

No cable television here until Spring

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Residents in the Back Mountain waiting for cable television lines to be installed in their neighborhood are going to have to remain patient, at least until the Spring.

That's because Tele-Media Company Cable Television Systems, the outfit servicing the region, has already hooked up its scheduled four miles of cable lines, and beyond, for this year, thus using the amount of money budgeted. So, those waiting for more channel selection will have to wait until the spring when the

company begins surveying where new lines will be installed.

"We have already gone a little over our budget for this year," said Jerry Toma, manager of TMC. "In the Spring, we'll begin surveying to see where the most feasible areas would be to begin the next installation.

"We figure that about 30 homes per mile would be the break-even point for the cost of hooking up a section. But if people call saying they want the service, we go out and check the area to see what is needed and what priority it should be."

Toma did say that those residents in less populated

areas may also receive the service, but because there would be less homes in the area to absorb the cost, their hook-up fee, which would be a one-time charge, would be higher.

Frank Vicente, vice president and general manager of the company, said, however, that if the fee is an extraordinary amount, the subscriber would be allowed to pay in installments.

"We realize that some fees may be pretty high in less populated areas," Vicente said. "In that case we would allow the customer to pay in installments. They could make a payment up front and we would arrange some sort of an agreement on the rest of the amount."

On March 31 of last year, TMC purchased the

system from Cable Management Associates who suddenly pulled out of the deal to hook up the area. Vicente, appearing at a Dallas Borough Council meeting, outlined plans for providing the service, including plans to run four miles of cable each year for the first three years.

So far residents in Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Kingston Township, Harveys Lake Borough and a part of Lehman Township are already being serviced.

Extensions have also been made on Sutton Road and in a plot on Roushey Street, the Mid-Way Manor, Mount Olivet Road and the Carverton Heights section in Trucksville.



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Ban burning? Kingston Township couple to petition for ordinance change

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A Trucksville couple said they would like to have the "open burning" ordinance at Kingston Township rescinded or at least modified and will soon begin circulating a petition to help fuel their plight.

Gerald and Stephanie Reisch, 73 S. Pioneer Avenue, told township supervisors last week at their monthly meeting that the smoke near their home, caused by open burning, has been a nuisance and that they fear for the safety of their child and the neighborhood.

"We have a seven month old baby and we are concerned with her health. That's mainly why we are here," explained Mrs. Reisch. "But we also live in an area where it is densely populated and where there are a lot of trees. One wind-blown spark could easily cause a fire."

The Reischs say they wouldn't mind if the fires were confined to a container with a lid on top of it. But they are strongly opposed to open burning.

Willard Piatt, supervisor chairman, said the Reischs would probably have to circulate a petition and present it to the board before anything can be done.

"I'm not saying it's impossible to have the ordinance changed," Piatt said. "But you will need more

support than just one letter. Then, when we get the petition we will take it to the board for consideration."

Solicitor Ben Jones said the board has the power to change the ordinance without holding a public meeting, but said if the supervisors feel it is that important an issue, then maybe it would be in the best interest of the community to have a public meeting before any changes are considered.

