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Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company begins its annual fund drive. Contributions are necessary to the operation of the all-volunteer operation. This year's goal is \$25,000. Page 6.

Brownie Troop 650 finishes a busy year that included earning 11 badges. Next up, a pool party on June 26. Page 13.

Pathfinders named at the recent Women's Network held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Three of four honorees are from the Back Mountain. Page 13.

Awards and scholarships continue to pour in for local students. Page 7.

Rec program in Kingston Township will begin June 21 and last for 8 weeks. Page 2.

3 hospitalized as result of two serious vehicle accidents over the weekend. Page 2.



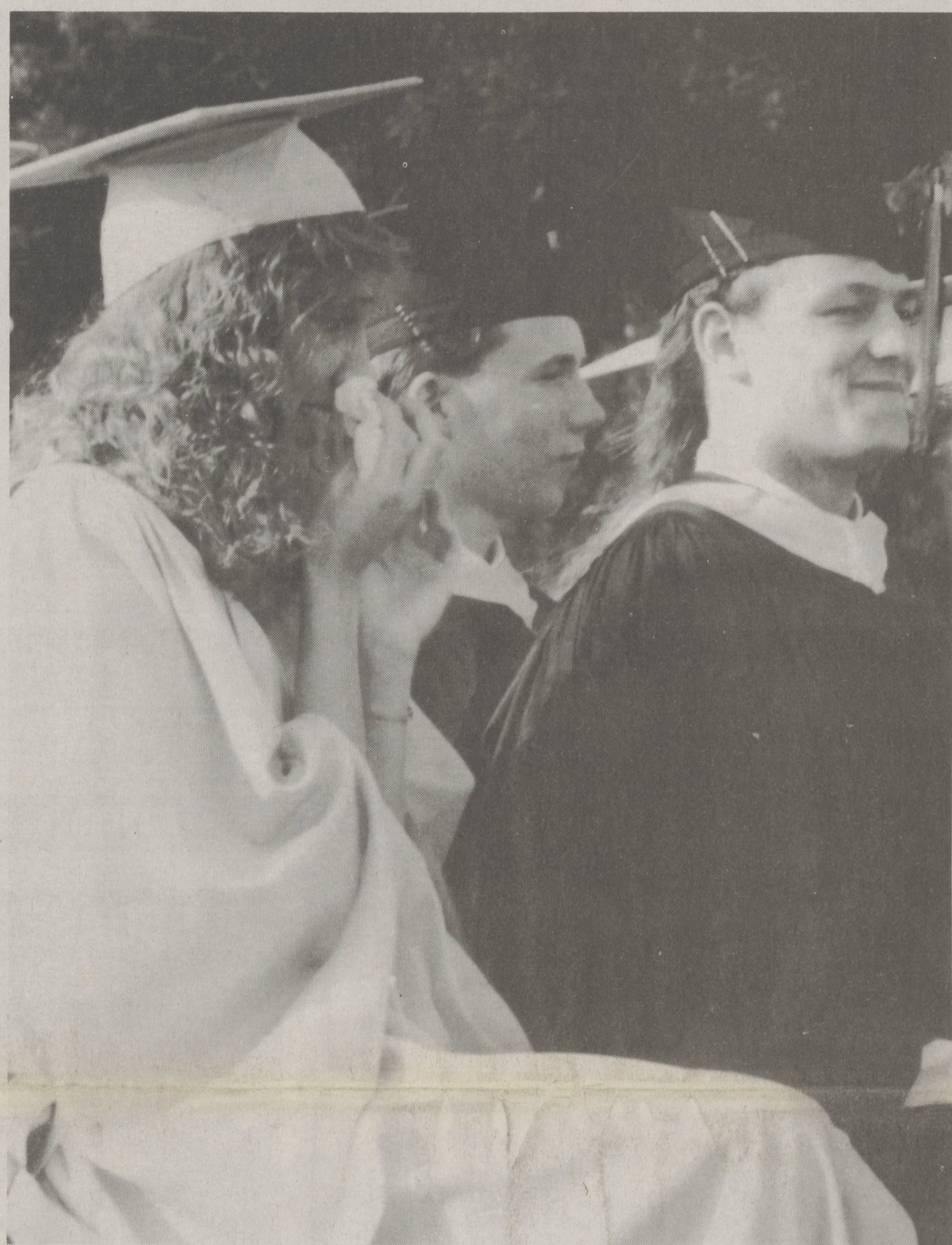
All-stars will come to Dallas for the 14th annual Dallas Kiwanis Girls' High School softball game, to be held June 21. Page 11.

