Liquid Fuels Fund.

A total of \$150,000 has been allocated by the Board of Supervisors in the 1986 Budget for capital improvements which will consist of:

Resurfacing: West Mount Airy Road, Ferguson Avenue, Spring Street, Brook Street, West Franklin Street, Elinore Street, Goeringer Avenue, Johnson Street, Frangorm Drive, West Hillside Avenue, Woodtip Drive, South Lehigh Street (from

Harris Hill Road to Orchard Street). Resurfacing will consist of a leveling course where needed, 1½ inch overlay of wearing course and gutter replacement in certain areas.

Storm Drainage: Timothy Lane, Terrace Street, Sickler Road, Harris Hill Road, West Center Street.

Storm drainage work will consist of the placement of reinforced concrete pipe and storm drains in poor drainage areas.

Mr. Chris Borton of Smith Miller and Associates will present the proposed improvements to the Board of Supervisors. Residents from within the project areas are invited to attend.



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## Scouts meet

Shown here are members of Cub Scout Pack 281 who recently participated in a monthly pack meeting. From left, seated, Donald Hartshorne, Dennis Miller, Jamie Bottoms. Standing, Carl Wiedlich, Bradford Kozick, and Ron Hubbard. Absent at the time of the photo was Robert Sarley.

## Cub Scout Pack 281 conducts last meeting

Cub Pack 281 held its last pack meeting of the year with the theme Knights of the Round Table. Each cub made his own sword, helmet and shield.

The following badges and awards were presented: One silver arrow to Brad Kozick, Nelson Downend, Don Hartshorne, Dennis Miller, Aaron Gingo, David Rhodes, Matt Williams and Donald Holdredge. Two silver arrows to Chris Kile, and Donald Hosey. Three silver arrows to Jamie Bottoms. One gold arrow to Chris Kile and Donald Holdredge. Donald Holdredge earned his wolf badge and Chris Kile and David Townsend received the bear badge. Tiger awards were presented to Tom Jesso, Joey Dreier, Nathan Downend, Chris Miller and Greg Reilly. Ron Hubbard received his God and Family Award.

The following accomplishments

were made by Webelos: Chris Brown, Arrow of Light, athlete, aquanaut, engineer, craftsman and scientist. David Seidel, scientist; Jamie Oley, scientist; Chris Pelton, scientist; Mike Neil and Chris Thomas, scientist.

The pack also held a bridging ceremony for these boys going into Boy Scouts: David Holdredge, Andy Flint, Ron Dugan, David Seidel, Jamie Oley, Mike Neil, Chris Brown and Chris Thomas.

Next year's Committee members are Cub Master Joe Noon, Unit Commissioner, Nancy McDonald, Chairperson, Jackie Downend, Treasurer, Sharon Holdredge, Awards Chairperson, Gail Bottoms, Religious Counselors, Judy Loeffler and Jackie Downend, Publicity, Gail Bottoms, New Webelos leaders, Tom Bottoms and Dave Kozick.

## Opening Day!



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## That time of year

The look on the face of Jeff Malak of the Astros shows nothing but sheer determination as he rounds the bases during opening day action in the Back Mountain Little League. Mother Nature provided a little bit of rain on the opening day festivities, but cooperated a little more in the afternoon. More Little League photos, page 9.

## Flap?

### Council is split on center's jobs

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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According to Dallas Borough Council member Ted Montross, township residents who held summer recreational jobs in the borough last summer will again be hired this year, too, and that the entire issue, which has come under heavy criticism by concerned citizens the past month, has been blown way out of proportion.

But the issue may still not be cut and dried.

During the past month, a flap had developed over whether the Borough Council would re-hire certain individuals, who reside in Dallas Township, for the summer months at the Burdale Recreation Park located in Dallas Borough. Word had circulated that because the building is situated in the borough that only borough residents would be hired, and that township residents who held positions there the previous year would not necessarily be hired back.

