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Lehman Twp. budget holds taxes, hikes fees

By SARA J. LUNDBERG
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Property taxes in Lehman Township will remain 14 mills under the 1989 budget adopted last Thursday. Total estimated revenue for the township is \$416,099, a 12 percent jump in from last year.

Sources of revenue other than the property tax include a \$5 per capita tax and a 1 percent wage tax. The biggest expenditure for Lehman Township will be road maintenance and police protection.

In other business the supervisors passed a motion to hike building permit fees. The new fees are based on a sliding scale related to the assessed worth of the property. For example, a permit to build a \$25,000 home will cost \$75; for a \$100,000 house, \$200, plus \$2 per every \$1,000 of value.



Ice can be nice

Changing surface conditions on Harveys Lake don't seem to bother this resident much.

(Photo by Linda Shurmais)

Businesses adapt to non-smoking law

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Businesses and public officials in the Back Mountain will have to accommodate the needs of non-smokers starting February 20.

Governor Robert F. Casey December 21 signed legislation that will limit smoking in offices, stores and other indoor public places. The legislation, Senate Bill 26, requires establishment of non-smoking sections in larger restaurants and requires employers to post smoking policies in workplaces.

In a bill signing ceremony at the Capitol, the Governor said that the Clean Indoor Act will protect non-smokers from the harmful effects of having to inhale smoke. The governor was referring from a statement made in the past by the U.S. Surgeon General that even non-smokers are at risk of lung cancer and other diseases simply by breathing other people's smoke.

The new law, which goes into effect February 20, prohibits smoking in any area designated as non-smoking.

How does this affect local businesses, especially restaurants? A quick survey over the past weekend indicated that many restaurant owners had anticipated such

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legislation. Some were prepared, some were not.

Tom Pickett, owner of Picketts Charge, has had an enclosed smoking area for the past year. The area seats 20 to 24 persons comfortably and if an occasion arises where he needs additional seating for non-smoking, he has accommodations along one side of the no-smoking area. He foresees no problems.

The Jersey Shore Restaurant, Dallas, has a dining area for less than 75 persons. Owner John Hummler said the dining area is not set up in such a way that the restaurant can have a non-smoking area so signs indicating that fact will have to be posted.

Pier III at Harveys Lake does not have a non-smoking area at the present time but the owner, Jennie Cerrulli said she will have no problem accommodating non-smokers since she has a separate dining area which she can designate.

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Big things brewing in Back Mountain for '89

By SARA J. LUNDBERG and
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Changes and events which shape Back Mountain municipalities may seem to move at a relatively slow pace, but several projects started in 1988 will begin to show major results by next year at this time. A recent survey taken by the Dallas Post revealed a diverse sampling of things which will have an impact on Back Mountain municipalities in the

year ahead. Items confronting local officials include: development, recreational space, planning and zoning ordinances, sewer systems, environmental issues such as recycling and water quality, and other concerns.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP TO GET SEWERS, PARK, NEW BUILDING

"It's going to be a big year for Jackson Township," said township supervisor Thomas Adams.

Two big projects will dominate

officials attention in the next twelve months; a new municipal building and recreational space and a long awaited public sewer system.

The supervisors voted unanimously last year to purchase 21.5 acres of land, 19 acres to be used for recreational purposes, and the remaining portion allocated for the municipal garage and offices. The selling price for the property was \$115,000 and the closing is expected to take place by the end of this month.

Interested township residents are currently being sought to fill

spots in a new recreation board, which will play the key role in determining how the recreational land will be allotted to best serve the needs of the community.

The property includes a former service station and a two-story building on Chase Road near Huntsville Dam. The service station will house the township road department, and after the two story structure is remodeled the municipal offices and police department will be moved there. The site was once the John Adams Paving Company.

The purchase was made possible in part through a \$50,000 grant from the state Department of Community Development with the balance of the \$115,000 purchase cost picked up by township funds.

A new sewer system has been on the agenda for the township, and construction is expected to begin this winter. The township was ordered to start the project by the state more than five years ago, but held off construction until a way could be found to reduce the local share of cost. The answer came last year in the form of a \$983,000 low interest state PENNVEST loan, which will be combined with a \$2 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to round out financing of the sewers.

