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Lehman to crack down on speeders

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Anyone who enjoys a quick trip through Lehman Township should be aware that trip may not be as fast anymore. The Lehman Township Supervisors have put out a warning to all motorists traveling through the township that the police are going to better enforce the speed limits in the township.

At Monday night's meeting, the supervisors noted that many township residents have complained about the speeds that motorists use while traveling on the roads and the board said that the police are going to make a concentrated effort to handle the situation.

"I know our police force isn't as well staffed as it should be, but we are going to do the best we can to strictly enforce the speed limits," said Dave Sutton.

Sutton said the calls came from residents from all over the township, but added that many calls came from the Oak Hill section. "These residents are asking what they can do to help stop the problem."

The other supervisors also noted areas from which they received calls about speeding and reckless driving. Douglas Ide said that the roads are marked with the speed limits and motorists should take notice.

Also at the meeting, the supervisors heard a complaint from Beatrice Decker about the supervisors' decision to vacate Grand Avenue. The supervisors decided to no longer be responsible for the road earlier this year.

Decker said that she has owned a house along the road for 50 years and feels that her tax money should be used for the road. "I have had the property for 50 years. I am moving back here from Virginia now. This is where I want to live," said Decker. She also complained that she was not notified of the decision.

The supervisors apologized for not notifying her at her other residence in Virginia. Sutton added, "We are only vacating roads we think are never used, improved and where people are not living. We don't want to vacate a road that is commonly used."

Also at the meeting, the board:

- Gave approval for the Wilkes-Barre Velo Club to hold its annual bicycle race in the township on July 29. This is the third year for the race and this year's course will go on Mountain View Drive, Hillside Drive and Jackson Road.

- Expressed its support for the 911 emergency system in the Back Mountain.

- Expressed its appreciation to Penn State Wilkes-Barre which gave \$1,500 to the township in recognition of the township's efforts to help the school.



Auction action
Loy Ide of Idetown, above, sports one of the most interesting items displayed at the Idetown Couples Club auction last Saturday. At left, Henry Bergstrasser, head of the Idetown Couples Club Auction, is ready to knock down a Tiffany lamp for \$200. Several Tiffany lamps were among the items auctioned last Saturday at the County fair grounds.

(Photos by Charlotte Bartizek)

Dallas fire chief defends policies

By RICH JOHNSON
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As the investigation into the fatal crash involving a Dallas Borough fire truck continues, so does the many questions about the incident. Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright has answered most of the questions dealing with the accident in which the fire truck hit a car driven by Ruth Dunaj of Wilkes-Barre, who died in the mishap.

The biggest question dealing in accident is whether the fire truck, driven by Al Shaffer, proceeded with enough caution through the intersection where the accident occurred. Wright said that he has talked to Shaffer, other firemen aboard the truck and to witnesses of the accident, and he feels that Shaffer did what he was supposed to.

"He did absolutely nothing

wrong," said Wright. "He proceeded with due caution, which is what the law says he has to do."

Wright said that the location of the accident supports this point. "If you look at where the accident occurred, then you would understand," said Wright. "The point of impact is almost all the way through the intersection. If it had occurred at the beginning or middle of the intersection then maybe you could say he didn't stop long enough."

Wright continued, "Our reports say that when the fire truck started through the intersection that all traffic was stopped. Her car came out of nowhere."

Wright said that the department is supporting Shaffer and his driving ability. "That fire truck is almost 30 feet long and with it

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Firefighters taking steps to deal with aftermath of tragedy

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Dallas firemen are taking steps to ease the pain felt by all department members in the wake of a fatal accident involving a Dallas fire truck last week.

"It's been a tough week for all of the firemen," said Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright in a conversation with a reporter Thursday. "The accident June 3 was a terrible tragedy and as a volunteer organization no one person is accepting more responsibility than anyone else."

"Sunday night, after everything was settled down, we all gathered in the fire house. Rev. William Cusick of Gate of Heaven came down and spent about 20 minutes with us, speaking words of compassion. He helped settle down the men, Al included."

"Rev. Cusick was understanding and his words brought us all together. I talked to Al and let him know we were all together in this tragedy, that we would stick together," Wright said.

