



\*\*\*\*\*  
 100 1/1/97  
 BRIGHTON BINDERY  
 BOX 338  
 BRIGHTON, IA 52540

# So close!

The Dallas High School field hockey team returned Saturday evening from the state Class AAA final game. After winning two playoff games by 1-0 scores, the Mountaineers lost to Emmaus 1-0, finishing second in Pennsylvania. Dallas ended its stellar season with a 15-2-2 record. Complete story on sports page.



SERVING THE BACK MOUNTAIN

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

# THE DALLAS POST

Vol. 102 No. 46

Dallas, PA Wednesday, November 20, 1991

35 Cents

## Hauler drops suit against DAMA

By ERIC FOSTER  
 Post Staff

Dave's Sanitation, one of the three private garbage haulers which filed a lawsuit against the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) has dropped the suit, according to the hauler's attorney, Al Flora Jr.

Flora said that the suit was dropped for "personal reasons unrelated to the merits of the litigation."

The two other haulers who filed the suit on September 9, C&K Sanitation and Searles Sanitation, are continuing the litigation according to their attorney, Phil Medico.

The suit alleges that DAMA's contract allowing only one firm to collect trash and recyclables in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township is unconstitutional.

The three municipalities passed ordinances earlier this year which gave DAMA responsibility for handling solid waste collection for them. DAMA in turn made a contract with Danella Environmental Technologies of Taylor that made it illegal for any other hauler to collect waste in the municipalities.

The suit alleges that the exclusivity of the contract is unconstitutional because it interferes with the haulers' right to make and keep contracts, and because it effectively takes property from the haulers, in the form of business, without the due process of law.

The lawsuit has five counts, each asking for compensatory damages in excess of \$20,000. Suits which ask for less than \$20,000 are not

See DAMA suit, pg 8

## Teacher saves child from choking

By ERIC FOSTER  
 Post Staff

Judy Roeder won't soon forget the morning of October 21. For a minute on that morning, the life of a child hung in her hands.

Roeder, a teacher at the Dallas Elementary School was supervising the playground along with Nancy McAndrew when first-grader Lacey Cooper started down the sliding board, then stopped short.

Roeder recalls that for a moment, the other children on the playground thought that Lacey was just stuck.

Instead, the cord to her hood had caught on something near the top of the slide, wrapping around the little girl's throat and choking her.

"Mrs. McAndrew tried to reach the child from the top, but because of Lacey's weight, couldn't free her," recalls Roeder.

Roeder quickly jumped on a pole near the slide, leaned over, and pushed Lacey back up the slide. The string then popped loose. In those few moments, Lacey's face had turned blue.

Roeder then used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to revive Lacey, recalling what she'd learned from a course the district had held and what a friend had told her she had done in a similar situation.

"I could watch the pink come back to her cheeks," she said. "I would say it took a good minute."

At the same time, the children were sent back into the building, where they alerted other teachers, including Mrs. Joyce Youren, who's had first responder ambulance training.

"She told me you're doing fine," said Roeder. The fast response meant that Lacey had made a full recovery.

Ms. Ruth Tetschner, princi-



**SAVED BY THE TEACHER** - Lacey Cooper stands with Judy Roeder, a teacher at Dallas Elementary School who resuscitated Lacey after she was choked by the cord to her coat's hood on the elementary playground.

pal of the school says the accident was a freak event.

"We have on numerous times checked the slide and we can't see how it happened," said Tetschner. "She was not misusing the slide."

"People do not realize the

enormous responsibility we have for the health and safety of the children," said Roeder. "It's not just reading, writing and arithmetic. There's a lot more to it."

After the accident, five teach-

See TEACHER SAVES, pg 8

## Vouchers would pay part of tuition for private schools

By GRACE R. DOVE  
 and ERIC FOSTER  
 Post staff

If sponsors of bills now under consideration in the State Legislature have their way, parents will be able to send their children to non-public schools and be reimbursed for some of the tuition. But opponents of the measures say the cost will far outweigh any benefits.

The educational voucher system would issue the parents of each school-age child in the state a voucher in the amount of \$900 or 90% of a school's tuition, whichever is less, to be redeemed at the state-accredited school of the parents' choice, depending on available student space. Parents could choose from private or public schools located within 10 miles of their residence. Thus, children from Shavertown, for example, theoretically could attend any public or private school in the Back Mountain or on the west side of the Wyoming Valley.

*The bills would give parents \$900 to spend at the school of their choice*

Financing for the vouchers would come from tax money presently allocated for public school funding. If the voucher does not cover the total cost of tuition, the parents would have to pay for the difference. The proposed system does not provide for home schooling.

### A better mousetrap?

Sister Mary Ann Addy of REACH, a coalition in favor of educational vouchers, believes that the proposed system is founded in the parents' fundamental responsibility to educate their children and their right to choose the best and most suitable

See VOUCHERS, pg 5

## Early deadlines for next issue

So that our associates can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their families and friends, the office of The Dallas Post will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. The office will reopen Monday, December 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Also, The Post will be published one day early next week so that it can be delivered to subscribers in time for the holiday. As a result, deadlines for all advertising and news copy will be 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 22.

The November 26 issue will be available on newsstands early in the morning. Local subscribers should receive their copy with that day's mail.

