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Act 78. Kingston Township Manager Jeff Box said that under guidelines set by the state, only the county and third class cities are permitted to receive funding for communication centers.

"Right now, there is no provision Act 78 for a regional communication center like we have," Box said.

Box claims that Act 78 is really a disservice to the residents of Back Mountain.

Box said that under the proposed county 911 plan, residents would have to pay a \$1.25 monthly surcharge on a phone bill as well as county and municipal taxes for 911 service.

"I don't think that it's fair to ask residents of the municipalities which we serve to have to pay for the same service three times," Box said.

Beyond the question of finances, Sabol said that the dispatchers at the communication center know who the officers are and where to send them during a 911 call.

"A dispatcher in the sub-basement of the county courthouse is not going to know who our officers are and who is most capable of handling a specific situation," Sabol said.

"Our people do so much more too, like talking to a caller who is lonely and answering a call to get a cat out of a tree. All of this would be lost if the county takes over our 911 service," Box said.

"What we can do for the Back Mountain and the community is to provide an enhanced 911 system which is mandatory under the

provisions of Act 78," Macekura said.

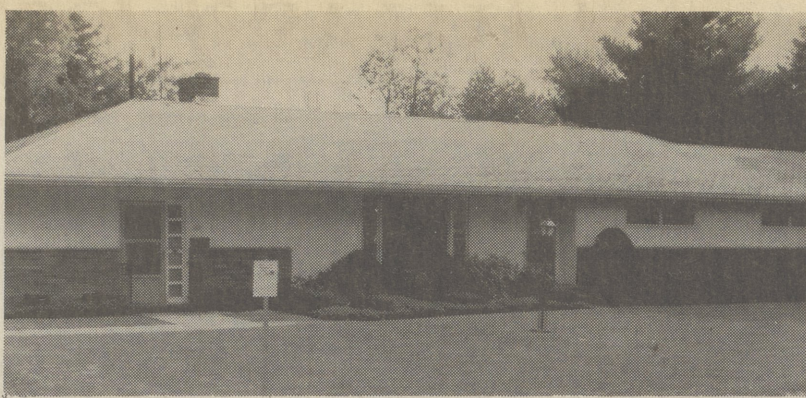
Macekura explained that the service which the county would be able to provide a dispatcher a screen for each call that includes the name, address and phone number of a caller. Location of the call and caller history would also be included on a screen, Macekura said.

The proposal would also provide the county with a true 911 system according to Macekura. He explained that the Back Mountain system uses the 911 number which is converted to a seven digit phone number before the call is completed.

"But the county will not have a true 911 number for another three years," Sabol said. He went on to say that this should not be a difference because a person with any emergency can dial 911 on any phone and get a dispatcher.

The communication center is currently funded through tax revenues from the municipalities which use the communication center as well as contributions from volunteers and Nesbitt Hospital's Emergency Service, Box said. Sabol said that it is conceivable that the communication center could share with the county funds associated with Act 78.

"The real question is financial. If we are able to share in the funding and maintain an identity, the communication center would be able to put together a superior, enhanced 911 service in less than a year," Sabol said.



PROPERTY IN QUESTION-Neighbors, who signed a petition asking that Kingston Township not change the zoning of the property owned by the estate of Sheldon Evans in Shavertown, complain that a proposed parking lot on the property will lead an increased littering (Post photo/Bill Harper)

Zoning

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residential, he says the township is able to authorize commercial use for the area.

According to McCall, the highest offer which has been received for the land has been \$60,000; with a change from residential to commercial zoning, McCall said that the land could sell for over \$200,000.

Residents are concerned that the change in zoning will be bad for the community in the long run. People who live along Ferguson Avenue are upset that the McDonald's restaurant adjacent to the property has applied to purchase the land to use as an additional parking lot.

Ferguson Avenue resident Jim Lord presented the supervisors with a petition containing 31 signatures representing that not one person believed rezoning the property for this purpose was a good idea.

"If the area is zoned commercially, and the land is used as a parking lot, the value of other property in the area will drop," Lord said.

Lord added that a parking lot on the property would cause drainage problems, increase disturbances in the area and will take away from the quality of life which residents now enjoy. He contends that will mean problems for everyone in Kingston Township.

Lord said that recently two pieces of land have sold for \$80,000 and a decrease in property value could cause the township to lose money.

"Decreased property values and an increase in police calls will add up to more money being spent by the township to solve these problems," Lord said.

McCall said that he is not asking that the board approve a specific use but rather to approve the commercial use of the Evans

property. "A paved parking lot is only a suggested use for this piece of land," McCall said.

Gorey said that offering a specific use, like a parking lot, is not a requirement to rezone a piece of property. This has led to confusion among residents on Ferguson.

"It is desirable to have the entire area, which the property is included in, zoned commercially," Gorey said.

Robert Voelker, who also lives on Ferguson Avenue, and Lord said that the residents would not have a problem with rezoning the area for an office space. Voelker offered the Burger King office building as an example of what he likes to see.

"Burger King's office is an asset to the neighborhood, but a parking lot, which has been rumored for some time, would destroy the natural barrier which is now between Ferguson and Route 309," Voelker said.

Voelker said that in addition to the destruction of the natural barrier, he and other residents are concerned increased littering which would likely occur if the area is rezoned for use as a parking lot.

"Leveling the property off for a parking area would cause a lot of traffic noise and the environment of the neighborhood would change," Jule Mannear, who lives on Ferguson, said.

