



Penn State vets collect Toys for Tots

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Veteran's Club with the assistance of the Campus Activities Board collected more than 100 items for the Marine Corps Annual Toys for Tots project. The students set-up collection points at various locations across the campus, and then delivered the toys for Marine Corps distribution to the area's less fortunate children. Shown front row: Calvin Fields and Tiffany Suggs. Standing from left, Bernard Banks, Melissa Kohli, Brett Barclay, Adam (TJ) Crahall, Jackie Stash, Lisa Kasarda and Jeff Woytowich.

These are your public officials

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Rapid development in the Back Mountain has brought with it increased population as well as more involvement in municipal affairs by residents of the eight communities. In many cases, new residents want to contribute to their community, but may not know who their public officials are.

The Dallas Post has surveyed the eight municipalities that make up the Back Mountain and has composed a list of area officials in the hope that it might serve as an informational resource.

The eight communities commonly called the Back Mountain are Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Harveys Lake Borough, Lake Township, Lehman Township, Franklin Township and Jackson Township.

Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Franklin Township are within the Dallas School District. Harveys Lake Borough, Lake Township, Jackson Township and Lehman Township are within the Lake-Lehman School District.

Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Harveys Lake Borough form what many consider to be the 'core' of the Back Mountain with the other four townships surrounding these communities.

Because of the large number of officials in each community, The Dallas Post will publish the 'core' communities this week, followed by the other four in a following issue.

Kingston Township

Kingston Township is the only one of the eight municipalities, which has Home Rule government which became effective in the late 1970's.

The township has a full-time township manager, Jeffrey Box, appointed recently to replace Fred Potzer, who served in that capacity for three and a half years. Prior to Potzer, former township resident Mark Kunkle held the position.

The supervisors are Herbert Hill, chairman, retired florist; Ambrose Gavigan, retired grocer and butcher; Ed Price, employed at Wilkes College; Dan Wisniewski, sales representative, and William Tippett, retired. Hill has the longest tenure. Wisniewski is in his third term. Gavigan and Price are in their second terms and Tippett is serving his first.

In addition to the five supervisors who work with Box, there is a planning commission, Kingston

Township Water Commission, zoning officer Ralph Anthony, and the police department headed by Police Chief Paul Sabol.

Sabol has been with the police department for 25 years and was appointed police chief to replace the late Herbert Updyke. Janice Castellani is the township tax collector with offices in the municipal building. Carole Loberg is executive secretary to the manager.

The supervisors meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month.

Dallas Township

In Dallas Township, a board of three supervisors manages the township government, aided by township solicitor Frank Townend. Carl Miers is the chief of police with offices in the municipal building. Miers has been with the police department since 1968.

The three supervisors have many years of experience in municipal management. Glenn Howell, vice president of the Dallas Office of Northeastern Bank, has served as secretary and supervisor for the past 28 years; Philip Walters, former garage owner, has been in office for 23 years; and Frank Wagner, formerly employed by Coca Cola, has been township roadmaster and supervisor for 19 years.

Leonard Kozick, tax collector for the last 10 years, was formerly a member of the secondary education faculty at Dallas. Kozick is also township zoning officer and Dallas Borough-Dallas Township sewage officer.

Recently a Back Mountain Communication Center was formed and is located in the township municipal building. All police calls from Dallas Township, Dallas Borough, Harveys Lake Borough and Kingston Township are handled by the Comm Center dispatchers as are fire and ambulance calls from most of the municipalities.

The township supervisors meet the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Dallas Borough

Dallas Borough is governed by seven councilmen, assisted by borough solicitor John S. Fine and township manager Robert Brown, retired vice president of First Eastern Bank. The manager is employed five half-days weekly, assisted by a secretary. Chief of Police is John

Fowler, recently appointed to fill the vacancy left by the death of former Chief Edward Lyons.

Tax collector is Thomas Reese, formerly in the coal business with his father, now retired. Reese is serving his fourth term as tax collector. The borough has a Planning Commission with Drew Fitch of R.N. Fitch & Sons, plumbing, heating and sewer contractors, as zoning officer.

Councilmen are Donald Shaffer, council president, a retired employee of Air Products, serving his first term; Tim Carroll, a contractor, in his second term; Craig Tupper, office and business machines salesman, first term; Russ Eyet, Varsity Sod & Landscaping manager, in his first term; Bill Bertl, owner of a sanitation service, councilmember for more than 20 years; Harold Brobst, semi-retired electrical contractor, council member for more than 30 years; and Jerry Machell, formerly employed by Dallas Dairy and now with Payne Printery, council member for about 20 years. Paul LaBar is mayor of Dallas Borough.

