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LIFE SAVERS - While treating Stephen Lenko after a head-on collision on Route 309 last Thursday, Carmen Novitsky looked up to check on the progress of a rescue crew that had arrived on the

scene. Kim Russ, who cared for Lenko on her own until Novitsky joined her, attempted to comfort the seriously injured man. Other volunteers attempted in vain to save occupants of the other car.

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Accident tests emergency workers

By DAVE KONOPKI
Post Correspondent

After responding to hundreds of emergency calls, the majority of which are fender benders and minor traffic accidents, one might expect a feeling of complacency to fall over the members of a rescue unit in a small community like the Back Mountain.

But as last week's fatal two-car collision on Route 309 demonstrated, complacency is not a word in the vocabulary of these volunteers.

"Every accident is different," said Kingston Township ambulance captain Scott Davis, who responded to the accident which

claimed the lives of an elderly Larksville couple and left one man in critical condition. "You never want to develop a relaxed atmosphere. We respond to approximately 10 accidents per month. Fortunately, most of them are not as severe as this one was, but you always have to be prepared."

While the adrenalin may be flowing when the call is first received, emotions can never take control of a person who is responding to such an accident.

"When we got the call, we were told to respond 'urgent,'" explained Davis, of last Thursday's accident. "That's when the training you receive kicks in. You start to think of the steps you're going to take when you get

there.

"When you have a severe accident like this one, you're always taken back by the scene," Davis continued. "But you have to keep it on a professional level. There are people there who are depending on you to do your job, and do it well."

The primary responsibilities of an emergency response captain, according to Davis, is to ensure scene safety, determine the number of injuries and their severity, determine the number of units necessary to respond, the method of extrication (if necessary) for the victims and the method of trans-

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Kingston Twp. to install public emergency phone

By DAVE KONOPKI
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The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors have unanimously voted to have a public access emergency telephone installed outside the police station in Trucksville. The measure came at the board's regular monthly meeting September 8 at the township building.

For anyone requiring a police officer and who finds the station unmanned, especially late at

night, the phone will provide a way for that person to contact an officer. When the caller picks up the receiver, the phone will automatically ring at the communications center in Dallas.

The idea for the phone was the brainchild of Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage.

"The phone will be here to help the public," said Balavage. "I think it's a good idea. People who need a policeman and come to the office will only have to pick up the phone if there is no one in the

office."

In other action, the board:

- Approved a resolution authorizing township solicitor Ben Jones III to commence Eminent Domain proceedings against the property of Edward and Susan Sherlinski, 361 Crane Road.

- A guardrail will be placed on the municipal building property near the Trucksville Pharmacy to facilitate ingress and egress from the parking area. It will also eliminate parking in non-designated areas. Cost of the project is

not to exceed \$2,000.

- Ryan Construction Company of Wilkes-barre was awarded the bid for the replacement of the municipal building roof. The award is contingent on an investigation of the company's qualification by township engineer Chris Borton. The supervisors also tabled bids received for the purchase of a brush chipping machine pending a closer inspection at each of the bids.

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Shavertown weaver makes unique creations

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Imagine creating a fabric to be made into your own custom-made garment, curtains or rug, with everything from the threads to the finished piece being original.

Believe it or not, this happens every day at Shuttlebug, a little shop owned by weaver Debbie Vaida on Main Street in Shavertown.

"Weaving isn't just making nice rag rugs," Vaida said. "With my fabric yarns and looms, I can make just about anything from fabric."

Because she has access to many fabric yarns not available in the area, Vaida can make pieces using virtually any type of fiber - even dog hair.

The dog hair rug was an experiment.

A customer had saved the fur combed from his dog's coat, which Vaida wove into a rug.

"Dog hair has colors and textures which you don't find in

regular rug yarn," Vaida said. "It's great, if you're not allergic."

Another unusual creation involving animal hair was a buffalo-hair rug which Vaida wove for a couple in Massachusetts who raised buffalo. After their favorite buffalo, Louie, died, they sent his fur to Vaida to be made into a rug.

Other interesting creations include Mexican circle capes, which can be worn up to five different ways for either casual or evening, bags, jackets, wall hangings, curtains, tablecloths, bedspreads, rugs and fabrics for custom-tailored suits.

Vaida is quite proud of her heirloom old-fashioned coverlets, each painstakingly made for a perfect fit. The family's name, the date and her name are embroidered on the back.

This type of coverlet made for a queen-size bed, begins with stringing more than 2,000 warp threads one by one onto the loom.

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LOCAL ARTISAN - Debbie Vaida, owner of Shuttlebug, begins to weave a custom-designed tapestry at her shop in Shavertown.

Dallas district has \$363,000 extra to burn

By DAVID KONOPKI
Post Correspondent

Because repairs made at Dallas High School came in below estimates, the Dallas School District has an unexpected \$363,000 to spend.

As a result, if the Dallas School Board follows the recommendations made by its administrative officers, property within the district could be in for major improvements.

After letting an initial bond issue in 1990 to make repairs on the senior high school, the district found the actual cost of the

project was more than \$300,000 below original estimates.

With the bond being less than five years old and thus not being able to be called in, the district wants to take advantage of the low interest rates and refinance the bond. In order to do that, the surplus \$363,000 from the bond issue must be spent on capital improvements.

By refinancing the bond, the district will save nearly \$250,000 in interest. The board is required to spend the \$363,000 on capital improvements, not on operating

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The Post wins 2 national awards

The Dallas Post has won two awards in competition with newspapers across the United States. The Post was voted third best among newspapers in its circulation category for general excellence, and editorial cartoonist Jim

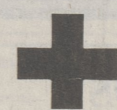
O'Connell won first place for best original cartoon, competing with entries from daily and weekly newspapers.

All aspects of a newspaper are

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NUMBER 1 IN THE NATION - Jim O'Connell, whose work has appeared in The Dallas Post for two years, won first place for best original cartoon in the National Newspaper Association contest.



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