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Senior center makes changes

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The dismissal of Mary Vonderheid, assistant director of the Back Mountain Senior Citizen's Neighborhood Center, appears to be the first step in the Center's move to a four-hour daily program, a move indicated earlier by Charles Adams, director of the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging.

In a conversation with Adams the early part of May, Adams told The Post there would be a Center in the Back Mountain, however, as the result of a study done by the Bureau, it was discovered the majority of the persons attended the present center at Mercy Center between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For this reason, the daily program will be shortened to four hours daily and will involve the same programs including the lunch hour.

Recent reports circulating in the Back Mountain Area indicate that the Bureau for the Aging has investigated several locations for a new center. Among these locations are

Uncle Mike's Place on Route 415, the former Kasarda location in the 309-415 Plaza, and the offices formerly occupied by The Dallas Post in the Jean Shop building, off Route 415.

Attempts to confirm these reports with the Bureau of Aging were unsuccessful. Personnel in Adams' office reported the director is on vacation and there is no one else with authority to discuss the situation.

The Post learned on Tuesday morning from interested parties that the Bureau had indicated an interest in the Jean Shop location and had asked for plans of the unoccupied area.

In a telephone conversation with Michael Kozick, owner of the building, Kozick told The Post that representatives of the Bureau for the Aging had investigated the location, but nothing definite has been decided. Kozick said no papers have been signed with the Bureau.

The Senior Citizen Center has until July 1 to move from its present location in Mercy Center when the Bureau for the Aging agreement expires.



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Tax increase proposed

Dallas Area School district taxpayers may face a 4-mill property tax increase if the district's tentative 1986-87 budget for the upcoming school year is passed at next Monday night's monthly board meeting.

The increase would raise the district's millage to 117.5. At a meeting last month the board approved by a 5-3 vote the first reading of a \$10,159,807 budget.

Voting for the proposed budget were James Richardson, Ernest Ashbridge Jr., Thomas Landon,

John George and William Camp. Those against the move were Harry Sickler, Tex Wilson and Donald Jones. Board member Albert Pisaneschi was absent.

The 4-mill increase was pared down from the original 4.5 figure and may be cut down even further if state subsidies come through. The district expects to receive an increase of \$67,000 over last year. Board members are also looking at other measures to decrease costs in a number of different areas.

— JOHN HOINSKI

District II AAA champs

Members of the Dallas Lady Mountaineers softball team who took the District II AAA title this season above are, kneeling, from left, Heidi Scholz, Renee Balberchak, Lori Cave, Tracey Hunter, Tracy Cave, Colleen McKeever, Kristen Dougherty. Second row, Kim Yakowski, Chris Legenz, Joyce Tinner, Donna Platt, Lori Bartleson, Chris Harvey, mgr., Kathy Zikor,

mgr. Third row, Lisa Sharkness, Holly Bachman, Kim Rinehimer, Lisa Gabel, Tammy Daveski, Heather Bachman, and Kim Morgan, mgr. (The Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team captured the District II AA title and will be featured in next week's edition of The Dallas Post. Stories and an additional photo on the softball playoffs appear on page nine of today's paper.)

Township police experiment with cellular telephone

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

In an effort to increase job efficiency and to establish better communication lines with distress victims, Kingston Township police for the past several weeks have been experimenting with the use of a Cellular phone system in one police cruiser and, because of positive results the department has been getting, may finalize and expand the operation in the near future.

Considered to be an advantage for businessmen and professionals who spend much of their time away from the office and on the road, through the cooperation of Commonwealth Telephone, the Cellular phone may now aid police officers in much the same way, providing an overall more effective unit.

"We have been experimenting with it for several weeks now," Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol said, "and we are very pleased with the results."

"One of the advantages of the unit is that it allows an officer who is on patrol to remain in his vehicle and respond to an incident faster. Sometimes if a call comes in and we

don't want it intercepted over the car radio, we will tell the officer to go to the nearest phone and call in. Then he gets the message and goes on from there. But with this phone, we can talk to him directly and he can respond to the scene quicker.

