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Cooperation is theme on rumble strips

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The rumble strips on Route 309 in Dallas may still be noisy, but the volume was down considerably at the Dallas Borough Council meeting Monday night. A few residents attended to renew their complaints about the strips, but they also commended the council for working toward a solution to their concerns.

John Valentine, who lives near the strips, praised the council for its action so far, but said much still needs to be done. "It is still loud; it is noise pollution," he said.

Valentine said he had met with officials from the state Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and they were concerned about the potential noise level. He noted that the noise level was especially high on a recent damp night.

"It echoes right up the valley," said Fred Brokenshire, who lives adjacent to Route 309. He invited

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Up and over

Amy Lloyd of Dallas was one of the young riders who braved the rain Sunday to compete in the Back Mountain Library Horse Show. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

'911' coming this summer

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The 911 emergency phone system may be installed in the Back Mountain Area as early as July, according to officials at the Back Mountain Communication Center.

Jack Dodson, president of the Back Mountain Ambulance Association, said last week that things are moving along in the effort to set up a "911" system in the area. "We hope to have it in by July or August," said Dodson at the meeting of the Back Mountain Control Board.

"Before we can hook up the system we have to get permission from the county," said Dodson, adding that the Back Mountain

Communication Center must submit a contingency plan to the county to get the approval.

Currently, area municipalities are passing resolutions giving approval for the plan. So far, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township have given approval. Harveys Lake, Dallas Township and Jackson Township are all expected to do so soon.

Dodson says that the proposed system is not an enhanced "911" system. The proposal calls for installing the "911" line into the Commonwealth Telephone Company lines and calls to that number will be forwarded to the communication center.

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Residence policy puts pressure on local cops

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It is a common practice in the Back Mountain communities to have a residency policy for police officers. In most of the communities the policy is accepted without much problem. However, in Kingston Township, three police officers may be having some problems complying.

Kingston Township, like many other communities, has a policy that forces its police officers to live in the township. Currently, there are three police officers on the force who have not yet been able to move into the township. One of the big reasons for this is the high cost of housing.

"The bottom line is money," said Kingston Township police officer Michael Moravec. "The salary here isn't what it should be for the officers and the prices of homes in the township are more expensive than other communities," he added.

Moravec, the head of the policemen's union in the township, said the three officers who do not live in the community are trying to find a way to move.

"We had a meeting of the Kingston Police Officer's Association

"If one of our police officers went to a bank and asked for a \$70,000 loan for a home and said that he made \$16,000, he would get laughed right out of the bank."

and one of the things discussed was the policy and how the men can get into the township," said Moravec, a township resident.

"All the officers know what the policy means and they must make good on their agreement to move into the township," he added.

According to the collective bargaining agreement between the township and the police officers, a newly hired policeman will have 18 months after being hired to move to the area. This is not always enough time.

At the April meeting of the township supervisors, the board voted to extend the policy time limit for one of the officers who has not been able to make the move. The

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Dallas school budget asks 8% increase

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Dallas School Board members unanimously approved a tentative budget of \$13,481,260 for the 1990-91 school year at its May meeting, Monday night. The budget represents a tax increase of 9.5 mills, or 7.2 percent.

The district's business manager Charlotte Williams explained to the board that the increase of \$1,014,000 was 8.1% more spending than in 1989-90.

"Primary increases in the new budget include salaries and benefits of \$722,000, debt increase because of the new bond issue

\$233,000, West Side Vo-Tech share, \$40,000, transportation an increase of \$75,000 and special education, an increase of \$45,000," she explained.

"Since we are in the 2% classification of school districts we can expect approximately a \$76,000 increase from the state," Williams continued.

District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis said there are still some things the district can look at realistically without hurting supplies or programs.

"We are looking at sabbaticals, retirement of some employees and also in the area of suppliers," Wycallis said.

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Williams said unlike some of the local districts, the assessed valuation on real estate in the district has not flattened out, but has had a slight increase. "Earned income taxes are also up in the district," she said.

The present tax in Dallas School District is 132.5 mills and under the proposed budget for 1990-1991 would be increased to 142 mills. The owner of property in the Dallas School District with property assessed at \$10,000 under the pres-

ent budget would pay \$1325 annually and that same property under the proposed budget would pay \$1420.