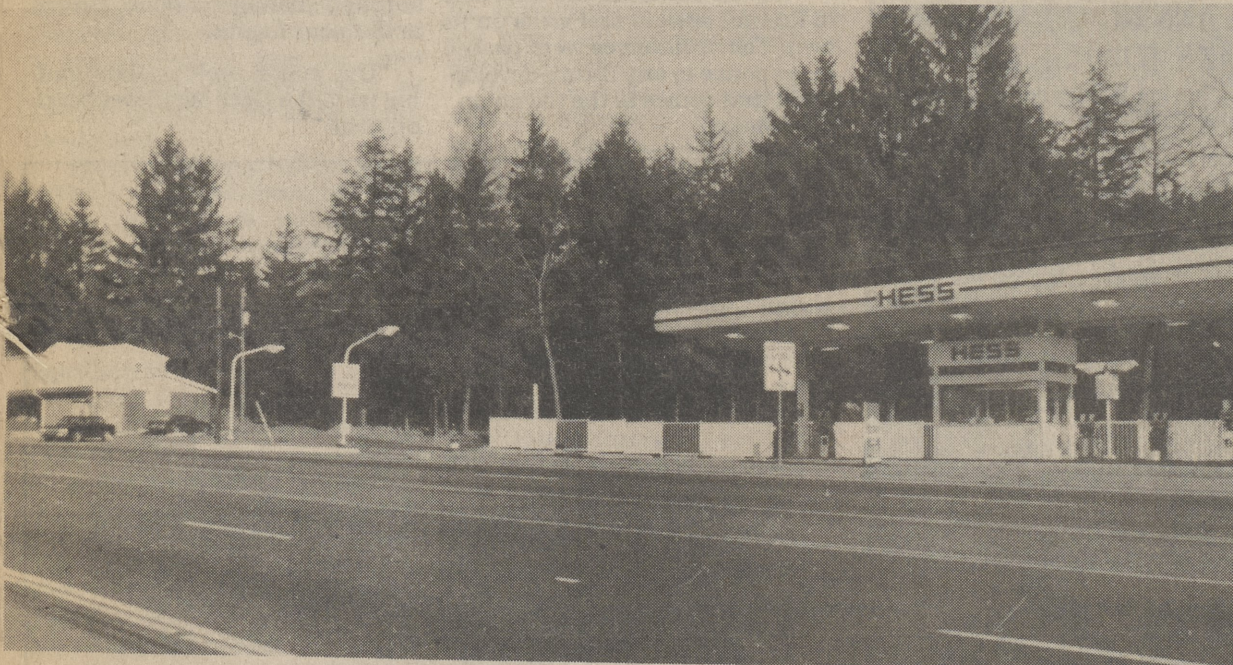
Jackson Township Police Chief Don Jones predicted the new sewer system would bring additional growth to the area, as people near the lines see their property values increase, and developers buy land and hook up to the system. Residents who hook up to the sewers will be responsible for payment of the state PENNVEST loan which has a 20 year term and a 1% interest rate.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP FACES MORE GROWTH

Development will continue at a brisk pace for Kingston Township, with hundreds of homes slotted to go up in various spots throughout the community. Major residential subdivisions in various stages of construction include: Cedar Lane Phase I and II, Manor Drive; Sunrise Estates Phase II, located between Manor Drive and Carverton Road; Summerfields, at the intersection of 8th Street and Carverton Road; Woodridge II, near Sutton Road; Woodside II, off Staub and Carverton Road; Maplecrest on Manor Drive and Carverton Road; and Cranes Landing, on Crane Road and Carverton Road.

Improved recreational facilities are also on the agenda for Kingston Township in 1989. Center Street Park is scheduled to undergo renovation, and the supervi-

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An accident waiting to happen?

Attorney Gifford Cappellini of Orchard View Terrace, Dallas, says this intersection at the Hess station on Route 309 is dangerous and could result in tragedy. He recently wrote company officials to alert them to his concerns. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Attorney says intersection at Hess station is dangerous

By SARA J. LUNDBERG
Managing Editor

What responsibility does a place of business have in ensuring the safety of drivers traveling by and patrons leaving? Attorney Gifford Cappellini would like to know, and he has put the owners of the Hess Gas station on Route 309 in Dallas on alert that he believes a dangerous traffic situation exists there that could result in tragedy.

Cappellini sent a letter to the Amerada Hess Corporation in Woodbridge, New Jersey December 21, notifying the vice president of gas station operations of the alleged dangerous traffic problem at the site, after being requested to look into the matter by his neighbors. Specifically, residents of Orchard View Terrace, New Goss Manor, and anyone trying to turn

onto Dorchester Drive near the station faces a tricky situation in which Hess gas station patrons, in attempting to exit from the service station are turning into traffic that is properly signaling a right-hand turn onto the street.

"I don't know personally of any accidents caused by this situation, but I know of many near misses," said Attorney Cappellini.

