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## Jackson supers want more cable TV

By RICH JOHNSON  
 Staff Writer

The Jackson Township board of supervisors is going to bat for its residents in an effort to expand cable television service in the municipality.

In the past month the board has been in contact with representatives of Cable Television Company of Hazleton about increasing the number of homes the company serves in the township.

Supervisors say that a number of residents have contacted them about the poor service in the area, so they decided to contact the cable company.

*Supervisors want more homes served. The company says it is doing the best it can.*

"There was poor dialogue in the past," said Supervisor Joseph Stager. "Some of the residents who wanted cable couldn't get it and they weren't getting too many answers from the cable company, so we decided to set up some meetings and get the answers."

The first of these meetings came before last week's meeting of the board of supervisors. Larry Shewak, a representative of Cable Television, met with the supervisors and tried to provide some answers.

"We are currently looking at updating the system in that area," Shewak said in an interview later. "There are a lot of right-of-way problems in that area so we have to really look at how lines will be run but we will try to accommodate those who want to hook up," he said.

Shewak said that engineers of the company will be in the township later this week to look into the situation. He said the company already has 45 miles of cable in the township and will be "...doing the best we can" to add more.

Stager said that more meetings have been set up so that the cable company can address how they will handle the situation.

"They didn't have all the answers at our last meeting but they said they would be out and looking so they could get back to us next month," said Stager. "We want them to service the homes that want the cable."

Stager said that anyone interested in cable service should send a letter to the board at 1551 Chase Road. Stager said that a list of potential customers will be given to the cable company.

## Youth's campaign yields sign for ducks

By RICH JOHNSON  
 Staff Writer

It was a wish come true for a 10-year-old Stephen Kosisky last week, as officials of Dallas Borough unveiled two duck crossing signs that will be erected near Pickett's Charge Restaurant.

Stephen began a crusade three weeks ago to have duck crossing signs erected near the restaurant to protect the flock of ducks that have made their home in that area. Last Thursday his appeal succeeded when he was invited to Pickett's Charge for the presentation of the signs, which should be erected within the next week.

Originally, Stephen tried to contact the state Department of Transportation about the duck situation, saying he was worried that the birds might be hit by vehicles as they cross the road from Pickett's to the Meadows Nursing Home. He was told by PennDOT to contact the borough.

It was then that Stephen began talking with Borough Manager Milton Lutsey. Lutsey originally said the youngster should attend a borough council meeting with the idea. A bit later however, Lutsey began to look into the situation on his own.

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**A BOY AND HIS DUCK (SIGN)** - 10-year-old Steven Kosisky of Dallas proudly displays one of the two duck crossing signs that were purchased recently by Dallas Borough. Kosisky pushed to have the signs placed along Center-Hill Road.

## Dallas school administrators given 10% raises

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

After months of behind the scenes negotiations, the Dallas School Board increased salaries for most of the district's administrators by 10.4 percent at a work session held Monday, Oct. 1.

The salary increases, which are retroactive to July 1, are usually on the agenda of a regular school board meeting which this month was held Monday, Oct. 8. They did not appear on the agenda at the regular meeting, nor were they discussed, since the vote had already been taken.

The administrators who received the increases were Wycallis, whose salary was increased from \$59,073.84 to \$65,217.52; Frank Galicki, senior high principal, an increase from \$40,446 to \$44,652.38; Gilbert Griffith, middle

*The board had met in closed session since January trying to reach agreement*

school principal, an increase from \$40,446 to \$44,652.38; Ruth Tetschner, Dallas Elementary principal, an increase from \$43,584.50 to \$48,117.29; Samuel Barbose, Westmoreland Elementary principal, an increase from \$40,150.59 to \$44,326.25; Charlotte Williams, business manager, an increase from \$28,890 to \$31,894.56; and William Morgan, acting supervisor of building and grounds, an increase from \$29,536.92 to \$32,608.76.

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## Advisors concerned about prison crowding 1,995 inmates housed at Dallas

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

Concerns about overcrowding dominated the discussions at the latest meeting of the superintendent of the state prison in Dallas and the citizens group that monitors the facility.

"At what point do you say you can't take any more?" asked Pat Rusiloski, chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee, of superintendent Joseph Ryan. Rusiloski asked about the prison population during a meeting Friday at the prison.

The superintendent told members that the prison population is 1,995 and the correctional staff is now filled to its quota of 382.

"I'm not happy with that number," said Rusiloski. "In 1983 there were only 1,300 inmates. Can't you write a letter to the department about overcrowding?"

Ryan explained that the Department of Corrections must make the decisions; that it is not done locally. "We have double-celled 40 more inmates on E block and 35 on D block which has given us an

additional 75 inmates," Ryan explained.

Stanley Rusiloski stated that the institution might manage to accommodate the additional inmates but he expressed concern over the support facilities.

"What about the dining facilities and the laundry room," he asked. Ryan explained that instead of feeding the inmates in one setting, they now feed them in three settings. "The inmates have adjusted well and we are learning to adjust," Ryan said.

He also explained that there are four more prisons now on the drawing board to help reduce the number of inmates in existing prisons.

