

Asbestos removal will cost Dallas \$700,000 or more

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Dallas School Board president Thomas Landon said at the October 11 meeting of the board that the district will soon send in its proposal to the state Department of Education for the removal of asbestos from the Dallas senior and junior high schools.

Landon estimated that the cost of removal of asbestos will be at least \$700,000. When and from where the asbestos will be removed is scheduled for discussion at a meeting of the district's property committee to be held October 25, according to district superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

At the same meeting it is expected that the board members will discuss the addition of four rooms to the intermediate building as well as the subject of additional rooms at the senior high school.

Wycallis stated that the inspector who tested the amount of asbestos in schools recommended that some should be removed from the band room in the senior high school but that there was no immediate danger to the students.

There was no opposition to the proposed plan for the asbestos treatment by other board members, parents or teachers who attended Tuesday's meeting. The asbestos

found in the vinyl flooring tile needs only to be encapsulated for the protection of students, faculty and other personnel, according to Wycallis. More definite information is expected to be available following the October 25 meeting.

The appointment of Gerald J. Baldauff of Moosic as band front coordinator in the senior high school for 1988-1989 year was approved effective September 14, 1988, and also approved the appointment of Mrs. Margaret Wright as a part-time professional employee for the 1988-1989 contract year at the rate of \$14.00 per hour for 14 hours per week.

William Wagner, Anthony Martinnelli, Maryann Storz and Sharon Nardone were approved to attend a conference of the Pennsylvania Middle School Association at Mechanicsburg Intermediate School November 14, at an approximate cost of \$10 per person.

The board members approved a recommendation by Ernest Ashbridge, Jr. that an agreement be accepted between the West Side Area Vo-Tech School and the Dallas School District for the procurement and use of payroll and budgetary accounting software.

Leaves of absence were approved for David Richards, groundskeeper effective September 30, and for Rita J. Lyons, secretary, senior high school, guidance office, retroactive to September 7 to continue for three months from above date. The hours of Melanie Stella, secretary in the guidance office were adjusted from five hours to six and a half hours per day until the return of Ms. Lyons from the leave of absence and that Ms. Lynn Romano substitute clerical be authorized to work five hours per day on a temporary basis.

The following coaches were appointed for the 1988-1989 school year: Clarence Ozgo, boys basketball coach; Kit Karuza, girls basketball coach; and Anthony Chiarucci, girls assistant basketball coach, all at senior high school.

Robert Cicon, assistant in charge boys middle school basketball; John E. Wega, boys assistant basketball coach; Gerald Hartels, assistant in charge of boys middle school wrestling; Thomas Kilduff, assistant in charge of girls middle school basketball and William Stratiff, girls assistant basketball coach.

Lake-Lehman free of asbestos

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Carl Search, supervisor of buildings and grounds operations, at Lake-Lehman School District, said on Tuesday morning that the asbestos problems in the district have been resolved.

"All of the asbestos in the buildings in the district has been removed with the exception of the ceiling in the auditorium which have been encapsulated according to regulations," Search said.

"Our buildings are tested periodically by Thomas Doughton of Michael J. Pasonick, Jr. Engineers. Doughton is a licensed inspector for asbestos and goes according to the Department of Environmental Resources."

Kingston Township

Carverton Road rezoning to residential approved

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The rezoning of property at 330 Old Carverton Road, owned by James A. Haughwout, from agricultural to residential was approved unanimously by Kingston Township supervisors at their October 12 meeting held in the municipal building.

The petitioner stated the purpose of the rezoning was to allow petitioner to propose one of five acres for a family dwelling and the property further identified on the tax assessment map E-9 as Lot 66-A.

The supervisors also approved the request of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority to route their outbound trips from Main Street to the road alongside Hillstolsky Pools.