But Montross says that's not true, and that even though the issue does have to pass a formal vote (probably at next month's meeting) he

doesn't see a problem.

"Yeah, for sure they will be hired," Montross said. "We (Byron Grieves and Harold Brobst, who form the recreation committee) have already told Jay Pope, who is in charge of the recreation center, to hire them."

"I really don't see a problem. We did advertise first to see what kind of response we would get. But we're not going to cause a big stink about it. But I'll tell you this, if we continue to have people raising hell about it, we won't hire them. People have been calling council members and complaining, and if it continues I'm telling you, we won't hire them."

Montross says he's not exactly sure how the misunderstanding came about, but says something was probably misinterpreted along the way.

"Rose Radzinski (whose daughter, Jill, is one of the individuals who worked at the center for the past two years, but lives in the township) came up to me and said, 'I hear that you are advertising to hire borough residents for the rec. center jobs this year.' I said, that's right, Rose, but we've been advertising to hire township residents."

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## Countywide police force not in near future

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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For the past several years, there has been considerable talk by law enforcement officials and politicians alike, concerning the possibility of forming a Countywide Police Force, a cohesive unit designed to provide better police protection for Luzerne County residents while strengthening the overall system in general. But judging from indications, because of a number of barriers, that's the stage it is likely to stay in, at least for some time.

"Eight or ten years ago, I thought we would have had one by now," Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers said. "But now that time has passed, so it's hard to say when it will take place."

"It's going to probably come some day," added Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol. "Maybe 15 years or so down the line."

But before it someday becomes a reality, a number of pressing problems must be ironed out, including funding, pensions and organizational structure to name a few. That's assuming, of course, everyone from private citizens to the police to administrative heads agree on the idea to begin with.

"The two things stopping us right now are 1) the majority of towns don't want it and 2) the financial end," Luzerne County Commissioner Frank Trinisewski said. Both he and fellow Republican commissioner Jim Phillips agree the concept is a good idea in theory, but practically speaking, it won't happen for some time.

"It's not that I'm against it. It's just that more important issues take precedence," Phillips stated. For example, raising the dikes, which is a major concern right now, will cost somewhere between 24 and 28 million dollars. Then there is the Solid Waste Resource Recovery Plant which will cost another \$135 million. And then of course there is reassessment, which everyone wants, and that's another \$7 million. That's a lot of money.

"Well, then you say, 'Why not float a bond?' But the problem with that is that you wind up paying back double what you borrowed."

"And I question at this point how badly we really need it (County Wide Force)," Phillips continued. "After that incident occurred in Lehman Township where that guy was holed up inside his house with a gun, one paper had an editorial saying how efficient the police were, with the different departments helping one another, but then contradicted itself by calling for a County Wide Force. But if that case wasn't

an example of one, I don't know what is."

Phillips does believe the force would provide better personnel, replacing some part-time officers who have not had extensive training with more experienced police, but there is also a political stumbling block to be dealt with, too.

"There are council members in different towns who do not want to give up that control," Phillips stated. "They say there police are doing quality work and are adequately taking care of their residents. And they may be right. In a lot of instances, the protection is good. So what can you say to those people to convince them their protection will be even better?"

"This has been an idea that's been kicked around for years, but no one has presented any plans. No policemen or representative has ever come in with some sort of concrete idea to work on. Every body talks about it, but no one has done anything."

Hanover Township Police Chief Richard Yourren is one proponent of the move, but says some sort of commission should be set up to study the idea further.

"You would have to study the best way to set it up," Yourren explained. "Whether it would be run by the Sheriff or commissioners or a police commission, but the manner chosen should be chosen by the people."

"My personal opinion is that one way to set it up would be by population density and by the crime rate in a particular area. Then you would dispatch the number of officers accordingly."

Yourren, who anticipates the force will take place in eight to 10 years, also believes the number of policemen would actually increase. And he described another important advantage, too.

"With a Countywide Police Force the right hand would always know what the left hand is doing," Yourren stated. "The way it is now a lot of times one department may

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