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## Plan could save Dallas district \$20,000-30,000

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Harry West of Wayne Thomas Environmental Abatement Associates, Inc. explained to members of the Dallas School Board at Monday night's meeting that by using an alternate method to connect an energy management system, the district could save \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The savings would be realized because under West's plan, asbestos ceiling tiles wouldn't be disturbed, saving the expense of removing them.

West explained that in the junior high the ceiling tiles are well-maintained so there is no danger of asbestos becoming airborne as long as they are not disturbed. He said that to remove the ceiling tiles would cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000, but the alternate method

of running wiring through pipes would cost only about \$1,000.

The wiring needs to be connected to sensors will go down through the floor and then run through pipe tunnels and back up to the sensors.

West assured the directors the danger from asbestos is only when it becomes airborne which will not be the case at the junior high.

Superintendent Gerald Wycallis said he is still waiting for final approval from Harrisburg on the senior high school renovations. The district has received verbal approval but not written approval. Once written approval is received, the board can approve advertising for bids.

A discussion was held on whether it was advisable to continue a Circus Day for secondary

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REGROUPING, REBUILDING - Members of the Beaumont Union Gospel Church met in the old Beaumont schoolhouse Sunday, as they planned to rebuild their fire damaged building on Route 309. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

## Beaumont church members carry on as they plan to rebuild

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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"The church is more than a building," said Pastor Jerry Tallent at the conclusion of his sermon Sunday morning. And the approximately 50 persons assembled in the second floor auditorium of the old Beaumont School were testimony to the statement.

The members of the Beaumont Union Gospel Church were meeting in the former schoolhouse because their building had been damaged by fire the previous Wednesday morning - the victim of an arsonist according to the state fire marshal's office.

"I should have titled the sermon, 'As If By Fire,'" Reverend Tallent said later Sunday. He said the theme of his presentation was that God used fire many times to test his followers and to gain their attention. His Bible selection for the day, Psalm 66, Verses 8-20, includes this passage: "Thou didst let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet thou hast brought us forth to a spacious place."

Reverend Tallent urged his flock to "regroup, rebuild and revive," as he closed his sermon.

William Rifenberg has been head trustee and Sunday School superintendent of the church since the early 1960's. Prior to that he attended services and Sunday School there. He knows the tragedy of the fire will test the members. "I hope it will make the congregation stronger," he said. "I'm praying that way. We pray that this will cause more people to attend."

Judging by Sunday's attendance, that may well be happening. The church has a membership of about 70, and this week's attendance was a bit higher than usual, Rifenberg said. He said that membership has been stable the last few years.

Neither Pastor Tallent nor the church has been through a similar experience before. Tallent, who has been serving both the Beaumont church and one in Noxen for the past 23 years, announced just a month ago that he would be leaving his post in late-May to move closer to his son's home in Tennessee. Rifenberg said the church building had never before suffered a fire.

Rifenberg said that as far as he knew, the church was built in 1866, making it one of the oldest buildings in the community. While it



ARSONIST'S WORK - The Beaumont Union Gospel Church building sustained heavy damage to its vestibule in a fire last week. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

has been on the same site since then, it was raised up one story about 1940 when Route 309 was updated and widened.

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## Developers plan 32 houses off Upper Demunds Road

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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After approving the enactment of a new ordinance which prohibits residents from filling or adding water to swimming pools, watering lawns or gardens or washing cars during a drought emergency, the Dallas Township supervisors discussed subjects brought up by persons at the meeting held Tuesday, April 4, at the township building. The new ordinance applies to residents with private wells and those with public water service.

Paul Klug and Michael Dombrowski spoke to the supervisors about their proposal for a development on property owned by Klug behind his home on Upper Demunds Road, Dallas. Michael Dombrowski is the proposed builder.

The residents were told by the supervisors that it would be necessary for them to obtain a sewage right-of-way from the Dallas Area Municipal Authority, since the parcel of land in question is considered wetlands.

Since the supervisors meeting, April 4, Klug and Dombrowski have submitted a preliminary plot plan for the proposed development behind Klug's home. The development - to be known as 'The Maples' - consists of approximately 40 acres on which Dombrowski proposes to construct 32 houses. The developer indicated that he was able to obtain the sewage right-of-way from the Dallas Area Municipal Authority to put in sewer lines as designated by the Authority at the developer's expense.

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## Citizen group offers course in planning

The Back Mountain Citizens' Council, in cooperation with other organizations, will sponsor a six-week course in planning and zoning issues. While the course is structured primarily for municipal planning personnel, other officials and interested members of the general public are welcome to attend.

