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## \$960,000 bond to renovate Dallas schools

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Dallas School Board members will meet Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. at the administration building with First Eastern's vice president of finance William Runner, Jr., to determine how many investors may be interested in a \$960,000 bond issue.

That amount is needed for renovations at the Dallas Elementary School, including installation of an energy management system at the elementary building; the junior high energy system and boiler replacement at the high school.

The total sum of \$960,000 leaves \$73,000 uncommitted for upgrading which Runner explained the district could invest and let earn interest until the district is ready for the next bond issue. The board must decide on the final amount of the bond issue by the May 18 meeting.

District superintendent Gerald Wycallis reminded the board that the PlanCon up to 'G' must be approved by the board and the Department of Education before contracts can be awarded.

School solicitor Atty. Benjamin R. Jones, III, to the board that it could approve a 'Notice of Intent' to award the contracts and following the May 18 meeting, must award

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### Rain didn't stop them

Despite the rain, Penn State Wilkes-Barre held a groundbreaking for a new phys ed center Friday. State Secretary of General Services David L. Jannetta and Penn State's Dr. James Ryan turned the first shovels of dirt. Story on page 3. (C.M. Denmon photo)

## Companies are no-shows for water commission meeting

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Only one of the 24 water companies that were invited to attend last Thursday's meeting of the Back Mountain Water Commission showed up.

James Ward, chairman of the commission, reported that only National Utilities responded to the invitation.

"They indicated they were unable to attend our meeting," Ward told the members. "they did, however, send us the information we had requested."

"What do these water companies have to hide," Ellie Rodda asked following the meeting. "It seems strange that none of them can send a representative to our meeting nor send us the information requested. Don't they realize the commission is only trying to protect the quality and quantity of water. We are not trying to police the companies, we are merely seeking information that will help us do our job as we should," Rodda stated.

None of the commission members could understand why the water companies were unwilling to

release information. They did appreciate the information sent by National Utilities which included the number of customers, average gallons of water used by a consumer daily, depth of their wells, contamination, if any, growth of the company and future plans.

Rodda also reported that she had received a total of 1066 replies to the survey forms sent out by the Commission, with additional replies still coming in.

"The number before tonight's meeting represents a 6.5 percent return. According to marketing

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## Two teachers represent their profession well

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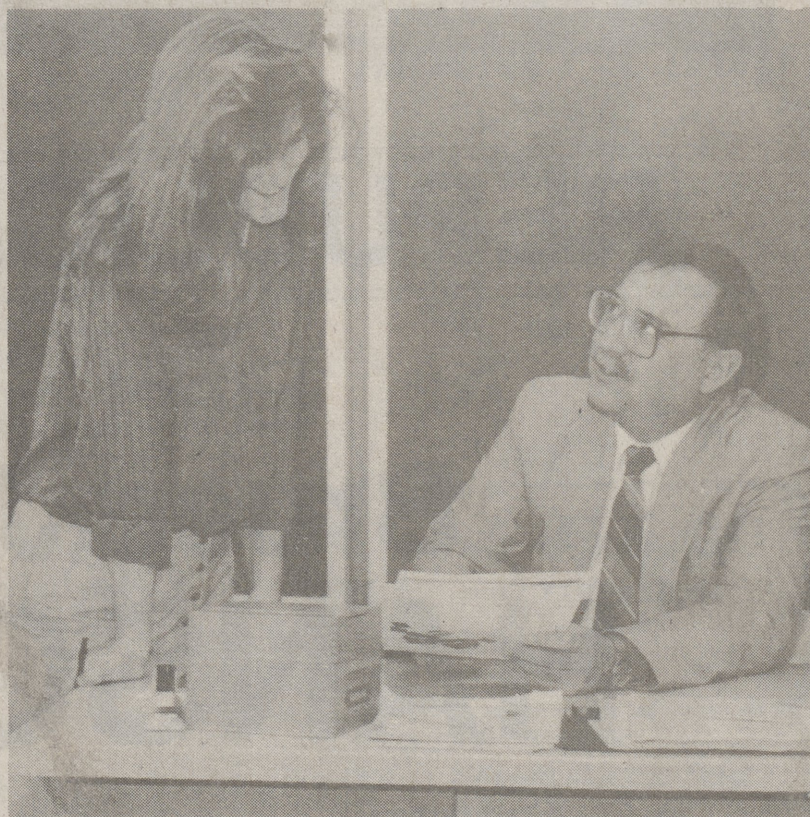
In recognition of National Teachers Day, May 9, and the important role these dedicated men and women play in the lives of the youth of America in preparing them as the adults of the future, The Dallas Post recognizes all teachers in the Back Mountain Area through the following two, Donald Hopkins, Dallas High School English teacher, and Marietta Toole, Lehman-Jackson Elementary first grade teacher.

Donald Hopkins, a native of Dallas, has been an English teacher at Dallas High School since 1964.

A graduate of Westmoreland High School, he graduated from Bloomsburg State University with a B.S. in English. He also received his Master's from Bloomsburg in Theatre and Speech. In addition to teaching English, Hopkins, who is English Department chairman, also teaches an advanced placement English course, and with mathematics instructor Edward Augustine teaches a variety of courses to best fit the needs of the students.

"We now teach courses we never had in the past," Hopkins said. "Students are exposed to subjects they will take when they enter college. We have established our own courses of study and all teachers work together in establishing the courses to be taught."