Mannear said that she believes that the property should remain as a residential area and foresees traffic problems if the land is rezoned for commercial use.

"Right now, people drive around the corner too fast and it is always hazardous to back out of my driveway," Mannear said. "If the property is rezoned, the situation would become even more hazardous."

Turchin

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According to a family friend, the Turchins are spending more than \$700 a week in housing, food and travel expenses while Eddie is a patient at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

To help meet these bills, friends from the community have raised \$4,712, as of Monday, October 19, by selling candy at Lake-Lehman sports events and through other fund-raising events.

Teachers at Lake-Lehman School District, where Bonnie Turchin teaches, contributed \$2,600. The high school Peer Helpers, Football Club, S.A.D.D., student council and Field Hockey Parents' Association have also contributed to the fund.

When he was eight years old, doctors found a malignant growth the size of a walnut on Eddie's pituitary gland. Although a four-hour operation and 30 radiation treatments stopped the cancer, Eddie has had to take several medications to correct hormonal problems and prevent seizures for

the past ten years.

Fund-raising events planned for the near future include a spaghetti supper sponsored by the Lake-Lehman Football and Wrestling Clubs, a supper sponsored by the different societies of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, where the Turchin family worships, a square dance called by "Red" Jones and a weekend fund-raiser at a popular West Side restaurant.

"The response of the community has been overwhelming," Mrs. Turchin said. "We are very grateful for everyone's prayers and encouragement. Please continue to pray for our family."

Friends wishing to send greeting cards to Eddie while he is in the hospital may address them to: Eddie Turchin, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 34th and Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Friends wishing to contribute time, ideas or money, or who will help sell candy, may call "Red" Jones at 639-2186.

Day care

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science, earth & space science; Michele Hora, art; Janal Engle, biology, general science; Deborah Koval, elementary; Kathleen Kaminski, elementary; Sondra Marie Novicki, elementary; Susan Starolis, elementary; Laura Wendell, elementary.

Activities advisors: Barbara Lockman, junior high Builders' Club advisor; Gary McDade, junior high soccer coach; Paul Reinert, junior high wrestling coach; Cathy Wolfe, SADD advisor and student council advisor.

Custodial substitutes: Diana Blejwas and Michael Blejwas.

Appointed school bus drivers: Walter Chappell, Clifford Chapin, Dorie Vanderpoll.

Part-time cafeteria workers: Nancy McCarroll, Lehman-Jackson school and Jane Smith, Ross Township school.

Cafeteria substitutes: Sandra Ellen Cooper, Frances Lewis, Karen Smith.

Elementary school health/nurse aide Elizabeth J. Zack.

Scholarship is announced by Dallas School District

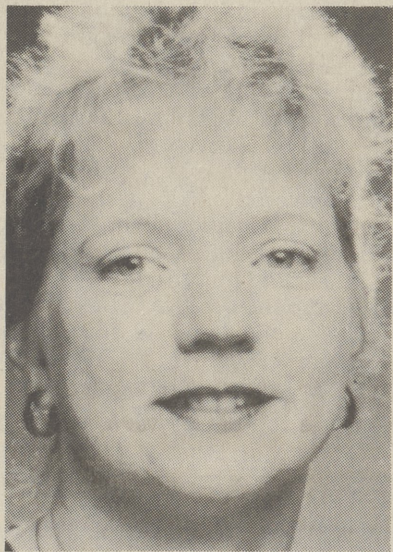
Donations for the Shirley Haas Memorial Scholarship are now being taken by the Dallas School District.

Haas, who was a long-term substitute teacher in the Dallas School District, died on October 9. According to district business manager Charlotte Williams, the school district is a vehicle for donations to the memorial fund.

"Superintendent Gerald Wycallis recently approved the scholarship which is similar to the fund set up when Carol Pierson died last year," Williams said.

Criteria for the scholarship will be discussed by the principal and guidance counselor at a later date.

Donations can be sent to Dallas School District, PO Box 2000 Dallas PA, 18612



SHIRLEY HAAS

Newhart recently named president of D & Z Inc.

Lawrence E. Newhart, Jr., a native of Shavertown, has been named president, D&Z, Inc., the professional services group of Day & Zimmerman, Inc. with six companies performing professional engineering, program management, construction management, maintenance and ancillary services.

Newhart joined Day & Zimmerman, Inc., in 1987 and assisted with the acquisition of Nuclear Power Services, NPS Energy Services and the formation of Operating Plant Services, each now part of D&Z, Inc.

With an undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University in Fuel Science and a master of business administration from the University of Chicago, Newhart has more than 24 years of engineering and construction industry experience.

Newhart and his wife, Susan, live in Valley Forge, where they

raised their two children, Kim, now living in Buffalo, New York and Celia, who lives in Denver, Colorado.

Parade

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winner.

The Kiwanis parade committee members are: Bernard Banks, Parade General Chairman; Bruce Renard, publicity chairman; Charles Kishbaugh, Halloween goodies bag project; Tex Wilson,

facilities chairman; Jim Ward, judging and prizes chairman; Jim Tupper, parade participants chairman; Joe Schwartz, fliers delivery chairman; Joe Grimes and Leo Corbett, stage decorations and George McCutcheon, parade marshal.

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- Dallas Township: November 16-20. Residents are asked to use bags weighing less than 30 lbs.

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