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Summer Hackers

Dallas School District students Kevin Williams (left) and Jannelle Opello (center) watch their computers while Carole Keefer demonstrates a program during a computer camp held last week at some of the district's elementary schools. More on the cumputer camps on pages 3 and 13. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Kunkle threatens comm center pullout over dispatch issue

Says training, not policy is problem

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Kunkle Ambulance Association's position on the simultaneous dispatch policy at the Back Mountain Communications Center is very clear — either shape it up or we're shipping out.

This message was conveyed Sunday evening when representatives of area ambulance associations talked with The Post on their views of the simultaneous dispatch policy.

During the discussion, Jack Dodson, president of the Kunkle

Fire and Ambulance Association, said that his members have voted to pull out of the communication center unless certain parts of the simultaneous dispatch policy are changed.

The ambulance crews have criticized the comm center's executive board for approving the policy, but until recently would not give specific reasons. That changed on Sunday when ambulance representatives ended their silence and made their position clear.

Most of the twelve people in attendance at the discussion were from the Kunkle and Dallas Am-

balance Associations. However, they said their opinions represented the beliefs of the majority of ambulance crews in the area.

Dodson noted that area volunteers are not necessarily against simultaneous dispatching. He said they feel the issue was rushed and there are issues that need to be addressed before the policy is put into effect.

The four major concerns listed by the crews were: Training of dispatchers at the communications center; the working relationship

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Dallas Borough gets go-ahead to demolish dilapidated pub

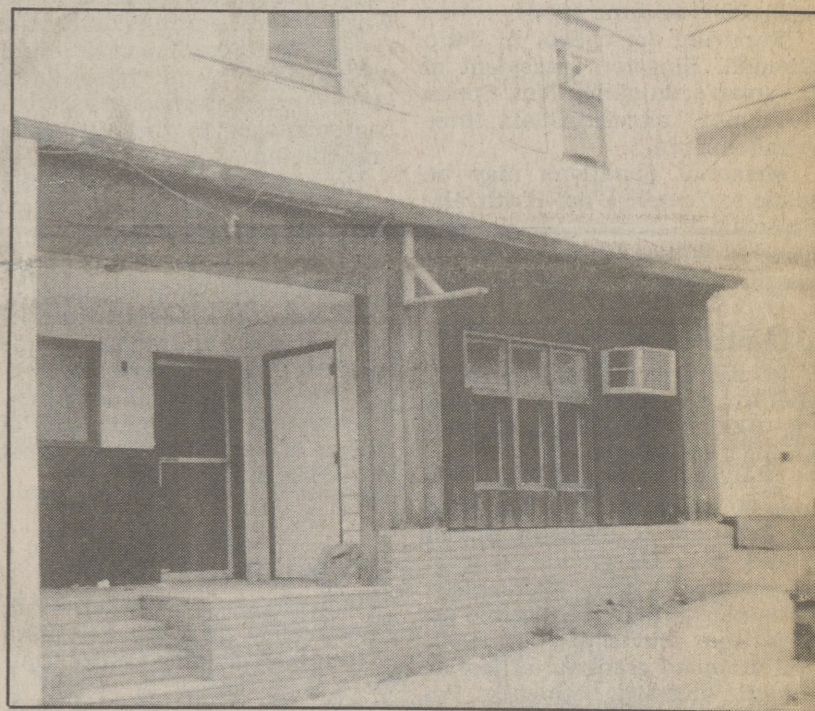
By RICH JOHNSON
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Residents of Dallas Borough may be finally saying farewell to the former Hearthstone Pub now that a Luzerne County Judge has given the borough permission to demolish the building.

At a special equity hearing Monday morning, Judge Bernard Brominski approved a request by the borough which would allow for the building, located along Main Street, to be demolished. However, this may be only part of the battle.

The order, which will be drawn up this week by borough solicitor John S. Fine, Jr., says that the building can be demolished by the borough and the cost sent to the owner, which is listed as TLC Enterprises, Inc.

