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Similar street names could cause tragedy

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

"Please send help. My house is on fire. I live on Maple Street."

The fire department dispatcher has no further information; the caller has hung up. Okay, Maple Street shouldn't be too hard to figure out.

But did the call come from Maple Street in Trucksville, Chase, Fernbrook, Laketon, Oak Hill or Alderson?

According to Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers, problems in dispatching emergency service arise when the caller doesn't specify which town he or she lives in.

"Once, our dispatcher took a call reporting a house fire on Roushey Street," Miers said. "Unfortunately, there are two Roushey streets—one in Fernbrook and one in Shavertown."

Although the two Roushey streets aren't far apart, the firefighters lost valuable time by going to the Fernbrook location first, only to find that the fire was in Shavertown, Miers said. The caller could have prevented this by being more specific about which Roushey Street he lived on.

The two Hillcrest streets in Dallas can also cause confusion, Miers said. One is in New Goss Manor; the other has no houses on

it. Mail carriers have similar problems, according to Dallas postmaster Raymond Ceconi.

"Many streets were named before the days of automated mail sorting," he said. "The mail clerks knew everyone in town by name, so customers usually got their mail, whether or not it was addressed correctly."

Rapid growth in the Back Mountain has also contributed to the problem. The Back Mountain has four Church roads and a plethora of streets with similar names, for example Hillcrest.

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SIGNS OF CONFUSION

Many streets in the Back Mountain have the same or similar names, sometimes causing difficulty when emergency crews are dispatched.

Citizens' group asks to review Dallas plan

By BILL HARPER
Post Staff

The need for an annual review and concerns over the direction of the Dallas School District's long-range plan were the focus of discussion at the October 12 school board meeting.

Citizen's Advisory Committee chairperson Ronald Moran said that the group endorsed the concept and idea of the plan, but there was concern over the way progress toward goals of the document are to be measured.

The committee is concerned because of vague and open-ended points within the long range plan, according to Moran.

Board members affirmed their belief that the plan acts as a guide for the district's growth.

"The long-range plan is designed to be used as something to look at on a yearly basis; it's not something that is set in concrete," school board member John Cleary said.

Board member Ellen Nagy added that the five-year plan will tell the district what they want to see happen. "The goals of this plan are serious and the entire school board must be committed to achieving

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Homecoming at Dallas



Dallas High to select homecoming queen

Dallas Senior high celebrates homecoming October 17 with a parade and game against Crestwood on Saturday afternoon. A pep rally and dance where the queen will be crowned is set for October 16. The school will select a queen from the following candidates. First row: Eve Figueroa; second row: Megan Heffron, Sara Cuba; third row: Katie Bennett, Jill Kowalski; fourth row: Bridget Zimmnicki, Patrice Shovlin. (Post Photo/Bill Harper)

PG&W fined \$7500 for spill into creek

By BILL HARPER
Post Staff

Pennsylvania Gas and Water company has been slapped with a \$7,500 fine and will have to restock Toby's Creek in Trucksville with fish according to the Department of Environmental Resources quarterly report released on October 7.

The utility was fined for an accidental discharge into the creek on September 3. Pennsylvania Gas and Water was in the process of cleaning the filters at the Trucksville filtration plant when the accident occurred according to DER spokesperson Mark Carmon.

The spill was a non-toxic carbon sludge from a holding lagoon at the plant. Carmon said that DER

discovered that the contents of a spill do not have to be toxic in order to cause the type of damage to wildlife which occurred at Toby's Creek.

"The sludge literally ate up all of the oxygen in the creek. The same thing could happen if milk were poured into the creek," Carmon said.

In addition to the fine, Carmon said that PG&W will be required to restock the creek with 2,000 to 2,500 trout. Carmon said that the utility will not be required to replace other wildlife which was lost in the spill.

"We believe that nature will hopefully restore the aquatic insect and plant life to the creek," Carmon said

Items off for Miami soon

By BILL HARPER
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The Dallas School District's Adopt-a-School drive ended October 9 with students donating items for students in Miami Florida, and local businesses contributing money to help the district meet their financial goal for the program.

"The PTO's from Westmoreland and Dallas Elementary are working hard to contact local businesses for our fundraising efforts," Dallas Assistant Superintendent Gil

Griffiths said. Griffiths, who is overseeing the Adopt-a-School drive, said that the district has set a goal of \$5,000 in cash donations which are being raised through contributions from local businesses.

"As of October 12, \$3,000 in cash has been raised for the adopt-a-school drive, and everyone involved in the effort has been very cooperative," Superintendent Gerald Wycallis said.

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'Indian Summer' through Native American eyes

By GRACE R. DOVE
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For many years, Americans have called the warm spell following the first hard frost "Indian summer".

Ironically, the first Americans, the Native American Indians, never had a name for it.

My ancestors, the Lenne-Lenape or "Original People" of Pennsylvania, looked upon these last warm

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days as a special blessing from Creator.

Having spent a busy summer and early fall tending our gardens, harvesting their bounty and gathering plants and berries in the surrounding woodlands, we saw this last warm spell as a gift of extra time to complete prepara-

tions for winter.

For example, many medicinal plants and some fruits and vegetables — including cabbage, apples, persimmons, ground cherries and cranberries — aren't ready for harvesting until after the first frost.

These foods added to our gar-

dens' bounty: melons, potatoes, the "four sisters" — corn, peas, beans and squash — and other goodies.

Blueberries, blackberries, cherries, gooseberries, cranberries, acorns, hickory nuts, walnuts, chestnuts and other gifts of the forest not only added variety to our diets but also insured good nutrition, thousands of years before our European friends "discovered"

vitamins.

The cranberry harvest was a village event, with families working together to lay in a good supply of these tart berries, a staple in many Lenape dishes. Our people also took time for a large community picnic to celebrate the harvest.

The warm spell after the first

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1st graders learn how animals survive winter

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

How do bats live in the winter? Why don't pheasants fly south with the other birds? Do fish hibernate?

First-graders at Lehman-Jackson school peppered Frances Sloucm State Park's naturalist Jerry Kozlansky with questions on how animals live in the winter, during Kozlansky's visit to their classes Thursday, October 8.

Hands popped into the air as kids questioned Kozlansky about the stuffed Canadian geese.

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TALKING ABOUT GEESE - Lehman-Jackson first-graders Katie Rhodes and Mark Yankowski, back row, and Lizzy Martin and Scott Wentzel, front, talk with Frances Sloucm State Park naturalist Jerry Kozlansky about a pair of Canada geese. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)



ANIMAL LOVERS - First-graders at Lehman-Jackson school had an opportunity to see what some local wild animals look like up close. Jerry Kozlansky, naturalist at Frances Sloucm State Park, talks to Katie Cilvik and Samantha Simmonette, front; Christopher Benoit and Jacqueline Lovechio, middle row and Ryan Roderick and Robyn Maslowski, back row, about a red fox. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)