Todd Paczewski, Matt Sleightholm earn scholarships for athletics, one in baseball and the other in soccer. Page 12.

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MIXED EMOTIONS - Stephanie Schwartz, left, wipes away a tear while Kevin Weaver expresses his joy at graduation ceremonies for the Lake-Lehman Class of 1993 last week. More photos on pages 8-9.

Lehman grads honor their parents

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Friday, June 11 was the last day of school and graduation for 160 members of the Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1993, who applauded their parents in appreciation of their support and sacrifices during commencement ceremonies.

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A week earlier, the class had had its own special day, "Moving Up Day," which included the Senior Brunch, awards, photos and a ceremony in the auditorium, in which the gradu-

ating class was formally presented to the school.

The ceremony began with each class member approaching the stage as his or her name was called, where, amid hugs, handshakes and a few tears, each student received either a boutonniere or corsage from a

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Bear fails tree test at Misericordia

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Amid the cheers of students and onlookers, a tranquilized black bear made an undignified exit from College Misericordia Thursday, June 10, after having taken refuge—a tranquilizer dart in its rump—in the crotch of a tree near the administration building.

According to Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers, the 200-plus lb. male black bear had been spotted during the week in Shrine Acres, College Manor, near the hot dog stand in the parking lot of the former Daring's Market on Route 415, near the Dallas High School and in the Dallas Township park behind the Dallas Acme.

Several Dallas Borough residents had reported seeing a bear Wednesday, June 9, in the vicinity of Machell Ave, while a Dallas Township young woman saw it cross Lower Demunds Road on her way to work Thursday morning.

"That's not a really big area for one bear to cover," Miers said. "From my experience as a hunter, I've seen them range over a five-square-mile area."

After having led Dallas Township police a merry chase through College Manor, the bear entered the Misericordia campus, where

police kept it in the area near the administration building until Game Commission officers could arrive with a tranquilizer dart gun.

But the tranquilizer didn't have the desired effect: the bear headed for a nearby tree, where it wedged itself before the drug took effect.

"When the dart hit him, he went up up that tree in about four seconds," Miers chuckled.

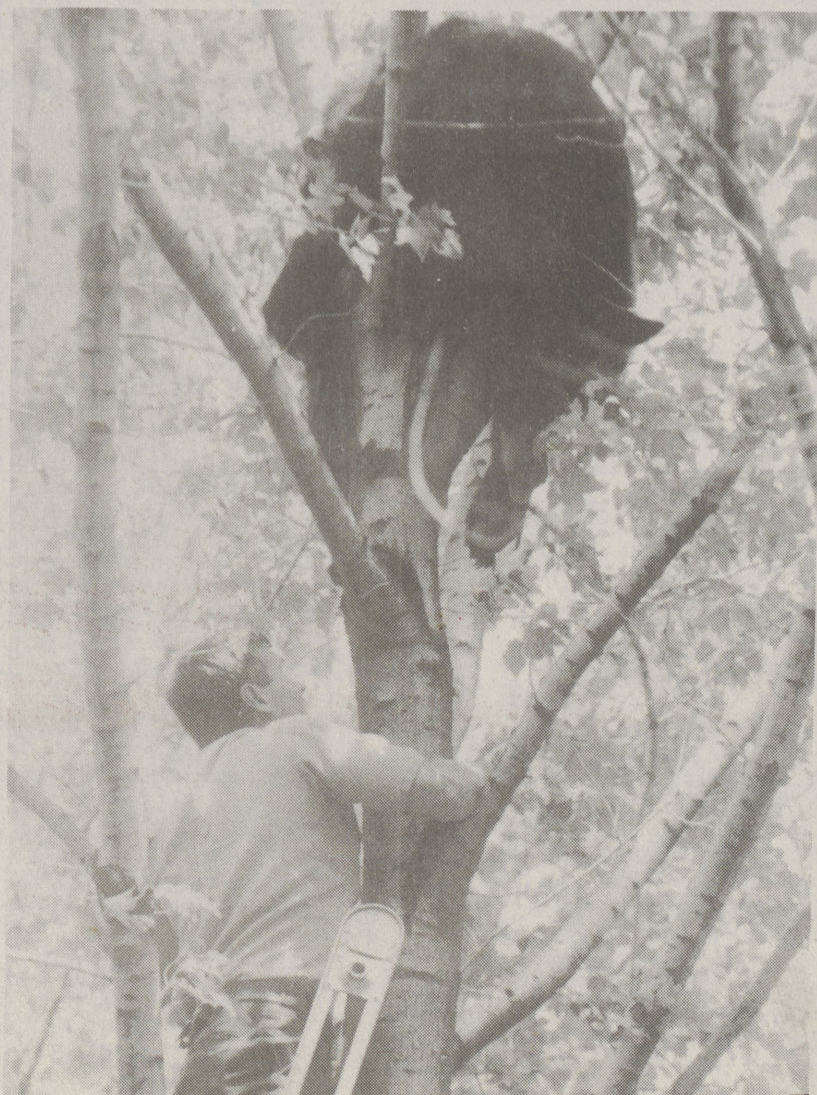
As students, campus security officers and staff from the administration building gathered on the lawn to watch the rescue, the Dallas Fire Company, under the direction of Chief Robert Besecker, tethered an extension ladder to the tree to prevent it from swaying in the strong breeze.