Two possibilities for traffic accidents exist on that site, Cappellini said. First, a collision could be caused if a motorist is exiting Dorchester Drive to make a left hand turn onto Route 309 at the same instant a Hess patron is attempting to make a right hand turn onto Route 309 from the station. Also, motorists who are traveling north on Route 309 from Wilkes-Barre to Dallas and are attempting to make a right hand turn onto Dorchester Drive are

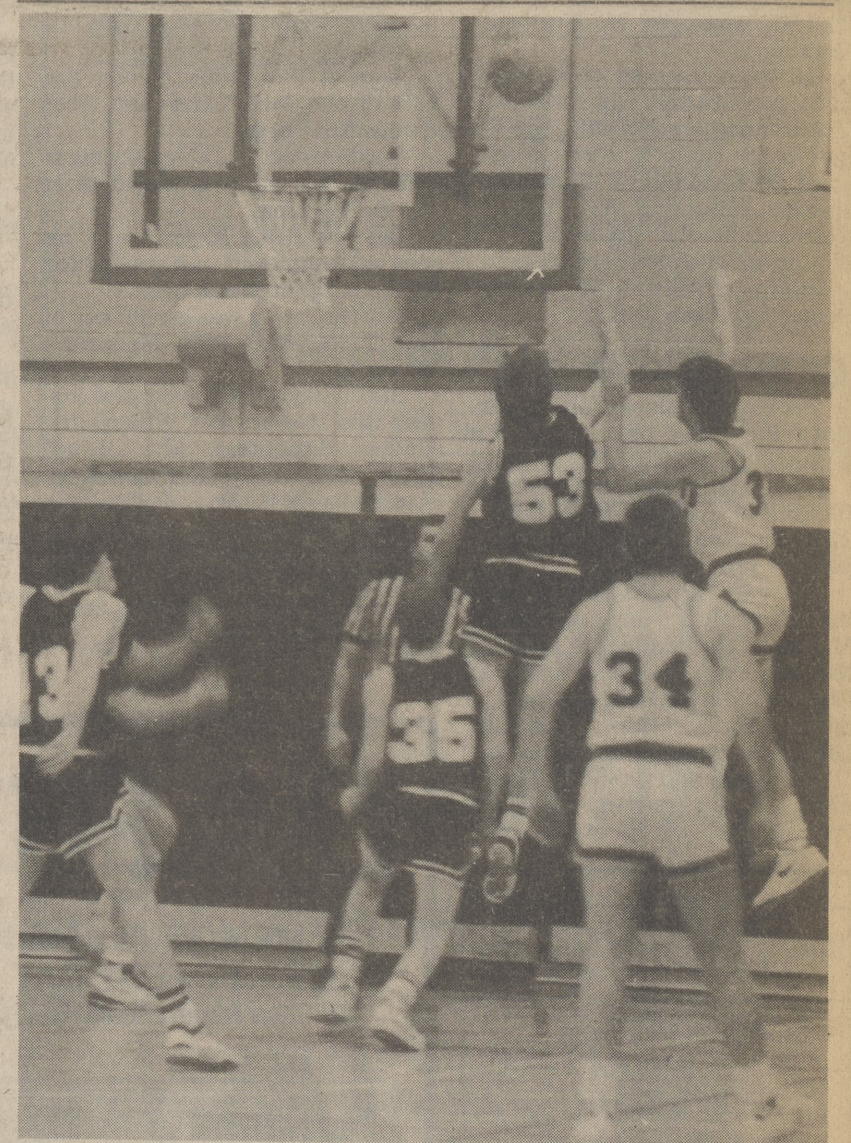
confronted by the possibility of gas station patrons pulling directly out in front of them, thinking they are attempting to turn into Hess.

"My theory is that if you know of a dangerous situation but can do something to avoid injury or death, then you should do whatever it takes," said Cappellini.

He added that signs posted at the exit and entranceway of Hess Gas Station warning patrons to yield to oncoming traffic could be a potential solution, barring the likelihood of turning lights being installed at that intersection.

Under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Act, motorists who are traveling on Route 309 and those who are attempting to gain entry onto Route 309 have the right-of-way. Hess gas station patrons failing to yield the right of way

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Up and in?

Mount Randy Coolbaugh (33) and his Tiger opponent match one another as they go up with the ball in the Al Pisaneschi Unico Basketball Tournament, Dec. 29, at Dallas Senior High School. Story on page 9. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

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Coming up:

- BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION - Thur., Jan. 5, 7:00 p.m., Kingston Twp. municipal building.
- DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD - Mon., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m., Administrative building, Church St. Work sessions and property committee. Expected agenda: New classrooms at the High School.
- JACKSON TWP. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Mon., Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., Jackson Twp. Fire Hall.
- LEHMAN TWP. SUPERVISORS - Mon., Jan. 9, 8:00 p.m., Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD - Tues., Jan. 10, 8:00 p.m., Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.
- KINGSTON TWP. SUPERVISORS - Wed., Jan. 11, 8:00 p.m., Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.