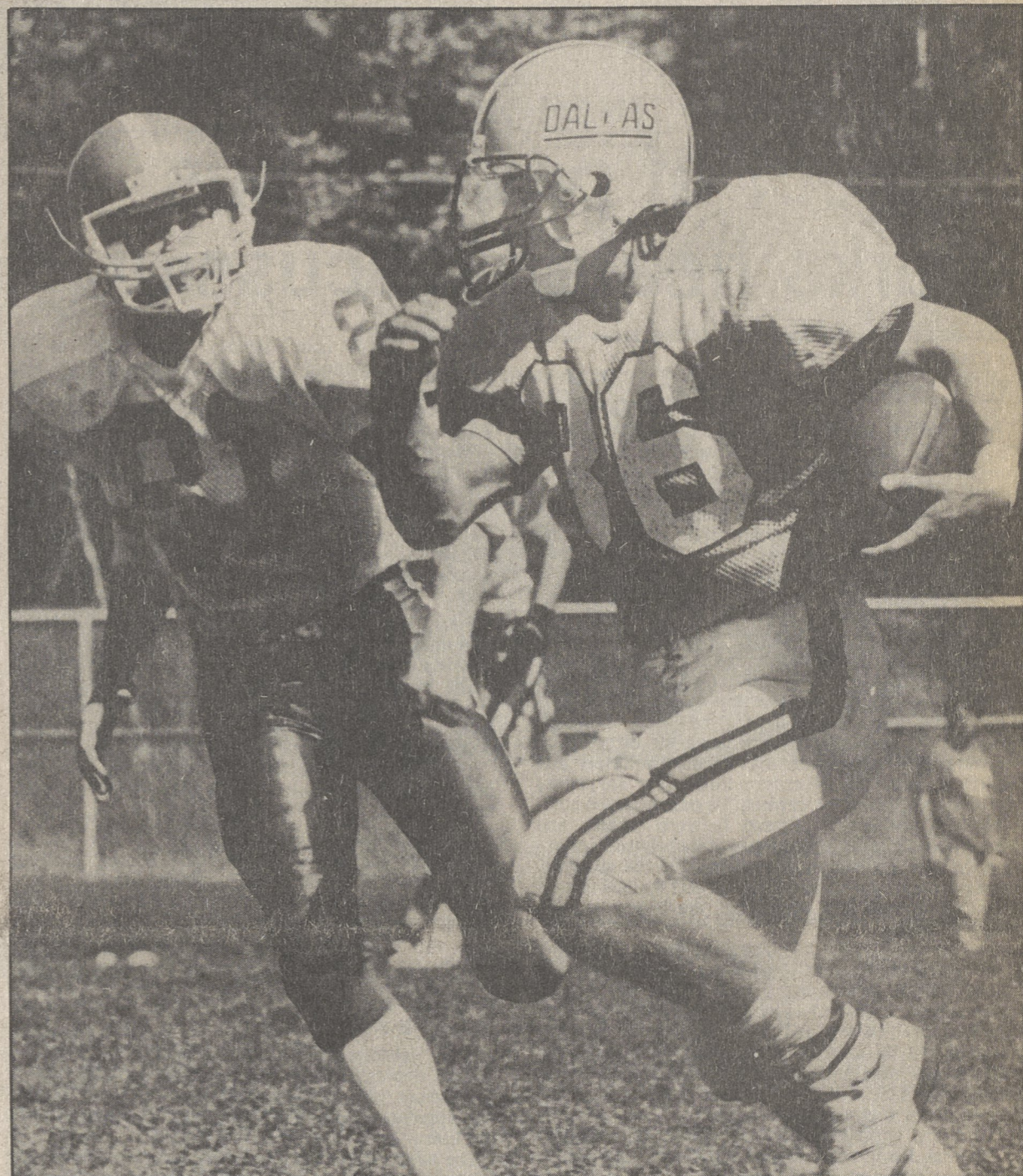
Board members said they have cited two people recently, but otherwise have had no complaints about persons abusing the ordinance.

At one time the township did have a location where residents could bring brush and debris from their yard to have burned, but later closed it down because of misuse by people bringing in all sorts of garbage prohibited by the township.

In other business, the board:
— Authorized township engineer Smith Miller and Associates to prepare an engineering report for lighting on Route 309 in the vicinity of the "Rock Cut" section.

— Set October 12th as date for fall road inspection.
— Approved the appointment of Everell "Cy" Chadwick, 124 Center Street, to the Recreation Commission.

— Authorized the secretary to advertise for bids on a 1987 four wheel drive police vehicle.