The six session course will begin on Wednesday, April 26 and continue through May 31. Meetings will be from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Hayfield House, room 105 on the Penn State campus in Lehman.

The course will feature discussions and demonstrations of planning ideas, techniques and procedures, as well as a review of the judicial nature of planning and zoning law as viewed by municipal officials, citizens and developers.

Two professional faculty members of Penn State will lead the course; Sanford M. Lembeck is associate professor of rural sociology at the University Park campus; Attorney Charles Zaleski of Harrisburg is a specialist in planning and zoning law.

A fee of \$25.00 covers the cost of attending the six sessions and course materials. Anyone interested in participating in the course should send a check for \$25.00 to "EDCNP", 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, PA 18640.



DINOSAUR LAND - David Cummings looks over the top of his dinosaur bed as he describes his enthusiasm for dinosaurs and how they live. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

## David Cummings has dinosaur den

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The Land of the Dinosaurs may be located on Lower Demunds Road in East Dallas.

Six-year-old David Cummings sleeps, eats and lives dinosaurs. He is probably the only boy in the Back Mountain whose bedroom is a dinosaur den, his bed a dinosaur, who wears dinosaur jeans, sneakers, shorts and shirts.

David saw pictures of dinosaurs in a book about a year ago and during this past year while visiting the Back Mountain Library, he saw a collection of dinosaurs that whetted his enthusiasm about the creatures.

He was so fascinated by the dinosaurs that his mother made him a dinosaur sweater. David's interest in the animals grew, so next his mother, Jane Cummings, crocheted her son an afghan covered with different colored dinosaurs.

Only a short while after that they discovered a dinosaur carousel at a craft show and a dinosaur puzzle in a game shop. Then came the masterpiece - a dinosaur bed.

David's dad, John Cummings, a woodworker, made the dinosaur bed for his son. The bed was complete with head, body and long tail of the dinosaur. John painted it green highlighted with dark shadings. To make the dinosaur's home complete, Jane painted the wall to look like a dinosaur's cave with decals of dinosaur eggs on the wall. Curtains were decorated with dinosaurs, and sheets, blankets

and pillowcases had dinosaurs in a scattered design all over them. David's bedroom had become a dinosaur den.

David wears dinosaur shorts, shirts, jeans and sneakers. He hangs his heavy dinosaur sweater on a dinosaur coatrack. After a shower he dries with a dinosaur towel and if he cuts a finger or toe, he wears a dinosaur band-aid.

The Cummings' son has his own dinosaur land.

Now David has added something new to his collection - not a dinosaur but a Crimson Peruvian Cavy, a member of the rodent

## Water group pleased with survey returns

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Members of the Back Mountain Water Commission expressed their pleasure at the number of surveys being returned from the mailing sent out by the Commonwealth Telephone Company last month.

"This is not all of them yet," Ellie Rodda stated. "Not all of the billing has gone out to all of the areas, so we should receive more by the next meeting."

Water Commission chairman Jim Ward distributed excerpts from the 1972 Gilbert Report stating that ground water was the primary source of water in the area. The consultant to the report concluded at that time that additional water sources were needed in the Back Mountain. He stated that in 1970 the water supply was barely adequate and that by 1980 the supply could be slightly deficient and by 2020 the deficiency could reach large proportions.

The consultant recommended that it be feasible to find alternate water supplies, and listed such sources as Huntsville Dam, groundwater, Harveys Lake, Frances Slocum State Park Lake, Abrahams Creek (proposed impoundment), and the Susquehanna River.

Members of the commission discussed the recommendation but stated that during the past 10 years or more, these sources had been investigated and found inadequate for various reasons. They concluded the amount of ground water was not the problem but that distribution equipment was not adequate.

Members also discussed the wetlands in Pennsylvania and the importance of protecting them in order to preserve animals, birds and other wildlife which will die out if the wetlands are destroyed.

The members also approved writing to the Back Mountain Water Companies to ask them to provide information about how many wells they have, sales versus pumping, growth rate, contamination in wells, types of testing and fluctuation of water in the wells.

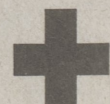
They also discussed obtaining more information on water authorities before holding a general community meeting on the subject.

They will set a date for the public meeting after additional information is obtained about water authorities.

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### Coming up:



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Thurs., April 13, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM, College Misericordia

DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., April 18, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Building, Main Street  
DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., April 18, 8 PM, Dallas Township Bldg.  
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., April 18, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.  
HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., April 17, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.