A Game Commission officer then climbed the ladder to tie a safety line to the bear's leg as it slept, paws and head dangling as the tree swayed in the wind.

Police requested help from the crew of a bucket truck from Asplundh, a contractor for UGI, which quickly raised a hydraulic bucket for one of their men to secure lines around the bear's body, so that it could safely be lowered to the ground.

"We knew that we could do it if we could get to it," said Asplundh supervisor Ed Danko. "We're

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"ZZZZ-Z-Z" - Frank Dunham of the Game Commission checks the condition of a tranquilized male black bear who took refuge in a tree near the administration building of the College Misericordia campus Thursday, June 10.

Dallas woman winning against Lyme disease

It took a year to pinpoint illness

By GRACE R. DOVE
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She isn't an outdoor enthusiast. Her family doesn't have any pets.

To her knowledge, she was never bitten by a tick.

Her symptoms don't fit the "classic" pattern of a rash and flu-like symptoms which doctors look for.

But Dallas Township resident Kim Kirk, 29, has been diagnosed with Lyme disease.

Nearly half of the patients eventually diagnosed with Lyme disease never get the telltale "bull's-eye" rash around the site of the tick's bite, Kim said.

"My symptoms weren't the classic symptoms which many doctors look for. They were mostly neurological: constant lightheadedness, tingling and numbness all over my body - including my face and tongue - and bright spots in front of my eyes," Kim said.

She also had recurring bladder



The Deer tick
(Ixodes dammini)

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infections and "unbelievable fatigue," often ready to fall asleep on the couch at 10 a.m.

"I have no idea how I got Lyme disease," she said. "My doctor told me that it can lie dormant in a person's system for a long time

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Mt. Olivet Rd. fire ruled fourth arson

By GRACE R. DOVE
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An early-morning fire Thursday, June 10, at the vacant Frank Hilstolsky residence on Mt. Olivet Road, Kingston Twp., has been ruled arson by the Pennsylvania State Police fire marshal's office.

According to Trooper Sylvester Myers, the home had been vacant for approximately 10 years and had no utilities hooked up.

"The structure had been locked and secured. We found signs of forced entry at the rear, where most of the fire damage occurred," Trooper Myers said.

The rear of the home is shielded from view from the road and nearby homes by trees and tall bushes.

From the pattern of the burn marks, Myers said that some type of accelerant had been used to

start the fire, which he has ruled as arson. His office is continuing to investigate the fire.

Trucksville Fire Chief Brian Johnson said that the back of the building was fully involved by the time that his firefighters arrived on the scene.

Trucksville was assisted by Shavertown and tankers from Dallas, Franklin Township, Jackson Township and Kunkle fire companies. Johnson said that approximately 75 firefighters battled the blaze, which was reported shortly after 4 a.m.

This is the eighth in a series of suspicious fires, four of which have been definitely ruled as arson, in the Back Mountain since late November, 1992. Fires in Franklin Twp. May 31 and the Fern Brook section of Dallas

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Dallas budget won't hike tax rate

By GRACE R. DOVE
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A \$50,000 cutback in state aid for special education won't affect the tax rate in the Dallas School District next year.

After having received final figures from the state's education budget, the Dallas school board adopted a final \$15,692,095 budget for the 1993-94 school year. The plan calls for no tax increase, the third consecutive year that the district's tax rate will be 158 mills.

According to business manager Charlotte Williams, the district will lose \$110,000 in special education funding due to changes in the funding formula.

Offset by a \$60,000 gain in state-paid funding for special education students in state-approved private schools, the net loss is actually \$50,000, Ms. Williams said.

The district will need to use

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