Wright said the firemen held a meeting Monday night and each member said what he thought. They decided to keep open a line of communication with Wright as spokesman for the organization.

"Whenever anything comes up I talk with Brett Slocum, assistant fire chief, or Bob Besecker and we discuss our problem," Wright explained. "I have made arrangements with some of the mental health people and they will set up appointments as needed with people who show signs of depression. I also called Msgr. Banick and asked him if

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Water commission pushes for authority

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Members of the Back Mountain Water Commission read at their regular meeting Thursday, June 7, a copy of the letter that was sent by the Commission to the municipalities they represent, informing the officials that the Commission strongly recommends the formation of a regional water authority.

Ellie Rodda, liaison between the Back Mountain Citizens Committee and the Water Commission, explained that increased development in the Back Mountain, including not only homes but student townhouses at College Mis-

ericordia, rumored shopping centers and the announced Wilkes-Barre General-YMCA Center give grave cause for concern about the future water supply in the Back Mountain.

Chairman Jim Ward stated that area-wide, people do not seem to realize the Back Mountain has no other source of water supply except what is underground.

"The reports of contamination keep increasing and could become worse as more and more wells are dug," Ward said. "In the midwest, the crisis has increased to the point that regional water systems have

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Despite \$34,000 loss last year

Dallas board renews cafeteria contract

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Despite the cafeteria operating at a loss of \$33,684 for the 1989-90 school year, the Dallas School Board Monday night approved a motion by board member James Richardson to renew the food service contract with the Service America Corp.

Substantial declines in class and course enrollments and the need to conform with educational activities required by law or recommended by the State Department of Education forced the board to alter the Senior High School business program by eliminating one secondary part-time business position.

With the ninth grade moving into the high school and the transferring of some staff members from the middle school to the high school, there is no need for the district to maintain a part-time

secondary business position.

The board also approved an application for a Drug-Free Schools grant in the amount of \$13,136, with the Dallas School District serving as the sponsoring agency to operate the program according to appropriate guidelines.

The directors also approved payment to the contractors working on the Dallas Senior High School project as follows: Wolanski Construction Company, \$79,807.50 for general construction; Contractors Group, Inc., \$22,395.60 for plumbing; G.R. Noto & Son, Inc., \$31,912.12 for electrical work; Somerville Construction, \$6,703.56 for general construction in the chemistry lab; Bognet, Inc. \$1,170 for plumbing in the chemistry lab, and G.R. Noto & Son, Inc., \$791.10 for electrical work in the chemistry lab.

In other business the board:

- Approved Wilkes College stu-

dents Lisa Burak and Carol Fahmer as student teachers for the fall semester of 1990 at the Dallas elementary school.

- Granted an unpaid leave of absence for medical reasons to Mrs. Georgia Weiss, housekeeper, for the remainder of the 1989-90 school year through August 31.

- Approved the transfer of James Madonna from groundskeeper No. 3 to Custodian No. 2 at the Middle School at the same step and the same salary level.

- Approved the request of Mrs. Jennie Krogulski, professional employee, for a sabbatical leave of absence for the 1990-1991 school year.

- Approved Candyce Flke's request for a continuation of her sabbatical leave of absence for the period from Sept. 1, 1990 through the end of the first term in January, 1991.

- Approved Atty. Ben Jones III

re-appointment as the school district solicitor at \$60 per hour effective May 14, 1990.

- Awarded the contract for the collection of trash and garbage for the 1990-1991 school year to the Endless Mountains Disposal, Inc. t/a Galka & Bean at a price of \$12,546.

- Accepted the resignation of Clarence Ozgo, coach of Dallas Senior High boys basketball team for the past eight years, effective May 21 with regret.

- Recommended to set the salary of Ron Moran, coach of the girls soccer team at Dallas Senior High School, at \$2,024 for the 1989-1990 spring season. The girls soccer team went undefeated in their first season of league play.

- Approved Football Coach Ted Jackson's request to attend the Eastern Football Coaches Clinic, June 15 through June 18, at Wildwood Crest, New Jersey.

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Coming up:

- DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., June 19, 8 PM, Borough Bldg., Main Street
- DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., June 19, 7:30 PM, Dallas Township Bldg., Route 309
- HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH COUNCIL - Tues., June 19, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
- HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., June 18, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415