"We also transfer inmates in and out as necessary," Ryan explained. "Sometimes it's because of personalities, sometimes for other reasons."

State Senator Charles Lemmond told the committee that a key factor in the increase of inmates in the prisons is due to the mandatory sentencing that has taken

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## Borough cop quits before starting

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

James Sheerin of Dunmore was sworn in as the newest Dallas police officer by Mayor Paul LaBar on Friday, September 21 but on October 1, instead of reporting for his first day of work, Sheerin resigned.

Sheerin called Borough Manager Milton Lutsey and told him that he had resigned because he had another offer. Lutsey told Sheerin that he needed a formal letter of resignation but as of

Monday, Oct. 8, Lutsey had not received the written resignation.

Sheerin's resignation gives the borough council two options. The council can hire one of the other two applicants certified by their Civil Service Commission at their October meeting; Michael J. Krzwicki or John J. Mulderig. There are also five other names on that list, all of whom took their Civil Service tests in September, 1989. The list is valid for one year from the time it is established, accord-

ing to members of the commission.

The second option is for the council to wait for the results of the new Civil Service test which is scheduled for Oct. 11, a joint test to be given by the Department of Community Affairs for Dallas Borough and Kingston Township. The results of the written test will probably be known by the end of this month but psychological tests, agility and physical tests and interviews of the candidates will take additional time.

## Lehman Township will take over lights

By RICH JOHNSON  
 Staff Writer

The Lehman Township Supervisors decided Monday to shed some light on a busy intersection in the township. The board voted unanimously to take over two street lights that were installed at the three-way intersection at Lehman Center.

Supervisor David Sutton told the board that he was approached by residents who wanted the township to pick up the cost of maintaining the lights at the intersection of Route 118, Market Street and Mountain View Drive.

Sutton said that the lights had been on a flag pole near Cook's Store but had to be removed because of a number of accidents.

The lights were then moved to a different part of the intersection by UGI.

Sutton said that one light was being financed by the Lehman United Methodist Youth Foundation and a resident was financing the other. He said that since the lights were helping out at the inter-

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## Methodist Church to offer help for 'latchkey' kids

The growing number of households in which both parents work outside the home has helped create a generation of children who come home from school to an empty house.

"Latch-key" children, as they have been labeled, make up a significant and growing concern for parents.

The Dallas United Methodist Church will soon begin the operation of "PhoneFriend", an after-school help-line for children. Its aim is to provide a supportive, listening "friend" that children can speak with in the event they become frightened, lonely, have a concern about their homework, or other such situations that can be intimidating for young children. In no way is the program intended to be a substitute for parental supervision.

Modeled after a pilot program in State College, PhoneFriend will be operated as a non-profit community outreach program of the Dallas church. It is not religious in nature other than finding its roots in the church's caring about the children of the community.

Trained volunteers will answer the phone on school days from 3 to 6 p.m. The volunteers in the initial phase of the program are social work and community service students from College Misericordia. The students have also helped lay the foundation for the program in its design phase.

All calls are confidential and no child will be asked more than his or her first name, grade and school. Only in cases where the volunteer feels a call back would be important to check on the child's well-being will have a phone number be requested.

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**LATCHKEY KIDS** - Rev. Michael A. Bealla, pastor of Dallas United Methodist Church, discusses plans for the "Latch Key" program sponsored by the church, with College Misericordia students Brenda Card and Carolyn Seiner, two of the volunteers working with the project. Others working with them are Shirley Breymaier and Laura Slocum of the church and Jodi DeRome, college student. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

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### Coming up:

#### Fall Community Events

- ROAST BEEF DINNER** - Wed., Oct. 10, 5-7 PM, takeouts from 5-6. Shavertown United Methodist Church.
- RUMMAGE SALE** - Fri., Oct. 12, 9-5 PM, Sat., Oct. 13, 9-3 PM, Lehman United Methodist Church. Refreshments available.
- TURKEY SUPPER** - Sat., Oct. 13, 4:30-7 PM, Takeouts 4-4:30, bring own containers, Idetown United Methodist Church.
- RUMMAGE SALE** - Sat., Oct. 13, 9 AM-4 PM, Huntsville Christian Church.
- FLEA MARKET** - Sat., Oct. 13, 10-4 PM, Sun., Oct. 14 9-3 PM, Jackson Twp. Fire Hall. Refreshments available.
- CRAFT SHOW** - Sat., Oct. 13, 9-4 PM, Trucksville Fire Hall. Sponsored by Trucksville Ladies Auxiliary.



**Red Cross Blood Drive** - Tues., Oct. 16, 9 AM-2PM, Lake-Lehman High School. Appts: 823-7171

- DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL** - Tues., Oct. 16, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg., Main Street
- DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Tues., Oct. 16, 7:30 PM, Dallas Twp. Bldg., Route 309
- HARVEYS LAKE COUNCIL** - Tues., Oct. 16, 7:30 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
- HARVEYS LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION** - Mon., Oct. 15, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.
- LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Sat., Oct. 13, 9 AM, Lake Twp. Municipal Bldg., Route 29 North