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HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES - The Dallas High School Homecoming Queen will be chosen October 19 from these seven seniors. From left, Jamie Maniskas, Tami Landon, Wendy Cave, Sara Harris, Susan Richardson, Amy Shelley, Megan Moran.

Dallas High will choose Homecoming Queen

"Spirit Week" at Dallas Senior High School will be capped by the selection of a Homecoming Queen during halftime of the Dallas-GAR football game October 19. Seven Dallas High seniors were selected as candidates for queen by members of the senior class. They are Wendy Cave, Sara Harris, Tami Landon, Jamie Maniskas, Megan Moran, Susan Richardson and Amy Shelley. The queen will be chosen by a vote of the entire student body.

Student Council Advisor Mike Shevock said other activities scheduled for the week of homecoming include a pep rally Friday, October 18, poster contests, and visits to the Middle and elementary schools by seniors and athletes. A homecoming dance will take place Saturday, October 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. All Dallas students and alumni are welcome to attend. The homecoming football game will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, at Mountaineer field.

Gasoline spreads to 3 more wells in Lehman Twp.

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

Contamination of ground water by gasoline in Lehman Township has spread to three more wells.

"We've got three other private wells that show some level of MTBE," said Mark Carmon, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER). "We've talked with the homeowners and let them know they might want to use bottled water."

MTBE is a gasoline additive used to prevent engine knock. According to DER, an acceptable level of MTBE in drinking water is 40 parts per billion. The level at all three homes tested below that level.

Gasoline contamination was first discovered in the ground water in August when benzene was discovered in the well of a private home on Market Street near the Lake-Lehman Junior High.

During the week of September 16, residents of Bryant's Mobile Home Park reported that the water tasted odd. A test showed that the common well shared by park residents was also tainted with benzene, which is a carcinogen.

Those are the only wells that have shown benzene contamination, Carmon said.

"We've been seeing only this MTBE. We're not seeing the other more dangerous chemicals yet," said Carmon. The reason may be that MTBE is water soluble, while benzene tends to float on water.

Tests of the water at the Lake-Lehman Junior High School showed the level of MTBE at the school was 28 parts per billion, and the level at the nearby Maple Hill Nursing Home was 12 parts per billion.

The source of the contamination is believed to be the Sunoco

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Township offers land for Comm Center

By ERIC FOSTER
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The Back Mountain Communications Center Board decided at its meeting October 14 to delay voting on whether to move the center until the exact cost of the move is known and budgeted.

The board has been planning to move the center from the Dallas Township Municipal Building to an unused garage area at Nesbitt Hospital's Medical Center on Route 118 in Lehman Township.

At the meeting, board member Frank Wagner of Dallas Township presented the alternative of moving the center to a new building of its own.

"The Dallas Township supervisors will give them the land where the old township building was," said Wagner. Wagner proposed that a modular home could be installed to house the center.

Wagner did not have a cost estimate on the project.

According to board chairman Paul Sabol, chief of the Kingston Township police department, the move to Nesbitt's Medical Center would cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000. That would include a communications tower to mount equipment on, but not the cost of having the telephone company install new lines.

In preliminary discussions with the Communications Center Board the Medical Center said it would not charge any rent, and would remodel the area used by the center. The Communications Center would be responsible for utilities and wiring the area.

"We wouldn't have the liabilities of repairs or heat," said Sabol. "We're talking about \$35,000 and that sounds like a lot. (But) there

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Deaf child's family vows to press for his transfer

By ERIC FOSTER
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The family of 12-year-old Mark Dutton has vowed to continue to fight the Lake Lehman School District in an effort to have Mark sent to the Scranton State School for the Deaf.

To back up their position, the Duttons now have the help of the National Association of the Deaf. Mark Dutton is currently at-

tending classes at the Luzerne Intermediate Unit (LIU) with interpreters.

His family claims that there aren't enough interpreters, that Mark is in classes too elementary for him, and there are not enough other deaf students for Mark to socialize with. They would like to see Mark go to school at the Scranton State School for the Deaf which he previously attended.