The council meets the third Tuesday of every month.

Harveys Lake Borough

Harveys Lake Borough Council also has seven members who represent the taxpayers in managing municipal affairs. The borough has a Planning Commission and is also assisted by Ron DeBalko, zoning officer and Mayor Joseph Boyle.

Terry Jones, affiliated with Jones Potato Pancake business at the lake, is tax collector. Lionel Bulford is Chief of Police, a position he has held for a number of years.

The councilmen are Thomas Kehler, council president, employed by Muskin Pools, serving a first term; George Gwilliam, sales manager for publications, serving a second term; David Abod, insurance salesman, in his first term; Joseph Sgarlat, farmer, in his first term; Richard Boice, manager of Harveys Lake Sewer Authority, in his first term; Robert Albee, member of Tunkhannock School District faculty, in his first term; and Edward Kelly, salesman.

The council meets the third Tuesday of every month. The planning commission meets the third Monday of every month and the zoning board the fourth Tuesday.

Harveys Lake Council president resigns, 1989 budget passed

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The resignation of Harveys Lake Council president Thomas Kehler, the passing of the 1989 budget, and plans to apply for a federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant to study the environmental status of the lake were some of the actions taken at the council meeting last week.

The president of Harveys Lake Council Thomas Kehler resigned for personal reasons, and vice president Edward Kelly is now the acting president until the council's reorganization next month. Council member Rick Boice read a letter of resignation from Kehler, who did not attend the meeting.

In other business, the council unanimously passed the 1989 budget, which does not include a tax increase. Property taxes remain at 21.5 mill. The proposed total income for the 1989 budget is \$385,650, up from 1988 which was \$349,033.

The main sources of income for the borough include real estate taxes, estimated at \$205,000 for 1989 and local enabling taxes which provide \$109,000 toward total revenue.

Major expenditures for 1989 include: general administration, \$45,840; police service, \$103,700; trash collection, \$80,000; and road repair \$65,110.

Included in the budget are seven percent raises for the borough secretary and the two full-time police officers. Borough road workers can expect a nine percent raise and a \$500 bonus.

Harveys Lake residents present at the council meeting greeted with applause a motion passed to apply for a federal EPA (Environmental

Protection Agency) grant to be used for the study of the environmental status of the lake. A representative of F.X. Brown, Inc. made a presentation regarding the study and said that lake was losing its recreational value and is in danger of becoming atrophic. The firm was designated to act as a technical advisor and applicant in the grant process and eventual study.

The studies estimated cost is \$50,000. The federal EPA Clean Lakes program would provide \$35,000 if the application is approved, and local share will be sought through the state legislature.

"We are long overdue for a solution

to the pollution problem at the lake," said Councilman Rick Boice.

The Lake is treated every year with copper sulphate to combat the algae problem. Treatment costs for next year are estimated at \$4200.

Dave Abod, a council member, added that there is a potential that if the grant is approved and the study eventually put into cleaning up the lake, the borough could end up with a lake that never has an algae problem again.

The deadline for the grant application is the end of January. It will be several months until the results of the EPA grant application will be known, according to Councilman George Gwilliam.

Illegal tire dumping cited

Leroy Trudgen of 148 Mill Road in Dallas and Joseph Scott Ruppolo of North Lake Road in Sweet Valley were charged by police with two separate incidents of illegal tire dumping on private property in the Back Mountain. The men were charged with scattering rubbish, a summary offense with a maximum fine of \$300.

Trudgen and Ruppolo were charged with throwing approximately 100 used tires on the property of Charles Zekas, of R.D. #3 in Dallas on December 6, and dumping approximately 200 used tires on

the property of Jerome Kane off Route 693 in Franklin Township on the same date.

The men were also charged with illegally unloading tires December 12th on the property of Fred Murray on Sandy Hill Road and Shovlidge Road in Jackson Township after being paid \$350.00 to remove the tires by Hughey Trucking Company of Tunkhannock.

The citations were filed by Jackson Township Ptl. Jerry Leedock in District Justice Earl Gregory's office.

Noxen man killed in car accident

Cecil Hubbell, 73, of Noxen was fatally injured Saturday, December 24, 8:30 p.m., when his car struck another vehicle driven by Berlin Garringer of RD 5, Tunkhannock, then crashed into a house owned by Spencer Holgren, causing approximately \$10,000 worth of damage to the house.

Hubbell was traveling north on

Route 29 when the accident occurred, according to Noxen Township Chief of Police. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Paul Nulton, Wyoming County deputy coroner.

Six people in the Holmgren home at the time of the accident escaped injury, according to Holmgren. Garringer also escaped injury.

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