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Support for Turchins pours in

By GRACE R. DOVE
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A tidal wave of community support for Jackson Township resident Eddie Turchin and his family has surprised the staff at the Philadelphia hospital where Eddie has been a patient since October 1.

No less surprising is the 18-year-old Lake-Lehman graduate's battle against complications following brain surgery.

"Eddie gets the most mail of any patient in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital," said his mother, Bonnie Turchin. "We have

read him every one of the hundreds of cards and letters that people have sent and hang them up all over his room."

Since his October 1 operation to repair an aneurism — a sort of balloon — in a major blood vessel leading to the brain, Eddie has successfully battled a blood clot, cardiac arrest, pneumonia and operations to repair abdominal bleeding and intestinal blockages. He also spent several weeks in a coma, Bonnie Turchin said.

"I don't know how we would have made it this far without the prayers and support of our friends in the Back Mountain, who have

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even sent us care packages of snacks while we have been in Philadelphia," she added.

These aren't the first life-threatening problems which Eddie has successfully beaten. When he was eight years old, doctors found a malignant tumor the size of a walnut on his pituitary gland.

Although a four-hour operation and 30 heavy doses of radiation stopped the tumor's growth, Eddie has had to take medications to

correct related health problems for the past ten years.

Doctors found the aneurism during a routine examination in June.

Friends from the community have joined forces to hold a series of fundraising events to help the family with the many expenses which they have incurred the past two months in Philadelphia.

Bonnie Turchin's colleagues at Lake-Lehman School District and Ed Turchin, Sr.'s co-workers at Tobyhanna Depot have taken up

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EDDIE TURCHIN

Dallas Post moves this week

The Dallas Post will move this week to new quarters at 45 Main Road in Dallas Township. Most equipment will be moved Wednesday, December 2 and the entire newspaper operation will be at the new location Thursday, December 3.

An open house will be held Saturday, December 5 from 12 Noon to 3 p.m., for the community to visit the new facility. There is parking both behind and in front of the building, which was formerly a private residence. There will be door prizes and free gifts.

The Post has been in its present office for five years. In the past 20 years, the newspaper has occupied several rented offices, all in Dallas Borough.

The Post's mailing address and telephone number remain the same: P.O. Box 366, Dallas PA 18612 and 675-5211. Items for publication may be brought to our present office on Wednesday, and to the new location after that.



STEPPING UP - Sergeant James Balavage will take over as chief of the Kingston Township Police Department, succeeding Paul Sabol who is retiring. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Balavage moving up to Kingston Twp. chief

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Sergeant James Balavage has been appointed to succeed retiring police chief Paul Sabol in Kingston Township.

A 13-year-veteran of the Kingston Township police department, Balavage will assume his new duties February 1, 1993. He began serving at Kingston Township as a part-time patrolman in 1979, became a full-time officer in 1981 and was promoted to sergeant in 1988.

"The selection process was extremely competitive," Balavage said. "There were seven other applicants. I felt very relieved last Wednesday (November 25) when I got the phone call."

Balavage said that he began to prepare to take on more responsibility three years ago, when Chief Paul Sabol asked him to participate in the discussion and implementation of new ideas and policies which have now become normal departmental procedure.

During the next three months, he expects to continue in his current duties, while learning the many other procedures involved in being a police chief.

"I want to build on the firm foundation of the efficient police

force which Chief Sabol has established," he said.

As sergeant, Balavage's present duties include keeping all departmental records, supervising the patrolmen, acting as the Back Mountain coordinator for the Mid-Valley Drug Task Force, investigating crimes, handling public relations, speaking to various civic groups, helping design the department's new computer system and training his fellow officers to use it.

"I'm glad that most of the guys are already computer-literate," he laughed.

Police work isn't simply enforcing the laws, Balavage said. He plans to keep the department's personal touch, which Chief Sabol has become well-known for, including investigating accidents, helping sick people, finding lost children and handling dog cases.

"The only way to learn to deal with and take care of the people whom you're paid to protect is on the job," he said. "The personal element must always be first and foremost."

Although Balavage has helped break up two burglary rings operating in the Back Mountain and the valley, assisted in the

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Sutton Farms sewer plan gets supervisors' approval

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Jackson Township supervisors discussed an apparent Catch-22 situation between Jackson Township, the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) and Dale & Dale Contractors at its regular work session Monday, November 30.

A representative of Dale & Dale, contractors for the Sutton Farms development, told the supervisors

that the company needs a letter from the township, stating that the supervisors approve the use of individual septic units for the homes to be built there before DER will finally approve the plan.

Construction at the development had been temporarily halted until the contractor obtained approval from both the supervisors and DER.

Although the development's original plan — approved in 1979 by both Jackson Township and

DER — provided for individual septic units, DER approved an amended plan in 1991. That scheme called for the homes in Sutton Farms to tie into the township's sewer system by obtaining an easement from the homeowners' association of the adjoining Sutton Hills development, allowing the sewer tie-in to run through Sutton Hills.

DER approved the plan before the easement was granted. The Sutton Hills homeowners

association refused to grant it.

The supervisors had given Dale & Dale verbal approval of the individual septic units at their November 4 meeting. DER wanted it in writing.

The supervisors directed township secretary Henry Zbiek to give Dale & Dale a copy of the minutes from the November 4 meeting showing the supervisors' approval of the individual septic units.

In other business, the

supervisors discussed doing a feasibility study at no cost to the taxpayers to determine whether or not a regional police force would benefit Jackson Township. Two other municipalities, Lehman Township and Dallas Borough, have expressed an interest, according to supervisor Walter Glogowski.

"The study may indicate that we don't need a regional police force.

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Lake-Lehman expands reading is FUN program

By GRACE R. DOVE
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First, second and third graders at Lehman-Jackson School started off the second year of the Reading is FUNdamental program at an assembly Monday, November 30.

The students listened attentively as principal Charles James read *Sylvestor and the Magic Pebble*, an amusing story about a boy who finds a magical shiny, red pebble that grants his every wish.

After the assembly, the children returned to their classrooms to select new books and hear special stories read to them by guests from the community.

Jackson Township firefighter John Hutchins read *The Little Fire Engine* to Mrs. Theresa Fraley's second grade class, where four children decided that they want to be firefighters when they grow up.

Assisted by PTA mother Mrs. Lisa Schutz, each child selected a book to take home and read.

"I like roadrunners the best," said Angelo Georgetti, selecting a book about desert animals.

Beth Mariner chose a book about

lions and tigers, while Patty Manzoni became engrossed in a book about house cats.

Chris Harrison of Commonwealth Telephone visited Mrs. Bohr's third-grade to read a book about telephones and discuss telephone courtesy. "The students were very attentive," he said. "I really enjoyed the visit."

Other guest readers included Paul Malak, Tracy McDonald, John Wizeman and Vince DiGuisto of UGI Corporation; security guard Thomas Ohl; Brian Coombs; pastor emeritus Rev. Andrew Pillarella of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Edith Pillarella, teacher emerita of Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

Funded by UGI and the PTA/PTO organizations, Lake-Lehman's R.I.F. program began in September, 1991, in first-grade classes at Ross Township School. The program was added to the district's other first grades at Lehman-Jackson in February, 1992, and Lake-Noxen in March, 1992.

This year R.I.F. has expanded to

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LIONS, TIGERS AND HOUSE CATS — Second-graders Beth Mariner, Patty Manzoni and Lorraine Lovecchio choose books about animals during the R.I.F. book distribution at Lehman-Jackson. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)