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## Inside Story

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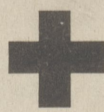
**Never forget.** A Holocaust Day of Remembrance is scheduled for April 19 at Noon at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Page 7.



**Estate sale.** When Kathryn Wakefield died in January, her will called for the sale of her Southern plantation style mansion on West Center Hill Road in Dallas. Photos, story, page 2.

**Two \$500 scholarships** are being offered by the Dallas American Legion Post 672 to seniors at Dallas or Lake-Lehman high schools. Page 8.

**Linda Stallone** will be the speaker at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's "Luncheon With a Special Author" to be held April 29. Page 6.



**Red Cross blood drive** will be held Monday, April 26 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas. Appointments, call 823-7161.



**Swim lessons** for children will be offered at the pool in the new Anderson Center on the campus of College Misericordia. Page 9.

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*'It's like a form of torture, similar to a loud ringing in the ears that never goes away'*



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

**NOISY NEIGHBOR** - Rose Hosey looks over her back fence at the Coates Reprographics plant in Dallas Township, which has been producing a steady, loud noise for the past several months.

## Factory noise vexes neighbors

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Neighbors say it's more irritating than fingernails scratching on a chalkboard. Six days a week. Sixteen hours a day.

Noise from Coates Reprographics, a small plant off Country Club Road in Dallas Township which makes photocopier toner (ink) has caused residents in the area of the plant to complain to the township supervisors.

Described by neighbors who attended the April 6 meeting of the Dallas Township board of supervisors as a "steady whine" or "a constant ringing," the noise can sometimes be heard as far away as the Dallas Township Municipal Building or College Misericordia, according to township zoning officer Len Kozick.

"It sounds like a machine with a loose bearing," he said, imitating it. Rose Hosey and Thomas P. Brennan, whose properties adjoin the back of the plant, said that the noise can be heard inside their homes, even through the storm windows.

"It's been going on since February, a loud, continuous droning that starts shortly after 6 a.m. and doesn't let up until around 11 p.m.," Brennan said.

Mrs. Hosey, whose family has lived in the neighborhood for the past 15 years, said that the noise seems to be louder on certain days, possibly

due to the wind direction and the height of the clouds. Sometimes it's audible at Shrine View and Pheasant Run, she added.

"We hear it six days a week, Monday through Saturday," she continued. "It's a high-pitched whine that reminds me of the feedback from a large stereo speaker."

"It's a pretty high frequency. I can't imagine how it might be affecting the animals in the woods, since they hear many sounds that we don't," said her son, Paul, 18. "I think that it might be confusing the deer. Since it first started, I've noticed many more of them running in front of cars on Country Club Road."

Two Shrine View residents, Mrs. Sally Shea and Mrs. Laura Freifeld, said that the noise is audible inside their homes, nearly 1/2 mile as the crow flies from the plant.

"It's not pleasant," Mrs. Shea said. "If we can hear it through the woods, people living closer to the plant must really be having problems with it."

"It's like a form of torture, similar to a loud ringing in the ears that never goes away," Mrs. Freifeld said.

Mrs. Freifeld said that she first noticed the noise two summers ago; recently it has become worse. She said that she will ask her veterinarian

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## 'Jack' Bombick died serving his neighbors

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Jackson Township road foreman John "Jack" Bombick never asked one of his men to do anything that he wouldn't do himself.

While digging out a blocked drainage ditch by hand near Sutton Hills during Saturday's heavy rainstorm, he collapsed and died of a heart attack.

"Jack was a dedicated township employee," said township secretary Henry Zbiek. "He proved it by being out working during the worst of the storm."

During an interview for his candidacy for Jackson Township supervisor, Bombick had said that he had lived in the township for more than 50 years and knew every inch of its 26-plus miles of roads.

During his past 22 years on the road crew and 13 years as its foreman, Bombick said that he had seen many changes in Jackson Township, whose residents he had found to be very friendly and easy to work with.

"I have worked hard to give our township as good a road crew as

possible," he had said. "I'm proud that our crew has earned the respect of neighboring communities."

Bombick and Zbiek were friends long before Bombick joined the road crew. "Jack loved his family and his home town," Zbiek said. "He had recently been helping his son, John, Jr., to finish building a new home nearby. He was looking forward to his campaign for township supervisor."

Road crew employees Hardy Spencer and Tim Bernick called Bombick a fair boss who always spoke his mind. "He loved to kid around and tease us, but it was all in fun," Spencer said.

Supervisor Joe Stager said that he had known Bombick his entire life.

"Jack was a valued employee and friend," Stager said. "He was always ready to help whenever he was needed."

According to a report by Deputy Coroner Joseph Shavery, an autopsy performed by Dr. Hugo Valderrama revealed that Bombick had died of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, Dell, and son, John, Jr.

## Law discourages burned buildings

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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If, as expected, it enacts a burned building ordinance at its May 3 meeting, Jackson Township will become the second Back Mountain municipality to do so.

Supported by all three supervisors, the law is designed to protect the township from becoming "stuck" with burned-out buildings which become hazards if the owner allows them to deteriorate instead of repairing them.

"We don't have much of a problem with burned-out buildings in Jackson Township, but we want to protect the public in case the situation arises," said supervisor Joe Stager.

According to township solicitor Blythe Evans, the ordinance will allow

the township to hold in escrow \$1,000 for every \$20,000 in fire damage claims paid to homeowners by their insurance companies.

If the homeowner repairs or razes the building within a reasonable time, the township will return the money and interest which it has earned to him.

If not, the township will use the money to cover expenses which it might incur to remove the structure.

"The ordinance doesn't contain a specific time limit for repairs to be made, other than stating 'within a reasonable time,' because final settlements on house fire claims can take several months," Evans said.

"Jackson Township is enacting

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**THIS IS THE LEGAL SPEED** - Police cruisers from Kingston and Dallas Townships lead traffic on Route 309 in Shavertown at the

posted speed of 35 mph during the Back Mountain's first Safety Blitz Wednesday, April 7.

## Safety Blitz a success

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Officers from four Back Mountain police departments distributed information on safe driving to more than 4,000 motorists during the area's first Safety Blitz Wednesday, April 7.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Kingston Township, Dallas Township, Harveys Lake and Dallas Borough police departments, the blitz was concentrated on the lower and upper ends of the Route 309-415 traffic corridor, where officers at the Route 309/Carverton Road and Route 415/Route 118 intersections distributed pamphlets on seatbelt use, safe driving and drunk driving to motorists during the morning and evening rush hours.

At the same time, two cruisers drove side-by-side up and down the highway at the posted speed limit, which ranges between 35 and 45 mph, depending on location.

Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage, Harveys Lake Assistant Chief Ronald Spock and Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers, assisted by officers from

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