But determining exactly who TLC Enterprises is may be a problem for the borough. Corporate papers in Harrisburg show Richard Chaney as president and Noel A. Thomas, Jr., secretary and treasurer of TLC Enterprises, Inc. However, those papers were filed



DANGER AND FIRE TRAP - Dallas Borough officials testified in Luzerne County Court last week about the dangers posed by the former Hearthstone Pub. They received an order allowing them to tear the building down, after a 30-day appeal period. (Post Photo/Ron Bartzick)

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Oil spill at lake being cleaned up

By RICH JOHNSON
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Cleanup is continuing at Harveys Lake after an underground storage tank leaked oil into the ground and onto the lake last week.

The Department of Environmental Resources found the leak after receiving a call that there was a film on the lake, according to DER spokesman Marc Carman. Upon investigating, DER found that a tank containing fuel oil had leaked an undetermined amount of heating oil.

The tank, owned by Harveys Lake Borough, was ripped out of the ground and the borough began cleanup efforts last Wednesday. Richard Boice, who is in charge of the cleanup, said that the borough buried the tank more than 10 years ago. "Back then we were told to fill the tank with sand and that it was acceptable to bury it," said Boice.

He said that underground water rusted parts of the tank and oil began to seep through the holes. As the water rose it forced the oil out the top of the tank, according to Boice.

The oil saturated the soil around the tank and then carried it through a nearby creek to the inlet of Harveys Lake.

Boice ordered a special type of absorbent pads to mop up the oil

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Mopping up the oil

Harveys Lake Borough used special absorbent pads to clean up oil that leaked from an underground tank last week. The undetermined amount of oil contaminated some soil and parts of the inlet at the lake. Borough official Richard Boice is shown in the background with Don Jefferson of the Department of Environmental Resources while cleanup work was in effect. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

George Taylor's carriages provide history lesson

By RICH JOHNSON
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When you visit the Debi Sue Manor near Harveys Lake you are assured of two things; you will see a lot of history and you will be welcomed with a friendly smile and an honest handshake.

It is at Debi Sue Manor that 76-year-old George Taylor keeps more than 200 antique carriages and sleighs. Taylor has been collecting the horse-drawn vehicles since 1972. His background in general construction first drew him to the carriages.

"I was involved in construction and when I saw how the makers of the carriages produced their work with such pride I was intrigued," said Taylor. He began collecting some carriages and soon he started to restore some of the work.

It didn't take long for him to master some of the techniques used by carriage makers and today he has had a hand in most of the antiques in the four barns on the property. "I found it a challenge," he said. "I do a lot of restoration work and I try to do it as authentically as possible." This care can be seen in his work. In repairing a seat, for example, Taylor uses pig's hair and he sews it all by hand.

Taylor is very proud of his collection, and what a collection it is. Many of the carriages and sleighs were used before the turn of the century.

There is money involved with a hobby like this but Taylor feels that is a bit of a formality. "I don't

look at the monetary value," he said. "I look at the appreciation that I get out of it."

His appreciation comes when he shows his collection. Each of his items has its own story to tell and Taylor enjoys taking time to tell them to a visitor.

One of the first carriages he shows is a bachelor carriage from the 1880's, which has the special feature of solid windows to give the man his privacy.

Another carriage was used by

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ON DISPLAY - One of the 200 carriages in George Taylor's collection at Harveys Lake.

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Coming up:



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Tues., Sept. 4, noon to 6 PM, Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

EARLY DEADLINES THIS WEEK - The office of The Dallas Post will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, Labor Day. Deadlines for the issue of Sept. 5 will be: Routine news copy, Friday, August 31 at 1:00 PM; Advertising, Friday at 5:00 PM.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Tues., Sept. 4, 8 PM, Dallas Twp. Bldg., Route 309

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION - Tues., Sept. 4, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.