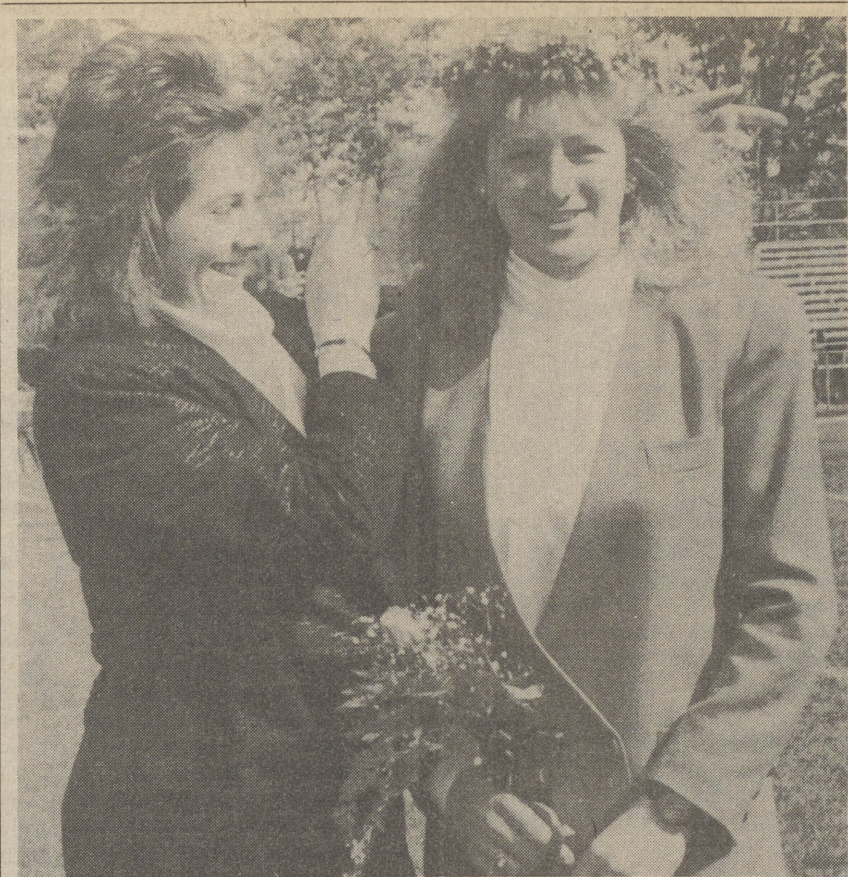
The Township Civil Service Commission was given approval by the supervisors to interview candidates for the purpose of hiring a full-time officer to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Officer Joseph Bren.

They tabled a recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve a request of Cedar Lane Associates to install a 40 foot paved radius cul-de-sac in place of the approved T-Turn Around in Cedar Lane Subdivision Phase II until the supervisors had time to review the recommendation and discuss it with the township engineer.

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Knights Homecoming

Kristen Roesse, last year's Lake-Lehman Homecoming Queen, crowns the 1988 Knights Homecoming Queen Stacy Chamberlain during the event held prior to the Knights game with GAR last Saturday. Stacy received the majority of the votes for queen from the student body during the election held last Friday. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Water

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posed ordinances and regulations. Joseph Salla stated that if developments are required to provide water and sewage facilities, all of them should have the same criteria and specifications relative to installing the proper size mains, especially along arteries such as Route 309. He recommended mains larger than six inches.

Since water was one of the top concerns among the officials attending the recent meeting with a Back Mountain citizens group, Ward appointed Ellie Rodda as the liaison between the Back Mountain Citi-

zens Council and the Back Mountain Water Commission.

The commission will set up a library of resource materials in the Kingston Township Municipal Building.

The Back Mountain Water Commission will meet the first and third Thursday of each month until notified differently due to the volume of work that needs to be done.

Community officials attending the meeting were Ed Price, supervisor; Jeffrey Box, township manager, both Kingston Township; Phil Walter, supervisor, Dallas Township; Craig Tupper, councilman, Dallas Borough.

