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Solution in works for Lehman runoff woes

By RICH JOHNSON
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A solution may be near for two Lehman homeowners who have had a water runoff problem for more than a year.

At a meeting of the Lehman Township Supervisors Monday night it was announced that an engineer from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation was in the area to examine the problem at a home owned by Dwayne and Ann Poepperling.

The Poepperlings have had to contend with water running across their property and onto the land of their neighbors, Phil and Nancy Stark.

On Monday night, township solicitor Joseph Van Jura said that PennDOT engineer Joseph Marzani examined the problem and would be getting back to the township with "...one or two possible solutions."

Van Jura was pleased that a solution may be found, but added, "...it would take work from all sides."

The solicitor's excitement was not felt by the whole group as Phil Stark questioned the supervisors about why the homeowners had to contact PennDOT to send an engineer when it should have been done by the supervisors.

"Why did we have to make all the calls?" he asked. "The government is supposed to work for the people, not the other way around."

Van Jura told Stark that the board did contact the engineer, who only came at the township's request. "The engineer is not available to you, he came purely as a favor," said Van Jura.

The solicitor told Stark that he should be pleased that a solution may be at hand.

"We should be happy about a possible solution. I don't think it is good politics to continue complaining about the situation right now."

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Tues., Feb. 19, 11 AM-5 PM, Dallas United Methodist Church. Appts. 823-7161.

Community Events

- PORK AND SAUERKRAUT SUPPER** - Sat., Feb 16, 5 to 7 PM, Trucksville United Methodist Church Educational Bldg., Church Rd. Adults \$6.00, children 8 and under \$3.00.
- SUNDAY BREAKFAST** - Sun., Feb. 17, 8 AM to Noon, Lake Silkworth Vol. Fire Co. All you can eat \$4.00, children \$2.00.
- JELLO WRESTLING** - Sun., Feb. 17, 8 PM, College Misericordia cafeteria. Admission \$3.00, benefits Make A Wish Foundation.
- GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION** - Mon., Feb. 18, 7 PM, Penn State Lehman campus. Subject: 'Anna Karenina.'
- COMMUNITY SINGERS REHEARSAL** - Mon., Feb. 18, 7:15 PM, Mercy Center, Dallas. New members welcome.



THEY'RE ALMOST REAL - Richard Disque and Joe Drust of Dallas are shown above with the wood-carved ducks that won ribbons in the recent Tom's River Wild Fowl Art and Decoy Show. The winning ducks are from left, Shoveler, 1st place and 3rd place Best Show; 3rd place Wood Duck; 1st place Mallard. The challenge carving of a black duck now being done by Disque is in the background. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

Dallas men carve prize-winners

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Joe Drust and Richard Disque of Dallas, relative novices in woodcarving, walked away with four ribbons in a recent New Jersey show. The pair entered carved ducks in the Tom's River Wild Fowl Art & Decoy show at Tom's River and returned home elated with two first place and two third place ribbons. The men's entries went up against hundred of competitors from throughout the East.

"It was wonderful," said Drust. "I never thought I would see the day I would do woodcarving, let alone enter anything in competition. It was through Dick's urging that I started. First, I just did some humming birds which I gave to my daughters as gifts. Then I made three Buffel Heads (small black and white diving ducks), but I never entered them."

"I was determined not to enter any competi-

tion but Dick and my instructor Ron Ushing kept after me, so I finally gave in and entered the Carolina Wood Duck I did which took third place," Drust continued. "I was happy about it because I have only been carving for two years."

Disque, who is in his fourth year of carving, explained that first the judges look over the entries and if they don't pause to look at some of them those particular ones are thrown out of the competition.

"If they like the ducks, which have to be hollow, they are put in a large tank of water and if yours goes in the tank, you know you have chance. If they take some of them out and yours stays in, it means you have achieved something," Disque explained.

Disque took two first places at the Tom's River show, one for a Shoveler (also known as a Spoonbill) and one for a male Mallard. His

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Dance will aid burned-out families

By RICH JOHNSON
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They lost their possessions to fire, but the Robert Baldoni and Emmy Hanna families have found plenty of support from their Back Mountain neighbors.

Area individuals and businesses are organizing a benefit dance to help the two families who were driven from their Harveys Lake apartment house by a fire last month. The dance is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Idetown Fire Hall, starting at 2:00 p.m. Businesses have donated most of the food and entertainment for the event, and individuals are putting in the time needed to organize and operate the fundraiser.

Sandy Blaine, who is coordinating the dance, said that ticket sales

BENEFIT DANCE
Sun., Feb. 24
Starting at 2 p.m.
Idetown Fire Hall
Admission \$6.00

are going well but she is hoping for a sellout. "The hall holds around 250 people and we are hoping that we fill it," she said.

According to Blaine, the dance will not only help the two families but will enable those who attend to have a good time.

"We are going to have four bands there and a lot of food and drink for those who come," said Blaine.