At the school board meeting on

National Association for the Deaf will join battle

October 8, the boy's mother Susan Dutton, who is herself deaf, through an interpreter accused the school district of child abuse. She was joined in her accusation by other family members.

"It's an absolute sin what you're

doing to this child," said Mark's grandmother Dorothy Rubel at the meeting, which had about 20 spectators.

"Susan is not going away, she's not running out of money," said Donald Rubel, Mark's uncle.

Nancy Davis, superintendent of the Lake Lehman School District, says that district has Mark's best interests in mind by wanting

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State rejects Dallas's request to keep \$130,000

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

The Dallas School District's application for a waiver so it would not have to return \$130,000 to district taxpayers has been rejected.

The \$130,000 is extra funding the district received after the state passed it's budget this year.

Superintendent Gerald Wycalis said that he has been notified of the rejection by electronic mail.

He is expecting a letter of notification of the rejection including information on how to appeal, which the school district will pursue.

It will cost approximately \$25,000 to return the money, according to business manager Charlotte Williams, who added that if the money is returned, taxpayers would receive \$2.41 back for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Public hearings for five teachers furloughed by the school district have tentatively been scheduled to

begin October 21 at 7 p.m. in the district's administration building. The hearing date is subject to change. The teachers were furloughed at the July 8 meeting.

At its executive session October 8, the school board approved adding a van route to pick up children from Gate of Heaven's afternoon session and take them home to Sommerfield Estates.

The van was added at the request of a parent who moved to Sommerfield Estates from Sunrise

Estates, where the school district added the service several years ago.

Previously, the Gate of Heaven students, who are dismissed at 2:25 p.m., took a shuttle bus to the Dallas Middle School, where they waited until 3 p.m. when the Middle School students were dismissed.

The bus will carry seven students, four from Sommerfields, and three who will be picked up at the intersection of Carvertown and Bunker Hill roads.

Soccer Ass'n wants to build 2 more fields

By ERIC FOSTER
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The Back Mountain could have two new soccer fields by the spring of 1993 if the Back Mountain Soccer Association is able to make arrangements with the Dallas School District to develop some vacant land behind the high school.

Additional soccer fields are critical to the Soccer Association because so many children are involved in the league that it's difficult to schedule fields for games and practices.



Booting it in

Andy Flint fired a pass in front of the Lehman goal during the October 14 match between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman soccer teams. Additional photo on page 8. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)

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AMERICAN RED BLOOD DRIVE - Tues., Oct. 22, 9 AM-2 PM, Dallas High School.
Appointments recommended-823-7161.

Community Events

LUZERNE COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL - Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 17-20. Displays of area ethnic culture and heritage, foods, music and dance. Admission \$4.00, students \$1.00, under 12 free.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER - Sat., Oct. 19, 4:30-7 PM, Jackson U.M. Church, Smith Pond Rd. Tickets at the door.

BOREALIS WIND QUARTET - Wed., Oct. 23, 8 PM, Buckingham Performing Arts Center, Wyoming Seminary, Kington. Free.

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Kingston Twp. mobile home zoning faces challenge

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

A Kingston Township property owner may succeed in changing the township's zoning ordinance which restricts mobile homes to mobile home parks.

In her testimony to the township supervisors at their meeting October 9, Collette Heck, a Florida attorney who also owns property on Rice Street, cited two cases where the state Supreme Court has ruled that it is unconstitutional to restrict mobile homes from being placed on private lots, limiting them to mobile home parks.

"This country has a tradition of exclusionary zoning," said Heck.

On October 1, the township planning commission recommended that the curative amendment be adopted, while the Luzerne County Planning Commission made a similar recommendation.

"She is attacking the ordinance because it unconstitutionally restricts mobile homes," said township solicitor Attorney Benjamin Jones. "This is a very broad attack on the ordinance. I would recommend that you take it under advisement and you have 45 days

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