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## Authority looses grant

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The Jackson Township General Municipal Authority held their reorganization meeting Monday, January 11, 1988. Solicitor Don McFadden installed the members as follows: Chairman Richard Kindler, Vice-Chairman George Morgan, Secretary Martin McMahon, Treasurer Ed Pieperalski, Robert Evanish, Dave Roskos and John Trescavage.

At the regular meeting which was held immediately afterward, McMahon reported he received a letter from Senator Lemmond informing the Municipal Authority that they will not be getting funding from the \$145,000 grant they applied for this year but they can resubmit an application again for next year.

A representative from Michael J. Pasonick said they had been in contact with the firms who bid on the sewer construction job. The low bidder indicated he would not be able to hold his prices for the six-month extension. The second low bidder has agreed to hold to his original bid. The Municipal Authority is waiting to receive such information in writing before taking any action.

Kindler had a meeting with Mr. Corcoran from the Woodridge development who told him one of the residents had their water tested by the Kirby Health Center and found their well to be polluted. The Municipal Authority is trying to work out an agreement with the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) where Woodridge I can tie into the sewer system of Woodridge II which is located in Kingston Township and is serviced by DAMA.



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### Featured in Chef's corner

Charlotte and Rich Williams, Harveys Lake, are this week's featured chefs in *The Post's* newest addition, "Chef's corner". See page 6 for some of the Williams' fantastic favorite recipes.

## State prison to get more money for tower

BY BONNIE DOMBROSKI  
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There was a meeting held on Friday, Jan. 8, 1988 at the State Correctional Institute at Dallas for the purpose of a discussion on security issues at the prison and for an update on the status of the siren and fence project.

Present were Superintendent Joseph Ryan, Representative Stanley Jarolin, Lisa Baker, Administrative Officer for Senator Charles Lemmond, and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Other officials expected to attend but were unable to make the meeting due to the weather conditions and illness.

Since there are no representatives from the Department of General Services (DGS) a report on the status of the project was given by Bob Pozaic, Institution Maintenance Supervisor. According to Pozaic, the project is 90 percent complete and the general contractor has promised to finish as soon as possible. They were granted an extension on the completion deadline but DGS has stated in a letter to Senator Lemmond that "a target completion date of January 18, 1988 has been established." They did indicate, however, that the weather is a complicating factor and that the date may have to be adjusted.

Pozaic said that the outside fence is completed to the point where the locks are in place and secure. One lift gate has been installed and after the lift gate has been installed on the inside fence the intrusion system will be set up. Ryan indicated that "significant progress" has been made toward completion of the project.

Installation of additional lighting was cut from the fence and siren project because of a lack of funds, but the use of sodium vapor lights to replace the incandescent lighting has helped illuminate the far areas of the grounds. According to information received from Senator Lemmond's office, \$792,000 has been included in the Capital Budget Bill for security lighting at the prison.

Ryan reported that SCID is short of Corrections Officers now because of the opening of Frackville and Retreat, but there are 17 applications in process now and the Pennsylvania State Police are working on extensive background checks on all individuals who apply.

The construction of a guard tower required some additional

funding and \$200,000 is set aside in the Capital Budget for that project. The budget has gone through the House and is in the Senate now and the Legislature is expected to take action on it in the early Spring. When questioned about the tower project, Ryan said "It's needed because it is tied in with the remodeling of the main gate. Also, there is a long distance between Tower 1 and Tower 7 which has never been able to be covered by a tower up until now. Ryan also said the new tower will be the place where County Sheriffs and State Police leave their weapons when they are bringing in a prisoner.

Money for a water tie line to a PGW water source was another concern of prison officials and local citizens. House Bill 1743 which includes all major construction projects for the state has \$795,000 for water line hook-ups for SCID. The prison has recently drilled a well but it is not in use and will not be used unless one of the two wells currently in use is shut down. Ryan stressed that it is an alternate supply, not an additional supply and is therefore not an extra drain on the water table.

Plans are in the works for a Mental Health clinic to be established at SCID. The Department of Welfare has announced they will not be taking care of short-term mental problems for the Department of Corrections anymore. The plans are to build a 35-bed unit on top of the hospital and have the care done by an independent contractor who would provide their own staff. This project will take a few years of planning and budgeting before it becomes a reality.

Ryan would like the residents living in close proximity to the prison grounds to be made aware of the fact that on the first Tuesday of every month the steam whistle will be sounded to check its working condition. It will only be used in case of an internal problem and should cause no anxiety to area residents who may hear it sounded.

There is a new citation hanging on the wall proclaiming SCID as an accredited institution according to the American Corrections Association. There are 458 standards to be met and SCID had to comply with 100 percent of the mandatory standards and at least 90 percent of the non-mandatory standards. The accreditation is good for three years and that is the second one to be earned by the Dallas facility.



Dallas Post/Linda Shurmatlis

**POST EDITOR TALKS POLITICS** — Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski and *Dallas Post* editor Debby Higgins discussed a broad range of topics during an interview held Thursday at the newsroom of *The Dallas Post*.

## Congressman Paul Kanjorski visits Post

BY DEBBY HIGGINS  
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Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, Democratic congressman for the 11th Congressional District visited the newsroom of *The Dallas Post*, Thursday.