"Another plus is that, say for example, someone calls the department from their house and reports some type of crime. After the officer on patrol is reached, he can keep in personal contact with the caller and stay on top of the situation while he is on the way to investigate.

"The dispatcher still gives the information, but with the Cellular phone you get a better feeling for the incident reported. You can find out if it is a prank call or a serious problem."

Township officials were approached about the use of the system approximately three months ago by Commonwealth Telephone. Commonwealth, which set up a special circuit design to accommodate the police force, agreed to let the township use the system on a trial basis for \$22 a month, plus a charge per minute to use the line. The outright purchase price is \$1,500.



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New phone

Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol is shown demonstrating the Cellular Phone which the force has been experimenting with for the past several weeks. The new system, which was installed by Commonwealth Telephone, is the first to be used by any police unit in the area.



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Happy Birthday, Sis!

Thora Sharland, above left, and her twin sister, Edna Blaine, Dallas, enjoy the cool breezer on Mrs. Blaine's porch while they wait for Edna's son-in-law and granddaughter to take them out for dinner in observance of their 80th birthday.

It's double celebration for these twin sisters

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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It is cause to celebrate when one reaches her 80th birthday but it becomes a gala occasion when twin sisters are together to observe their 80th, particularly identical twins.

Indeed identical, Mrs. Edna B. Blaine of Dallas and Mrs. Thora Sharland of Long Island, New York, are very much alike in appearance, thinking, hobbies and personality.

Edna and Thora, blonde, blue-eyed Norwegian twins, are known as the Barene Twins. Their father, who was born and raised on the Bareke Island of Norway, migrated to this country where he and his wife had seven girls and three boys, two of the girls twins, Thora and Edna.

The Barene twins were born May 30, 1906 in New York. Although identical, Thora is the elder of the two having been born at 2:30 p.m., half hour before Edna.

A member and soloist at Emmanuel Assembly of God Church, Harveys Lake, Edna has survived three husbands. Originally from New York, Edna met her first husband named Beith while attending the Free Methodist Campground on Lower Demunds Road. They had a son, Phillip George Beith, employed as a digital computer representative for Litton Isaacs.

Following her first husband's decease, Edna met and married William H. Jones of Loyalville, long a friend of the family. They were not married very long before Jones died and once more, Edna became a widow.

She was always an active member of her church and she and her first husband had been friends with Mr. and Mrs. James Blaine, also members of the church, from 1934. After Edna's second husband died, she remained active in church activities and following the death of James Blaine's wife, Edna and James became closer in their sympathy for one another.

They finally decided to marry and then moved into their home at 137 South Drive, Valley View, where James died 13 months ago. Hard luck seemed to follow Edna for a while when her daughter, the late Berdina Ann Mayeski, died three and a half months ago, then Edna became ill and was hospitalized until recently. It was three weeks ago that her twin sister, Thora, came to stay with her until Edna was completely recovered.

A licensed practical nurse, Edna organized the former Luzerne County L.P.N. Association and served as president for 10 years. She was also a Red Cross First Aid Instructor for 25 years, serving in

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Balloon found

Margaret Kile of Shavertown, stands in her backyard with the balloon that landed there on May 30. The balloon had a card attached to it indicating it was released by a student from Chester School, Toronto, Canada, May 29. (Story, page 2)

Graduation set

Members of the 1986 graduating class of Lake-Lehman High School will be presented with their high school diplomas during commencement exercises, scheduled for Friday, June 6.

The exercises will begin at 6 p.m. and will be conducted at the Edward Edwards Football Stadium, located directly behind the Lake-Lehman Senior High School. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be moved inside to the Lake-Lehman High School gymnasium.

Anyone wishing to attend the commencement exercises must have a ticket.

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