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'Homework Hotline' draws 1000's of calls

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Dallas School District's "Homework Hotline" has been very successful, according to Middle School Principal Gilbert Griffith and Guidance Counselor Jack Wolensky. The two administrators gave their assessment a meeting of the school board May 13.

"Since its inception the Voice Mailbox System has been telephoned 8,614 times to date by students or parents to obtain homework information, school activities, Intermediate Unit 18 classes and student development," Wolensky said.

"Feedback from parents has been very positive, and we have been contacted by local school

districts and several out-of-state districts interested in the concept."

"This was started as a pilot project but it has been so successful we are going to send surveys home to the parents asking their impressions and during the summer months make a presentation relative to using the hotline throughout the entire district," said Griffith. "The entire cost of the Voice Box System for the four months was \$240 per month and Commonwealth Telephone Company undertook the first month. So the cost to the district for the project was only \$180, which is a small cost for the success it has been."

The board also approved head

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Spectacular fire guts Dallas barn



ABLAZE - More than 50 firefighters from six companies battled this fire that destroyed a barn owned by Robert Post of West Center Hill Road in Dallas. One fireman was taken to

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital and others were treated at the scene for heat exhaustion while battling the blaze during the afternoon of May 12. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Firemen hurt battling blaze on Center Hill Road

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A Dallas firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion while battling a fire that destroyed a barn on West Center Hill Road in Dallas May 12. Nearly 50 firemen from six companies took more than two hours to extinguish the blaze at the Robert Post property.

Dallas fireman Lynn Sheehan, Jr. was treated at Nesbitt Hospital for heat exhaustion after fighting the fire, which shot flames and smoke high into the air. The intense heat and smoke took its toll on others as some firemen were treated at the scene

for light burns, heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation. There was some concern that the home near the barn would catch fire as the wind caused flames to shoot towards the house. Fire crews were able to contain the fire to the barn area by pumping water from nearby ponds.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but preliminary reports say that a vehicle in the barn may have had electrical problems and started the blaze.

Firemen from Dallas, Kunkle, Shavertown, Trucksville, Lehman and Luzerne responded to the fire.

Scholarship fund honors memory of Carol Pierson



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Friends and relatives say nothing could have pleased the late Carol Pierson more than the memorial fund that has been established in her name, with the money to be used for scholarship to a female student athlete at Dallas High School. The fund was established by Sharon Boyer, a close friend and former co-worker of Carol's who knew how dedicated she was to women's participation in athletics.

Carol, who had served as secretary to Dallas District Superintendent Gerald Wycallis, came to the district in the spring of 1988 and immediately made an impact on the staff and others who came in contact with her. She died April 4 at the age of 42.

"Carol was very involved in women's sports," said Wycallis. "But she was a private person and

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Fund started for family burned out of home

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Residents of Sorber Mountain Road in Lake Township are trying to help one of their own as a fund has been set up to help a family whose house and belongings were destroyed in a fire.

The blaze occurred May 6 at the home of Fred and Betty Spencer and their daughters, Beth and Karl. All the family's belongings were lost in the fire, which is believed to have started in a kitchen electrical outlet.

The fund was begun by neighbors Ed and Shirley Furman who felt they "...had to do something."

Ed Furman said that it was "tragic that they lost everything." More than 75 firefighters from three companies battled the blaze for nearly two hours but could not save the house.

The family is currently staying with relatives. Furman said that the fund has been set up to help the family regroup after the fire. "They don't have anything and we are asking for money because they don't have anywhere to store tangible items," he said.

Anyone wishing to donate to the cause can contribute to the Spencer Family Fire Fund at the United Penn Bank's Dallas branch.

Furman said that other fundraising ideas are being considered to help the family.



WELCOME HOME-Specialist Kathy Walsh received a warm welcome home from relatives and friends May 10 as she spent the weekend with her parents, Paul and MaryAnn Walsh. Above, Kathy is greeted by her father Paul; sister Eileen and mother MaryAnn, far right. (Post Photo/C.M.Denmon)

Kathy Walsh returns from Saudi Arabia assignment

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After four and a half months stationed in the Mideast, Kathy Walsh returned to her home in Dallas for the Mother's Day weekend. A member of the 300th Hospital Reserve Unit, Kathy was among the members who landed in Philadelphia last week and from

there went to Indiantown Gap for outprocessing.

