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## Some cash-saving ideas for Lake-Lehman

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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### Superintendent lists priorities for a tight-budget year

If the Lake-Lehman school board accepts superintendent Nancy Davis's budget suggestions, the district's taxpayers could avoid 10-12 mills of tax increase next year.

Faced with an \$89,000 cut in state tuition reimbursement, a loss of \$65,000 in interest income, and recent double-digit millage increases, the district is examining any possible ways to save money and keep taxes down.

"In these difficult times, formulating a school budget is often like flying an airplane while trying to redesign it at the same time," Mrs. Davis explained. "Every dollar that we spend means making a program decision somewhere."

Mrs. Davis' suggestions, presented to the school board at a work session Thursday, April 30, include a major change in the busing schedule which could possibly save the district \$250,000 for 1992-93.

Implementing a two-tier schedule, in which students in grades 7-12 would be bused to school first, with grades K-6 being picked up an hour later, would cut back in the number of buses needed, Mrs. Davis said. Schedules and provisions for delays due to weather are currently being studied.

"Implementing a two-tier bus-

ing schedule will give us the foundation for meaningful, constructive and creative ways to restructure school programs to best meet the students' needs, while still being cost-effective," she said.

The two-tier schedule can give teachers a block of time, either at the start or the end of the school day, for department meetings and continuing education.

Other suggestions include:

• Restructuring programs to avoid replacing retired teachers or those out of school on sabbatical leave.

• Creating a junior first-grade class to give extra help to students who are at risk of having difficulty in regular first grade. A currently employed teacher would be used, at no extra cost to the district.

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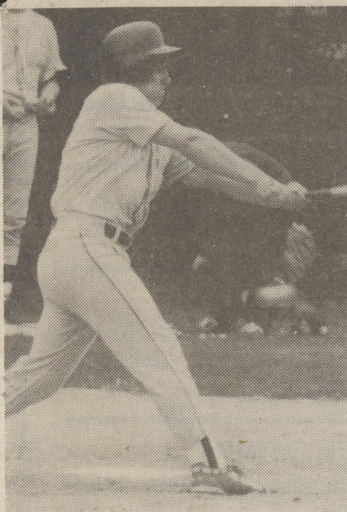


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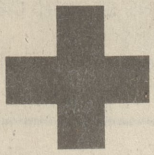
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## Red Cross blood drive

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### Making a playground

Helen Roderick and her son Rob assemble part of the fitness module of the playground equipment donated by the school's PTA at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

## Delays plague Jackson building

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

After having spent \$200,000 to remove contaminated soil from the property, Jackson Township officials now must overcome a recalcitrant contractor before they can move into the new township municipal building.

The remaining obstacles are a "punch list" and \$10,000.

A punch list is a list of finishing touches, such as adjusting pieces of moulding, fixing a door that won't close or touching up chipped

paint, which must be completed as part of the contract before the township accepts the building, said solicitor Blythe Evans.

Until the items on the punch list are completed, the contractor, Tri-City of Allentown, will not receive a \$10,000 retainer fee, Evans said.

"Tri-City was supposed to finish this building in late 1991," Supervisor Joe Stager added. "The contractor's incomplete work has delayed us moving in for two or three months."

To complicate matters, Tri-City did not respond to several commu-

nications from the township, and has not paid two subcontractors who installed a wheelchair lift and did electrical work on the building, claiming that Jackson Township never paid Tri-City.

"All that we owe Tri-City is the \$10,000, which they'll get when they finish the work," Stager continued. "I've never seen a contractor walk away like this from a job before."

Subcontractors who have not been paid by Tri-City cannot sue

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## Penn State professor to pay students not to drive

By ERIC FOSTER  
Post Staff

On most days Dr. Thomas Winter runs to work, five and half miles from his home in Shavertown to Penn State's Lehman campus where he's a professor of physics. Some days he bicycles.

Too often, he's alone in his travels.

"I have seen very few people commuting either by running or biking," said Winter. So far this semester, Winter hasn't seen any runners or cyclists heading to Penn State.

To help change that Winter is personally providing two \$1,500 scholarships for the 1992-93 academic year to two students who will forego the use of a single-occupancy automobile for at least 80% of their commutes to the campus next year.

"Part of it is to save the students money and part of it is for environmental reasons," said Winter. "Cars cause a lot of pollution, take up a lot of space on the road and use a lot of energy."

Another of Winter's goals in offering the "Alternative Transportation" scholarships is to demonstrate how fitness can be combined with practical everyday living that is also good for the environment.

"We need to bring back exercise that's worked into our daily routine. It's kind of crazy that the average person drives a car to the gym, works out for an hour and

drives home."

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must live at least a mile from the campus in Lehman Township. Winter prefers the scholarship recipient to be a bicyclist, but other alternatives are allowable, even roller-skating.

To demonstrate how much energy can be saved by avoiding driving alone in an automobile Winter has computed how many calories (a unit of energy) are consumed per mile traveled by different means of transportation.

Bicycling is the most efficient, taking only 35 calories to travel a mile; walking and running take 100 calories.

In contrast, a single person in an automobile takes 1,860 calories to travel a mile, 53 times more than bicycling.

Winter figures that so far this semester alone, he's saved about \$200 in the cost of gasoline by driving as little as possible to school. But he adds, the savings are much greater, because he hasn't had to buy a second car for his family.

The recipient of the scholarship must keep a log of his or her trips to the campus, indicating the mode of transportation, the miles traveled, and in the case of motorized transit, the number of students in the vehicle and the vehicle's fuel economy in miles per gallon.

Anyone interested in a scholarship can contact Mary Chilani in the admissions office.

