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Lehman residents get deal on cable TV

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Residents of Lehman Township soon will be getting a better deal on cable television than those in other Back Mountain municipalities.

According to a spokesperson for the Tele-Media Company, Lehman Township residents who have cable service will not pay as large an increase for service because the company does not pay franchise fees to the township.

The question of the rate increase came up at the March 11 meeting of the township supervisors. Board members stated that it did not want to see the cable company charge its residents for the franchise fee.

Tele-Media announced last month that it would be increasing the cost of service to each customer by \$1.50 per month plus the cost of the franchise fee.

During Monday night's meeting supervisor Douglas Ide said he did not think it would be right for the company to charge the residents since no franchise fee was paid to the township.

On Tuesday morning a spokesperson at Tele-Media said that the residents would not be charged the franchise fee. Lehman Township is the only local municipality that doesn't receive the fee.

The supervisors stated that they would not be assessing the franchise fee to Tele-Media or the other cable company that serves the township. The Blue Ridge Cable Company.

Besides the monthly fee to customers the supervisors were going to contact Tele-Media about expanding its service.

"There are people that want the service but it seems like Tele-Media won't extend it to them," said Supervisor David Sutton. "I'm in favor of sending them a letter and explaining that we would like to see them extend the service."

Also at the meeting, the board denied a request from the Luzerne

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Community Events

- SPAGHETTI SUPPER** - Sat., March 16, 4:30-7 PM, Trucksville United Methodist Church. Takouts available, bring your own container. \$3.50, children 5 and under free. 696-3897.
- HAM AND CABBAGE DINNER** - Sat., March 16, 5-8 PM, Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, Dallas. Music for dancing at 9 PM.
- HAM AND CABBAGE DINNER** - Sat., March 16, 4 PM, Mountain Grange, Carverton.
- HAM DINNER** - Sat., March 16, 4 PM, Bloomingdale Grange. Adults \$5.00, Children 4-10 \$3.00, under 4 free.
- HAM DINNER** - Sat., March 16, 4:30-7 PM, Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church. Adults \$6.00, children 5-12 \$3.00, under 5 free. Reservations: 388-6571, 333-4332.
- SUNDAY BREAKFAST** - Sun., March 17, 8 AM-Noon, Lake Silkworth Volunteer Fire Co. Adults \$4.00, Children \$2.00.



FUN AT THE PLAYGROUND - John Saba, Scott Saba, Blake and Jonathan Saba of Sterling Ave., Dallas get together for a family game of basketball at the Dallas Rec Center court Sunday morning. (Post Photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Parents pushing for return of Dallas rec program head

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

A group of Dallas Borough parents are continuing their crusade to have the director of the borough's summer recreation program rehired. Jack Wolensky, who the parents say did an outstanding job at the recreation center in Burndale Park, was terminated from the position in January. The borough council said at the time that the budget did not allow for the \$2,000 expenditure that had been Wolensky's salary.

"We have 25 or 30 volunteers and we are covering every street in Dallas Borough with petitions," said Marie Eyet, the leader of the parents group.

"We have had a nice response from the residents. Some of them didn't realize the situation with the playground because they didn't live anywhere near it or they didn't have young children. They were very understanding and most were cooperative. We had a good response on Sterling Avenue and Huntsville Road."

"We don't plan to cause a disturbance but we do plan to present our petitions to the members at the next council meeting. Our concern is the playground and its program. Jack Wolensky has done a wonderful job with the children and as a guidance counselor he knew how to handle the children. He is a professional and is inter-

Jack Wolensky's supporters say they'll pack next Tuesday's council meeting

ested in the children. We don't want a structured program such as a day care center. It is a playground where the children can have fun in the summer," Mrs. Eyet said.

Eyet says that Wolensky also was unselfish in providing services beyond those called for by the recreation plan.

"Wolensky knew how to handle all the children whatever their age. He was great with them; he used his car to take them bowling or on other trips and never charged anyone for it. All we want is to have him in charge of the playground program. We don't care what his title is and we don't see why everyone has to submit a resume or application. They never did before," said Mrs. Eyet.

Changes in playground management were discussed at the January council meeting when it was announced that a letter had been sent to Wolensky by the council telling him his position had been terminated. A large group of borough residents attended the

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Dallas cafeterias narrow loss

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Dallas School Board member James Richardson reported at the board's March 11 meeting that the school cafeteria is still operating at a loss.