Dallas Township officers win driving test

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Two Dallas Township police officers placed first and second in one of the Autocross events sponsored by the Luzerne County Task Force on driving under the influence and the Corvette Club, Sunday, October 16, during DUI Awareness Day at Luzerne County Community College.

The Dallas Township winners in their categories were officer Charles

Rauschkalb, who placed first and officer Wayman Miers who came in second in the driving skills category for medium size cruisers. Both officers drove a 1988 Plymouth cruiser.

Representatives from various area police departments entered against Corvette owners in driving skills events. Entries were placed in various classes according to size and power of vehicles.

Lake townhouse plans halted by legal challenge

The Harveys Lake zoning board faces an appeal against their decision to grant a special exception to Al-Sar Corporation for a proposed townhouse development on Barnum Street at the lake. The exception was granted by the zoning board on the condition that the developer remove three of the residential units from the subdivision plans. The property is owned by Harveys Lake resident Al Morrow.

Attorney Mark McNealis filed an appeal on the basis that the zoning board's special exception waived a host of residential zoning ordinances. McNealis is representing Robert Zimmerman, who is a part-time resident of the lake and lives across the street from the proposed development during the summer months.

Zimmerman challenged preliminary approval by the borough planning commission of the developer's original application, claiming that the plans did not comply with several borough residential zoning ordinances regarding major subdivisions. At a July 25 meeting the planning commission voted to reject the application for those reasons.

Attorney McNealis said that borough ordinances regarding subdivisions state that both planning commission and zoning board review and approval are necessary,

but as far as he knows Al-Sar Corporation doesn't intend to file any future applications with the Planning Commission. He said that several setback and density requirements were waived, and the zoning board did not review the application properly.

The pending appeal leaves the future of the townhouse development at the lake up in the air, some land has been cleared but no structure has gone up since the original application for 29 townhouses on 3 1/2 acres of land was filed back in June 1988.

"If they decide to build anything they are doing it at their own risk. There is a possibility that if the zoning board's decision is overturned the developers would have to tear down any building they started," said McNealis.

An attorney representing the borough zoning board said that townhouse developers probably will have to submit another application before the Harveys Lake Planning Commission. The zoning board does not have the authority to hear subdivision applications, but can grant special exceptions to allow the construction of multi-housing units in residential areas.

The appeal would be heard in the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

Head lice in Dallas schools

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Reports that there head lice found among students in the Dallas School District were confirmed this week by District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

Wycallis said, however, that there was no need for parents to panic. "This problem occurs just about every year," Wycallis said. "The nurses check heads periodically and take steps to prevent an epidemic by taking the proper steps."

School nurse Rita Bren stated that only 13 cases were found among students in the schools in the district. "That's not a lot of cases for the hundreds of students within the school district," Bren said. "Several of the students were reinfected and, in some cases, children infected from one school took them home where other children in the family became infected."

"There is no need for parents to panic," she said. "We have been

checking the students and we have sent flyers home with all of the students. If there are parents, whose children have not brought home a flyer, we suggest parents ask their children if they have one in a book or in their desk or locker at school."

Bren said that over the weekend all of the lockers were sprayed and all sanitation steps have been taken. She also recommended that parents inspect their children's heads regularly over a period of time since head lice can spread through contact. She also stated that a doctor's prescription is usually needed to get rid of the lice, although she recently heard that there is one type of medication sold over-the-counter.

Parents should not worry about cleanliness because that is not the cause of head lice. "Cleanliness has nothing to do with it," said Bren. "The most immaculate individual can have head lice. They can be picked up from outside or many other ways. Checking children's heads regularly is the best prevention."

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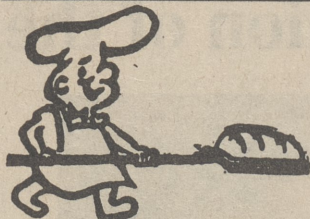
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