The board members approved unanimously the proposed budget but board member Ellen Nagy, vice president presiding in the absence of president Clarence Michael emphasized that the new budget was only a tentative one and the board hopes the final budget will be lower.

In the past 10 years, the Dallas District budget has increased from 96 mills in 1980-1981 to 132.5 mills in 1989-1990 or a total of 36.5 mills.

Lake-Lehman directors spar over budget

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The only thing about the 1990-91 budget that the directors of the Lake-Lehman School District seem to be able to agree on is that they don't yet have enough information to work with in developing the fiscal plan.

At a budget committee meeting following the school district's regular meeting Superintendent Charles Borchetta said the administration had nothing to add to the

recommendations he had made previously regarding cutting and curtailing activities and services in the school district.

"The recommendations I have made are a one-time program of cuts and curtailments. There is

nothing more I have to discuss," the superintendent stated.

Board member Joseph "Red" Jones asked business manager Raymond Bowersox if he could give the directors an idea of what sports brought in revenues. Bowersox

replied that the four sports that brought in revenue were football, basketball, wrestling and volleyball. He also reported that the total expenditure for extra-curricular activities in 1989-1990 was \$300,000. That amount included equipment, officiating, transportation, league fees, band expense, and other items.

Dr. John Presper spoke up, saying, "I have thought about the statement made by the administration that the district under-

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"I also want to know what supplies are being cut, because I won't vote to cut if I don't know what is being cut."

Liz Sichler

Lake-Lehman school director

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Coming up:

+ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Wed., May 23, 1-6PM, Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. Appointments: 823-7164

DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Wed., May 16, 7PM, Dallas Twp. Bldg., Rt. 309
HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD - Tues., May 22, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., May 22, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415



Clubs donate Fair Bonds

Dallas Lions and Lionesses and Dallas Oddfellows donated their Fall Fair Bonds back to the Fall Fair Association at last week's meeting of the Lions Club at the Castle Inn. Left to right, presenting the bonds to Hugh Woodward, president of the Fall Fair Association, are Gary Hozempa, Joseph Dwinchick, Lions; Woodward receiving bonds from club president, Harold Ruth and Lion Tom Reese, who presented the Oddfellows Lodge bonds and personal bonds from Reese and his wife. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

Lehman supers concerned about student pedestrians

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Lehman Township Supervisors will be contacting the Lake-Lehman School District in an effort to cut down on the amount of pedestrian traffic on the roads around the schools.

At Monday night's meeting Supervisor David Sutton said that there are too many students walking or running along the roads during school events.

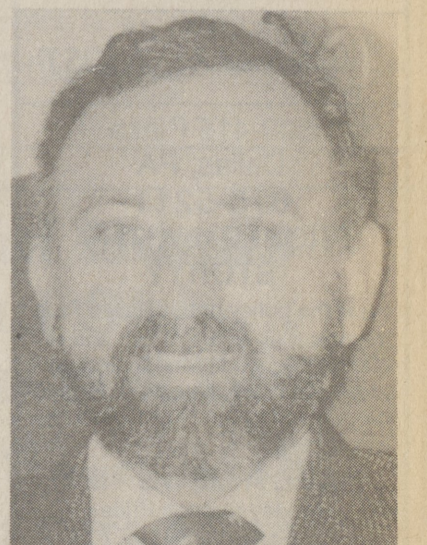
"When students have to go from the junior high to the senior high for an event they walk along the roadway," said Sutton. "There are also sports teams that use the road when they work out," he added.

Sutton said that he feels this is a hazard for the students and the township. "I don't want to go on as a bad guy against the district, I'm just looking out for the safety of the kids," said Sutton. The other supervisors also noted that an accident on these roads could possibly bring a suit against the township.

Sutton expressed concern that teams use the road to run on. "They work out on the road and they run four or five abreast. It is unsafe," said Sutton.

Supervisor Douglas Ide agreed and added, "It is going to get worse as the area grows and more students enter the schools and more cars use the roads."

The supervisors are hoping that the district can help figure out a way that the students can use



DAVID SUTTON

other routes to walk and run on and also provide more supervision for the students when they are near the roads.

Sutton noted that two students have been involved in accidents near the school in the past month. "These accidents are not related to school activities," he said, "but they have opened my eyes to the problems."

The latest accident with the students occurred on May 4 when a student ran out in front of a car on Market St. The child was not seriously hurt in the accident.

Sutton said that the school dis-

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