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Gaining yardage

Mike Koprowski of the Dallas High School football team attempts to outrun his opponent, John Gibbons of Crestwood during Saturday afternoon's Wyoming Valley Conference contest between the two teams. The Mountaineers pulled a squeaker, 9-7. (Story, additional photo, page 9)

Committee gets good news

After countless disappointments, the Jackson Township Advisory Committee finally got some good news last Friday.

At a meeting at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas, John Raber, a spokesman for the General Services Agency, confirmed that two projects the committee has been working on since 1982 have been awarded to a contractor and that the construction of three sirens and a security fence will be completed within a year.

For five years, the committee has been pressing for the construction of a tower and a security fence along with lights and sirens, only to be met with one delay after another. And even though the lighting and the tower will take some additional time, the two remaining projects have been finalized.

"I'm elated," said Pat Rusiloski, president of the committee. "After five years of frustration, we're finally making progress."

Blaircon Building Co. of Altoona was awarded a contract on September 5 to install three sirens at selected sights in the Back Mountain which must be completed within 200 days and a second security fence at the prison which must be done within 400. The cost of the project will be \$1,470,000. The lighting phase was

initially included in the package but had to be pulled because the amount exceeded the \$1.5 million allocated for the entire deal.

The bid for the tower, set at \$200,000, also came in \$120,000 over the cost set. Officials will now ask state legislators for additional money to complete the entire project.

"I would ask that the Department of General Services and the Department of Corrections ask the House of Representatives for additional money before they close session for the Year," said Rep. Stanley Jarolin, D-Nanticoke.

Those two phases may take another year to complete, depending on how fast Harrisburg moves, Jarolin added.

The sirens will be located across from the Jackson Township Fire Hall in Lehman, near the Willow Pines section and at Chase.

The fence constructed at the institution will also be the first of its kind in the Commonwealth.

"It's an intrusion detection type," stated Rep. George Hasay. "If someone touches the fence, a monitor tells you exactly what part of the fence is being bothered."

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DER commended

Senator Charles Lemmond commends Nick DeBenedictis, executive director of DER, on the proposed campsite at Frances Slocum State Park and expresses his pride at the fact that it will be in the local area. Seaking at the press conference last Friday were, from left, Rep. Franklin Coslett, Lemmond, DeBenedictis and Rep. George Hasay.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus notes 70th anniversary

"It promises to be the biggest birthday party the Back Mountain has seen in a long time."

That's the word from Dr. James H. Ryan, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus Executive Officer, in discussing tomorrow's "Celebration 70" anniversary celebration planned for the campus.

According to Public Relations Department officials, more than 800 people are expected to join in the day-long festivities that will begin on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre at 1 p.m. There, the campus will honor staff and faculty members instru-

mental in developing the campus.

The program will include proclamations announcing September 18 as Penn State Day from the Luzerne County Commissioners as well as representative from a number of area communities.

Mrs. Nancy Kanjorski, wife of Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, will present the campus with a congratulatory letter entered into the Congressional Record. A number of well-known Penn State Alumni will be on hand, including Manny Gordon; WNEP-TV meteorologists Tom and Noreen Clark; as

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well as George Bierly, the first director of the campus; John Conyngham III, president of the Campus Advisory Board; State Senator Raphael Musto; State Representative Kevin Blaum and the Hon. Bernard Podcasy, Luzerne County judge.

Later in the afternoon, the party

will move to campus for a private campus and alumni picnic. The public is again invited to join the festivities at 7 p.m. for a performance of the award-winning Lake-Lehman Band, which will perform a number of Penn State songs. A fireworks finale will close the show at approximately 8 p.m.

According to JoAnn Post, of Dallas, Alumnus and Campus Advisory Board member, "We hope all the folks in the Back Mountain will come out and join us. Penn State cheerleaders and the Nittany Lion will be there and we are having a special visit from members of the Irem Temple Clowns Corps. It will be a great family event."

Ms. Post adds, "This is our chance to thank all the people of the Back Mountain for being good neighbors to our campus."

All events are free to the public.

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