"The good news," said Richardson, "is that our loss is much less at the end of February this year than it was last year. In February, 1990, the loss for the month was \$7,028 and this year February's loss is \$2,213. Our a la carte in the senior high school has helped make the senior high self-supporting. Our deficit has been in the Middle School and the elementary schools. One factor which will probably help bring this year's loss down is the use of government commodities. These usually come in during October but this year the first shipment of them came in January," Richardson said.

A suggestion that next school year a la carte could be served at the Middle School was discouraged by School Superintendent Gerald Wycallis, who explained the price could be a factor since the younger children did not have the opportunity to earn extra income.

Thomas Stitzer, education committee chairman, announced that there would be an Education Committee meeting April 22, 4 p.m., in the administration building at which time discussion would be held on all-day kindergarten.

Ruth Tetschner, Dallas Elementary School principal, reported that a fifth grade team of four students placed fifth in the "Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl" in which 89 schools participated. Team members were Ken Hoover, Shechan Gallagher, Jason Vodzak and Jay Pope. The contest is patterned after a Jeopardy-type contest and is conducted throughout

the United States. The local students received an engraved trophy for finishing fifth.

In other business, the board members

- Approved Wilkes College and College Misericordia students as teacher's aides and observers in the Middle School and High School.
- Gave permission for seven professional employees to attend conferences in their respective fields at a total cost of \$1,969.

- Approved revision of the 1990-91 school calendar as follows: April 3 to become a student school day, May 24, a student school day, June 11, graduation and June 12, teachers in-service day.

- Appointed Mary Harris, Dallas, as housekeeper No. 1 at Dallas Elementary School, effective March 12, at hourly rate of \$6.24. Mrs. Harris replaces Mrs. Mary

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Kids can win prizes in coloring contest

The Dallas Post and six area merchants are sponsoring a spring coloring contest for Back Mountain youngsters.

The contest, which begins with this issue, is open to children through the age of 13. Entries will be divided into three age categories: 5 and under, 6 to 9 and 10-13. A child's age on March 22 will determine his or her age for purposes of the contest.

Entries may be colored in any medium and must be received at the office of The Dallas Post by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 21. An entry form appears on page 8 of this week's Post. Additional copies are available at no charge at The Post and partici-

pating sponsors.

A three judge panel will choose first and second place winners in each category. Sponsoring businesses have donated prizes valued at \$50.00 for each winner. Judges are Sue Hand, Liz Lloyd and Jean Hillard.

Winning entries will be displayed in the business place of the prize sponsors from March 27 until April 10. Other entries will be displayed at the Back Mountain Community Library.

In addition to The Post, sponsors are Friendly's Restaurant, Gino's Shoe Store, Hanover Bank, Pizza Hut, Something Special Restaurant and Dr. David H. Spring, D.M.D.

Emergency action brings Kunkle woman back from death

By RICH JOHNSON
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Good timing, great teamwork and a will to live combined to return life to a Kunkle woman following a severe heart attack in January.

Arlene Updyke, 86, suffered a heart attack at her home in the early morning hours of January 23. The attack was severe enough that she went into full cardiac arrest and if it were not for quick action from family members and area emergency crews she would not be alive today.

"I guess it's a miracle," said Updyke on Monday. "Everything fell right into place and I am doing well."

According to her daughter, Julia Scott, the local emergency crews and the newly installed 911 phone system saved her mother's life.

"I can't praise them enough," she said. "I was panicked and prepared for the worst but they were able to get a pulse back."

Scott, who lives with her mother, said that she was called downstairs because her mother did not

feel well.

After helping her mother relax, Scott called her daughter, Julia Rhone, who lives next door, and asked her to come look at her grandmother.

"I knew something was wrong but I told her not to hurry over," said Scott. "When I got back to my mother's bedroom she was wheezing and having trouble breathing."

Meanwhile, Rhone contacted the Back Mountain Communications Center and asked that the Kunkle Ambulance be dispatched. She then went to the home and found that her grandmother had gone into full arrest.

Rhone immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and instructed her mother to call the comm center again and notify the ambulance personnel that there was a full arrest.

When the ambulance crew arrived they took over giving CPR and prepared Updyke to be taken to the hospital. The five member crew worked furiously to save the

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HELPED SAVE A LIFE - Members of the Kunkle Ambulance Association have been praised for efforts to bring a woman back to life when she suffered a heart attack in January. Shown are the members who responded to the scene. From left: Jack Dodson, Karri Dodson, Gary Bennett, Dodie Dodson and Rich Setser. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)