Although the residents escaped injury in the fire, all their possessions were destroyed in the blaze.

Blaine said that the benefit dance will help greatly in the families effort to get back on their feet.

"The fire company has received some furniture to give to the families and we are hoping more comes in. They lost a lot and it is good to see people working to help them get back together," she said.

Blaine said that many area businesses have donated food or money for the dance. This list includes: Diveronica's Sunset Store, Drury's Deli, Smith's Country Store, Darings Market, Weis Market, Pepsi-Cola and Maeir's Bakery.

The four bands who will be providing entertainment at the dance also donated their time to

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Cancelled trip to Europe may cost L-L students \$425

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Thirty-nine Lake-Lehman students and adult chaperones may be out as much as \$425 each because a planned trip to Europe was cancelled by the school district.

The prospective travelers are most upset with E.F. Educational Tours of Cambridge, Mass., a travel agency, which can keep the money now that the trip to England and France has been called off.

The trip, which had been scheduled for March 29 to April 7, was cancelled by the school board because of its concern over possible acts of terrorism due to the war in the Persian Gulf.

The trip had been organized by faculty member John Comitz and

cost \$1,200 per person. Because a signed contract is involved, there are penalties for cancellations with the amounts varying depending on when notice of cancellation is given to the agent. The closer the cancellation is made prior to departure, the less the amount to be refunded to the prospective travelers.

Comitz, on Monday explained that the administration is exploring all avenues in order to get the fees back, all of them or as much as possible.

"There are hundreds of school groups throughout the country in the same predicament," Comitz said. "Not all of them have made arrangements with the same company but all travel companies are apparently following the same

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Fear for kids' safety why mom kept them home

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The mother of two children who live on Swamp Road in Ross Township says fear for her children's safety caused her to keep them out of school last week rather than walk to the end of the road to meet a school bus.

Mary Ann Lee, whose two children are age five and 11, said this week she feels it is not her responsibility to take her children to school if the bus doesn't come up Swamp Road. When the bus doesn't pick them up at their door she will keep them at home.

"They went to school Monday," Mrs. Lee said, "because the bus traveled our road and picked up the children of the residents. The township did their work as well. They were on the road at 7 a.m. and put shale in the holes on the

road and also scraped down spots where the mud had dried in heaps." Students who live on Swamp Road were picked up by a Lake-Lehman school bus Monday morning, having stayed home from school last week because the muddy road was deemed impassable by the bus driver.

"We're fighting more than transportation on Swamp Road," Lee said. "We are fighting vandalism, theft and terrible acts such as someone killing small dogs and puppies and nailing them on residents' doors. I'm not going to allow my children to walk to a bus stop by themselves with stuff like that happening. Who knows, it could be a child next."

Lee also said there were two entrances to Swamp Road, so if the bus can't make it in one way, it

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Lake-Lehman officials fill in for 'sick' cafeteria workers

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Students at the Lake-Noxen Elementary and Lake-Lehman Junior High schools saw a few unfamiliar faces dishing out their lunch last Thursday as district administrators, some teachers, parents and a school board member covered for about 12 cafeteria workers who had called in sick.

Nancy Davis, the Lake-Lehman superintendent, said that the cafeteria workers do have sick leave

and use it when they deem necessary. "It is unlikely that they were all sick on the same day but I have no reason to believe they were not," she said.

Liz Sichler, a member of the district's school board, said the board had at various times discussed the cafeteria and the fact that it is becoming more expensive to operate it, but that no decision to change have been made.

"The cafeteria has never oper-

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Mark Lubinski targets bombers in Gulf war

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Airman Mark Lubinski of Dallas is somewhere in the Mideast working 12 to 14 hours daily, seven days a week at a Strategic Air Command base. Lubinski is monitoring the flights of bombing missions and personnel, recording target misses and returns and keeping other needed records.

The son of Mrs. Karen Lubinski, Mark graduated from Dallas in 1989, although when younger he also attended Lake-Lehman schools for several years before the family moved. He enlisted in the Air Force in July, 1989, hoping to get a college education with a degree in criminology.

Lubinski went to Lackland Air Force Base for his training and afterwards was assigned to a base

in Mississippi. After a short while he was assigned to Loring Air Force Base in Maine, the same base to which Tina Charney Kravits of Dallas was assigned. The two Dallas residents left for the Mideast at the same time.

"We didn't hear from Mark for about six weeks," said Mrs. Lubinski. "And then his letters began to arrive. The first phone call we had from him was in November from Guam where he was sent for six days for R&R. It was great to hear from him and the nice part about it was the phone call was charged from the nearest base from home which in this area is Griffith AFB. He called us a second time when he was returning to his area in the Mideast." Mrs. Lubinski said.

"We were receiving regular let-

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Change in the weather

It seems like forever, but only a few days ago it was warm enough for Shaun Fegely to wash his car while wearing shorts. What a difference a few days makes, as cold winter weather returned this week. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)



MARK LUBINSKI