Don Hopkins has also been director of high school stage productions since his second year at Dallas. Years ago, he got away from the regular class plays and focused on educational theater



**DISCUSSING ASSIGNMENTS** - Dallas High School English Department Chairman Donald Hopkins discusses an assignment with student Kim Appel after a class last week. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

programs, providing a variety from light comedy to tragedy to musicals to Shakespeare.

Hopkins said he gets upset when the public feels students can't handle Greek drama, Shakespeare and comedy.

"Our students without any experience did an excellent job with 'A Comedy of Errors.' They did the scenery, the technical work and

the costumes. We don't rent sets nor the costumes. The students do the lighting, sound, and we have a stage manager in charge of the entire production. The results are educational and professional," Hopkins explained.

It's an enriching experience for the students from the time the drama is selected until the last curtain goes down each year. When

## Tax plan gets low marks here

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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While everyone seems to feel local taxes could be more equitable, few officials contacted in the past week favor the reform proposal that will appear on the May 16 primary ballot. And some are outspoken in their opposition.

"I'm going to be up here on election day with a big sign on my back, 'Vote No,'" said Dallas Township tax collector Leonard Kozick only half-jokingly last week. Kozick thinks that passage of the reform proposal will discourage more business investment at a time when the area is beginning to attract industry.

State representative Scott Di-etterick, a Republican, voted for the plan, but says he is now leaning against it. "I voted for it to get it in front of the people," Di-etterick said Friday.

But Di-etterick says the proposal, known as Act 145, now has too many restrictions on it. He said his hope was to give local officials a menu of choices from which to choose the best mix of taxes for their needs.

Dallas School District superintendent Gerald Wycallis thinks the plan achieves one of its stated goals.

"The tax reform act in itself is probably more equitable," Wycallis said. But he is concerned that the combination of an expanded income tax and rising property taxes could mean generally larger tax bills in the future.

Dr. Charles Borchetta, superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District, issued a "no comment" reply to a reporter's questions about the tax plan.

State Senator Charles Lemmond says he voted against the plan initially because he was given too little time to examine it when it was

presented to the Legislature. He said there was no time for debate or discussion.

However, Lemmond did vote in favor of placing the question on the ballot, so the public could decide the issue.

"We've never had a good public debate as right now," Lemmond said Monday in describing the amount of publicity and comment the proposal has drawn.

But Lemmond thinks the state can do better than the present plan. He declined to specify what that better plan would be like, but he disputed Governor Casey's assertion that if this proposal fails, there will not be a second chance at tax reform.

Both Wycallis and Kozick said they thought residential real estate tax bills would be reduced at least the promised 25 per cent if the reform proposal passes.

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## Tuesday's primary offers candidates and questions

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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In addition to candidates for office, Back Mountain residents who go to the polls in next Tuesday's Primary will find two questions on the ballots at their voting sites.

One is to approve or disapprove of the use of small games of chance as fundraisers for non-profit organizations.

The other would amend the Pennsylvania constitution to allow for the reform of local tax systems.

Offices up for grabs in this year's primary include those seeking nomination to the county row offices (excluding county commissioners) as well as the offices of tax collector, mayor, council members, supervisors, auditor, judge of election, inspector of election and school director.

Each of the nine townships or boroughs within the Back Mountain Area of Luzerne County will find the same names for county offices on the ballots, but the names of candidates in each of the municipalities will be different.

Candidates for county offices are, for the Republican Party,

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### Where to vote

- Dallas Borough:**  
South District - Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road.  
North District - Borough Municipal Building, Main Street.
- Dallas Township**  
South District - Side area of Township Municipal Building, Route 309.  
Middle District - Front area of Township Municipal Building.  
North District - Kunkle Fire Hall.
- Franklin Township**  
Orange Methodist Church, Eighth Street.
- Jackson Township**  
Jackson Fire Hall
- Harveys Lake Borough**  
Harveys Lake Borough Municipal Building, Route 415.
- Kingston Township**  
Northeast District - Carverton United Methodist Church, Carverton.  
Northwest District - Shavertown Fire Hall, North Main Street.  
Southwest District - Trucksville Fire Hall, in the township municipal building, Carverton Road.
- Lake Township**  
Loyalville United Methodist Church.
- Lehman Township**  
Middle District - Lehman Fire Hall.  
Southwest District - Lake Silkworth Fire Hall.  
Northeast District - Idetown Fire Hall.
- Ross Township**  
Sweet Valley Fire Hall

## Spring cleaning is a big hit in Kingston Township

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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Residents are flooding the Kingston Township Maintenance Garage with old tires, mattresses, blankets, wood and a variety of other items this week.

The township is holding its annual Spring Cleanup this week. The cleanup began Monday and continues until Saturday.

"We don't want this (cleanup) overpublicized," said Kingston

Township Manager Jeff Box Monday. "We have had four transfer containers filled already." The containers measure about eight feet high, four feet wide, and fifteen feet long.

The cleanup is only open to Kingston Township residents, and municipal authorities said police officers will be at the garage to check proof of residency.

The Spring Cleanup gives residents the chance to have old or

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### Coming up:

Note changes due to the May 16 primary election

- DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL** - Wed., May 17, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg, Main Street
- DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Mon., May 15, 8 PM, Dallas Township Bldg., Route 309
- HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL** - Wed., May 17, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
- HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION** - Mon., May 15, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
- LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Sat., May 13, 9 AM, Lake Township Municipal Bldg.