## Kingston Twp. loosens mobile home regulations

By ERIC FOSTER  
 Post Staff

The Kingston Township supervisors voted at their November 13 meeting to adopt an amendment to the township's zoning ordinance which would allow mobile homes outside of mobile home parks.

The township's previous zoning ordinances, which permitted mobile homes only in mobile home parks, was challenged by Collette Heck.

Heck owns a property on Rice Street which has both a house and mobile home on it. The township would still require that mobile homes meet zoning and building code requirements.

Heck's property is still in violation of several zoning and building code violations, according to township manager Jeffrey Box.

See MOBILE HOMES, pg 8

## 911 lights could save lives

You've got a medical emergency at your home. You call 911 and an ambulance is dispatched.

The ambulance crew gets to the proper street in the dark night - but then they've got to slow down, to read the dimly lit house numbers on homes - unless the homeowner has a 911 emergency light.

The light, or addition to a light, screws into an ordinary light fixture before the bulb is put in.

Turn on the light once and it's like any ordinance light. Flip the switch twice in rapid succession and the light begins to flash. Placed in a front window, or on a porch light fixture, the light gives emergency personnel something to look for when searching for the right house.

Back Mountain area, fire and ambulance companies are selling the light for \$19.95. Included along with the light adapter are a fire escape sticker for a window, emergency number label for the phone, a new bulb for the light, and cards with emergency information which

can be hung on a hook next to the phone.

The light can be obtained from the following organizations:

Residents are reminded not to call the 911 emergency number to order the lights. That number is for emergencies only.

**Dallas Fire Department** - By calling 675-0636.

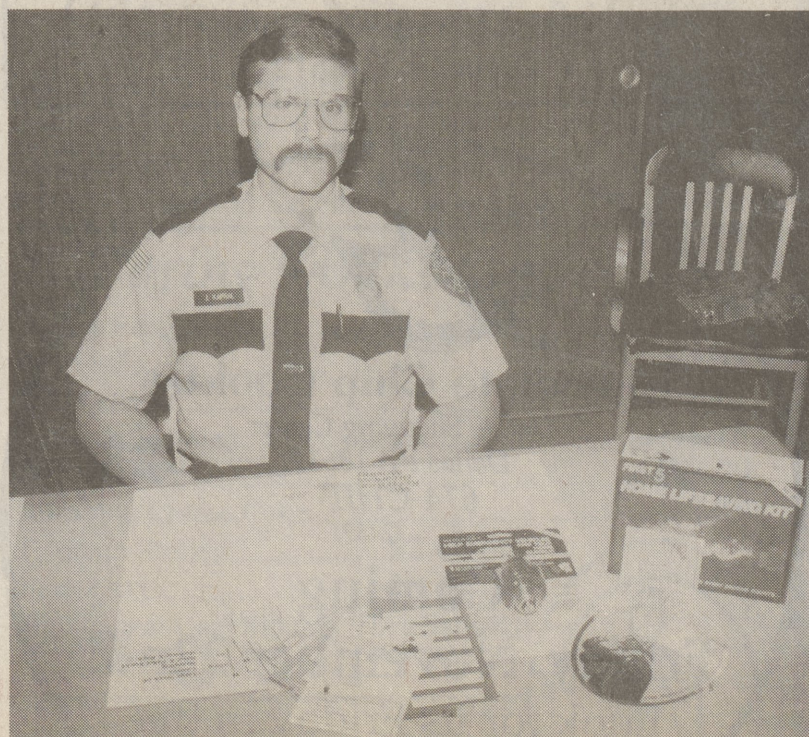
**Harveys Lake Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary** - By calling 283-5027 and asking for Beth; 639-2468 and asking for Maureen; or 639-2398, and asking for Betty Jane.

**Idetown Fire Department** - By calling 639-1105 and asking for Fire Company president Rick Wentzel or the fire hall at 639-5755.

**Jackson Twp. Fire Department** - By calling 779-2904, and asking for Fire Chief Rollie Evans.

**Kunkle Fire Department** - By calling the fire hall at 675-3334 or fire chief Jack Dodson at 675-2728.

See 911, pg 2



**THIS LIGHT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE** - Shown with the 911 Emergency light kit is Trucksville Fire Chief Gerald Kapral. Kapral says that the department also has tot-finder stickers available at the fire station. The reflective stickers help firefighters find children's rooms during a blaze.

## Inside The Post

Calendar.....	16
Classified.....	14-15
Editorials.....	4
Obituaries.....	13
Police Report.....	2
School.....	12
Sports.....	9

## Community Events

**HARVEST DINNER** - Sat., Nov. 23, 4:30-7:30 PM, Jackson UM Church, Smith Pond Rd. Tickets at door or reservations, 675-4238, 675-3205.  
**HAM SUPPER** - Sat., Nov. 23, 5-7 PM, Dallas UM Church. Takeouts 3:30. Advance tickets only, adults \$6.00, children \$3.00. 675-0122  
**SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY** - Drama, Tues., Wed., Nov. 26-27, Dallas High School, 7:30 PM. Admission \$2.00. 675-5201.

CALL 675-5211  
 FOR HOME DELIVERY,  
 NEWS OR ADVERTISING