"There's nothing like getting home and being able to take a shower in a real, private bathroom. A shower, sink, toilet, mirror-it's like being in a palace," she said as she emerged from her parents, Paul and MaryAnn's,

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Steeple rises in memory of Amber Nicely

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A steeple now shines in the sunlight over the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas, raised in memory of Amber Nicely.

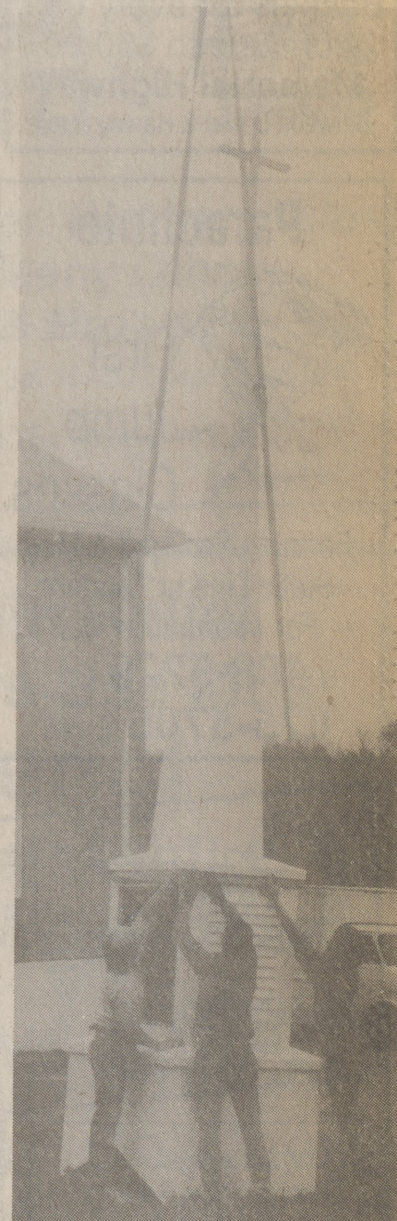
On May 7, the white steeple topped by a gold cross was placed on the new Christian Education wing added to the original church building.

The steeple was purchased with money from the Amber Nicely Memorial Fund and church member contributions, and was raised in memory of Amber who died two years ago from cancer. Amber won the hearts of people throughout Wyoming Valley when her battle with cancer became a symbol of hope and strength. It was the wish of her parents, Ed and Pat Nicely, and her brother Adam, that the memorial fund money be used to purchase the steeple.

"The steeple will point to the sky as a symbol of worship to God," said Pastor Dwight Hodne. "It is hoped that the steeple will be a continuous reminder of Amber's faith, hope and strength."

The church will dedicate the new building on its 10th anniversary with two events. On June 1 at 6:30 p.m. the combined choirs of Fellowship Evangelical Free Church and Faith Evangelical Free Church will present a concert of praise and prayer. Sunday, June 2 at 5 p.m. they will present a "Walk Down Memory Lane," a pictorial review of the past 10 years.

The church has grown from the original 22 members meeting in a camp lodge in June, 1981 to more than 375 people.



IN MEMORY OF AMBER - Workers of Stanley Builders raise the 24-foot steeple to the top of the Christian Education Wing of Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in memory of Amber Nicely, who died two years ago following a battle with cancer.

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Community Events

ANTIQUA SHOW AND SALE - Sat., Sun., May 18-19, 9 AM-5 PM each day. The Barn, Market Street, Lehman.
FLEA MARKET - Sat., Sun., May 18-19, 10 AM-4 PM, Jackson Twp. Fire Hall. Sponsored by Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.
SUNDAY BREAKFAST - Sun., May 19, 8 AM-Noon, Lake Silkworth Fire Hall, Rte. 29. All you can eat, adults \$4.00, children \$2.00.

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