## Water rates could double

By ERIC FOSTER  
Post Staff

Nearly 2,000 Back Mountain households may soon be paying twice as much or more for their water.

The Dallas, Harveys Lake, Noxen and Shavertown Water Companies have asked the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to be allowed to consolidate and to increase water rates effective June 30, 1992.

The largest percentage increase would be for the 58 customers of the Harveys Lake Water Company, jumping 338.94%, or from \$32.74 to \$118.70 a quarter for the typical customer.

The next highest increase would be for the 1,800 customers of the Dallas Water Company, rising 98.90%, or from \$68.93 to \$136.04 quarterly.

For the 980 customers of the Shavertown Water Company, the average quarterly bill would rise 27.93%, or from \$99.27 to \$127.02.

Noxen customers would see their

bill rise 61.74%, or from \$59.19 to \$95.82.

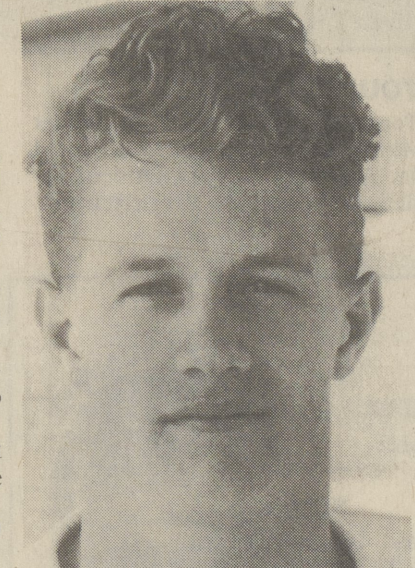
Revenues for General Waterworks Corporation, which owns the smaller companies, would increase by \$532,389 for the Dallas Water Company; \$27,715 for the Harveys Lake Water Company; \$15,695 for the Noxen Water Company; and \$101,886 for the Shavertown Water Company.

The rate increase is necessary because of improvements made to the system since General Waterworks purchased the companies in May of 1990 said Michael Coyle, manager of the water companies.

"Our expenses have increased along with capital improvements on the system," Coyle said.

Some of the changes include replacing old meters with new ones which can be read from outside the home; construction of a new tank and wells, and adding an aeration tower to the Shavertown water system.

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JEREMIAH VAN ORDEN



JENNIFER SMITH

## Charlot Denmon Memorial Scholarship winners named

The recipients of the Charlot Denmon Memorial Scholarship will be Jeremiah Van Orden from Dallas High School and Jennifer Smith from Lake-Lehman High School.

Each student will receive a little over \$700 towards their college education. The winners were chosen with the help of school personnel based on a combination of their athletic and academic achievement.

Van Orden, the son of Linda Rowett and Clark Van Orden, plans to attend East Stroudsburg State University where he will study physical education.

"I love physical activity," said

Van Orden, who played football for four years at Dallas, ran on the track team for three years, and played basketball for two years.

"I'll probably just play football in college," he said.

Besides his involvement in school and sports, Van Orden delivers newspapers for both the Times Leader and Citizens Voice.

Van Orden's favorite activities are spending time outside, fishing, or just walking in the woods.

Jennifer Smith, the daughter of Pam Sadowski and George Smith, plans to study occupational therapy.

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## Dallas School Board will discuss their budget May 11

The Dallas School Board will hold its first meeting on the district's 1992-93 budget on May 11 starting at 7 p.m. during the time of the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

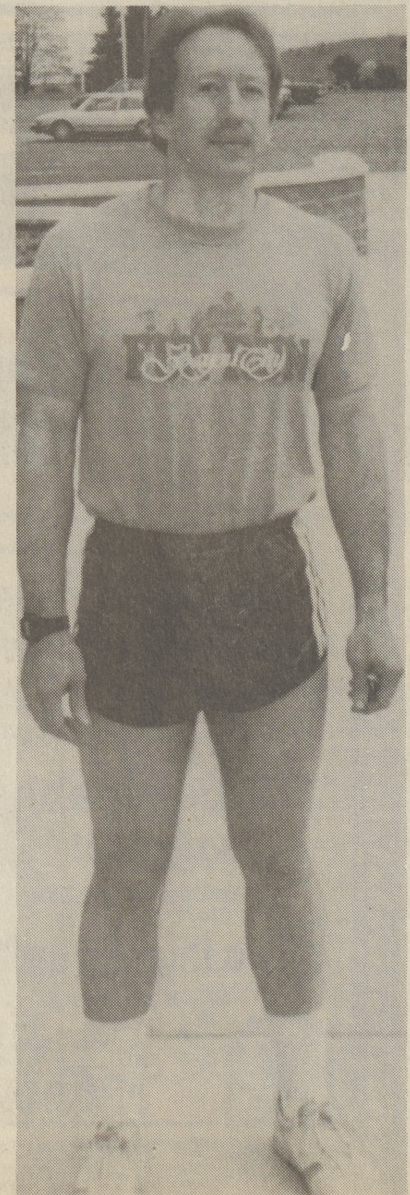
School districts are required to approve a tentative budget 30 days before the final budget is approved, and must have their budgets completed by June 30.

The agenda for the district's education committee meeting on May 8 starting at 6 p.m. includes discussion of dress codes, discipli-

nary policies, department testing, group meetings for math at the elementary schools and Middle School, and the district's long range plan, announced superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

Both meetings are scheduled to be held in the administration building.

Wycallis also announced that the district was working on starting a voice mailbox system which would allow people to call a telephone number to find out about meetings and special events happening at the schools.



READY TO RUN — Thomas Winter at Penn State Wilkes-Barre which he commutes to by foot and bicycle.