Kanjorski was in the area talking to constituents about the upcoming session of the House of Representatives, during which he will be a member of the House's Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

The Congressman conducted an interview with Post editor, Debby Higgins. The 45-minute interview encompassed topics that related to Northeastern Pennsylvania in general and topics relative to the Back Mountain in particular.

Although Kanjorski spends most of this time in Washington, D.C., it was evident the two-term legislator is well aware of problems facing Back Mountain areas of his congressional district.

The on-going plight of the Jackson Township General Municipal Authority is one of Kanjorski's concerns, he told *The Post*.

"Our office was successful in obtaining a six-month extension for a federal EPA grant of \$2 million," Kanjorski said. "The grant expired on Dec. 31st, 1987 and the extension will allow the municipal authority extra time to seek other funding."

Kanjorski said his office will also investigate further into Jackson Township's dilemma of installing a municipal sewerage collection system for approximately 217 homeowners. According to the Congressman, there may be alternative systems available for the area which will solve the sewerage crisis in a more efficient way.

Another topic of Kanjorski's

interview centered around his concern for environmental issues, specifically the nationwide garbage disposal problem.

"Pennsylvania, as well as every other state, should be looking for alternative methods of handling garbage," Kanjorski said. "One plan that will help ease the crisis is recycling. But that alone will not solve the problem. I feel the federal government, along with state governments, should work together to do whatever we can to deal with the situation. American technology can do wonderful things. We've got to use that technology to encourage ingenuity to solve the problem." He said.

Along the same lines, Kanjorski said the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania and particularly in the Back Mountain, should not be sacrificed in the name of progress and technological advancement. He said 1988 will be the year of Pennsylvania at it's best with much economic growth based on an influx of new industry.

"New businesses and industries are now looking at our state with the desire to locate here. Many people from New York and New Jersey are noticing the high quality of life here," Kanjorski told *The Post*.

But new growth comes with some side effects that may alter an area's high quality of life and Kanjorski said he feels these potential problems need to be examined and dealt with before they are encountered.

Kanjorski and his staff wrapped up their visit to the Back Mountain with speaking engagements at Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools, Monday. The Congressman spoke to students about the U.S. Constitution after which he and his staff returned to Washington to begin a new legislative year.

## News you need

### Kingston Twp. sells licenses

Kingston Township Zoning Officer Ralph R. Anthony Jr. announces that Dog Licenses will be on sale at the Township Zoning Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, during the months of January, February and March. The Zoning Office will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Host families needed

Host families are being sought for high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, West Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Ecuador, Japan and Australia for the school year 1988-89 in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August 1988, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June 1989. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries, having spending money and medical insurance.

Host families may deduct \$50.00 per month for income tax purposes.

AISE is also seeking American High School Students age 15 through 17 who would like to spend a High School Year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, West Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain or Australia or participate in a five week Summer Host Family Stay throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in either program should contact the State Coordinator, Sally Nicholas, 215-797-4147 or 1-800-SIBLING.

### Local courses offered

Residents of the Dallas area will have the opportunity to take credit courses without the inconvenience of having to travel beyond the Dallas School District by enrolling in courses offered by Luzerne County Community College this Spring.

The community college will offer nine credit courses for the upcoming semester which begins on Monday, Feb. 1 and continues through Thursday, May 12, at the senior high school and two personal development courses at the junior high school.

With today's declining job market and an increasing demand for technical and social skills, it is fast becoming mandatory for each individual to continue his or her education in order to be able to compete.

The wide variety of curriculum offerings, many of which can be obtained without ever leaving the Dallas area, coupled with the fact that tuition is set well below that of other institutions of higher education, makes the community college an attractive alternative for the adult learner residing in Dallas.

Courses that will be offered for the Spring semester at the Dallas Area High School includes Principles of Accounting I, Introduction to Biological Science I, Beginning, Typewriting, Business Communications, Fundamentals of Chemistry, English Composition I and II, Introduction to Microcomputers, and The Family. The courses will be offered on week nights, from 7 to 9:45 p.m.

The personal development course offerings will include Body Trimmer, which will meet on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30, beginning February 10 through March 30; and Mousercise, for ages 4 to 8 which will meet on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:30 beginning February 10 through March 16.

Tuition at the community college is \$41 per credit hour, and courses are transferable to most four-year colleges and universities. Registration for the Dallas area courses is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the high school.

For further information on the course offerings contact the community college at 829-7300.

### Harveys Lake council reorganizes

Harveys Lake Borough Council held their annual reorganization meeting on Monday, Jan. 4, at the Borough Building. Thomas Kehler was elected to serve as Chairman. Edward Kelly will serve as vice-president with newcomer Dave Abod as first vice-president. Richard Boice and George Gwilliam remain from last year's Council and are joined by Robert Albee and Joseph Sgarlat. T. Joseph Boyle is the Mayor of the Borough and Dorothy Partington is secretary.



Dallas Post/Bonnie Dombroski

### SCID fence nears completion

The State Correctional Institution at Dallas has added five rows of razor wire and an additional fence at the facility to increase security. The five year-old project is nearly complete, according to officials.