

## Salaries

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good-byes. Cleary was presented with a gavel, a base to his gavel and an inscribed nameplate by superintendent Wycallis, while Stitzer was presented with an inscribed nameplate by board member Ellen Nagy.

Earlier this year, while refinancing a 1991 bond issue, the district received a surplus of more than \$350,000. The money must be spent on capital improvements and must be spent by 1995. In voting to spend nearly \$80,000 of the money, the board voted to:

- Purchase 15 computers for the advanced math classes at the senior high school. A Whitecat System, which can network the new computers with the ones already in existence in the district, will be part of the package which will cost approximately \$40,000.

- Purchase new scoreboards for the senior high school football field and the Middle School gymnasium. The scoreboard at the football field has been the recipient of weekly repairs, while the middle school scoreboards are in terrible shape. Wycallis said the cost of the three scoreboards should be about \$14,000.

- Replace a set of doors in the Westmoreland Elementary School. The doors, which have been damaged by rust and settling, will cost approximately \$8,000 to replace.

- Repair the bleachers in the middle school and high school gymnasiums. The bleachers are more than 20 years old and are considered a safety risk. Cost of the repairs will be approximately \$7,500 per set.

School board director Ernest

Ashbridge, while in favor of the purchase of the computers, felt the board should wait and explore all avenues of possible improvements before spending the money and, therefore voted against the motion.

The board unanimously voted to accept the salary schedule for 1993-94. The agreement between the district and the Education Association was reached on April 5, 1993. While a copy of the salary schedules were not available, copies of the professional salaries will be on file in Wycallis's office.

In other matters, The Dallas Citizens' Advisory Committee is looking for potential members. With recent resignations, including the resignations of members Maureen Banks and Joseph Kunec, who were elected to the school board last week as many as 10 openings are available. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should send a letter of interest to: Dallas Citizens' Advisory Committee, P.O. Box 2000, Dallas, PA 18612.

As part of National Education Week (November 15-19) the following events will take place: Nov. 15, Career Day; Nov. 16 and 17, parents are invited to attend the classes of their children; Nov. 17 and 18, representatives of 55 colleges and universities will be at the school to talk to the students; and teacher Jay Pope's sociology classes will take part in an "Adopt a School" program. His classes will be collecting canned foods to help the Back Mountain food bank. The goal for the project is 1,000 cans per class.

## Phone Friend

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hopefully wouldn't notice it when she came home."

Even the rare prank calls can be a sort of test, Bealla said.

"Maybe a child will call several times in a row, just to see if we're really there," he said. "Then they'll get up the nerve to open up with a volunteer."

Phone Friend averages 350 calls a year, operating between 3 and 6 p.m. on school days only.

Working with the cooperation of the Lake-Lehman and Dallas school districts, Phone Friend has also served young callers from Wyoming Valley.

Misericordia freshmen Sue Hayik, Stephanie Cipriani and Cindy Reed, and junior Tina Bennett recently attended a training session before taking their turn as Phone Friends.

"It's a good idea for the community, especially with families where both parents work," said Bennett, a psychology major from Williamsport. "I love to work with children."

Hayik, an occupational therapy major from Douglassville, said that she had worked on a similar project at her home church, mostly with little children. "It's a good

idea," she said.

"I like working with children," said Cipriani, an English and secondary education major from Stroudsburg. "My Mom worked and sometimes I was home alone for a while. I would have appreciated a service like this."

Reed, an occupational therapy major from Thompsonstown, said that she became interested because "it sounded like fun."

Her home church had operated a drop-in program for latchkey kids, but she wasn't able to help out because she participated in after-school sports during high school.

Flyers and stickers with the Phone Friend's logo have been distributed to Back Mountain schools and are available either individually or for group distribution. Interested persons may call the church office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 675-0122 or 675-7525.

Children don't need to register to use the service, Bealla said. All that they need to do is pick up the phone and dial 675-7525

## Harveys Lake

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ings said that they had never heard that question asked.

Wayne Smith said that he had offered his services for free to Kelly and at least two other council members.

"I have 27 years of experience in construction, all the Liquid Fuels maps and all the engineer's drainage maps," he said.

When council members said that Smith had been fired from the road crew, Smith called it "a political thing."

Kelly said that he voted against the appointment because he would rather hire a borough resident. Grimes lives in Lake Silkworth. He also noted that there have been fewer road problems since he first came onto council in 1986. "That's why we have committees," he said. "The roads committee chairman supervises the road crew."

The supervisor position has been vacant for several years, with one member of the road crew taking the role, under the direction of the roads committee chairman.

Boice also voted "no" because he said he didn't know until the meeting that Smith had offered his services for free. "I would be a

fool not to accept that offer. You know more about the roads than anyone," he said.

"I would have gone 100 percent with you," he said to Smith. "You're well-qualified and the salary is right."

Boice also noted that Grimes had brought in to the borough more than \$32,000 in grants, fines and permit fees in his seven months as codes enforcement officer.

Martin Noon, William Wilson, David Abod and Thomas Kehler voted for Grimes. Joseph Miscavage was absent from the meeting. The appointment is to be reviewed in January.

In other business, the council voted to:

- Purchase a new police cruiser from Warnock Motors for \$13,605, using two \$5,000 grants.

- Award a bid to demolish dilapidated homes on Carpenter Road and Second Street to Linsbenger Construction, for \$3,265. Other bidders were Wilson Construction, for \$3,300 and Dauksis Construction, for \$3,350.

William Wilson abstained from voting because his company was one of the bidders.

## 'Over fifty' singles plan activities

The "Over Fifty" Singles Club met recently to discuss the activities for November which include: dance lessons, Kirby Theatre, a night of dancing, Pocono Downs and Atlantic City.

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## Dallas Boro

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is offset by increases of \$4,000 in Workers' Compensation insurance, \$900 for water for the borough's fire hydrants, \$1,296 for public works salaries and \$9,000 for police officers' salaries.

Full-time police officers will receive between four and six percent raises next year.

Tax collector Thomas Reese said that if all real estate taxes were collected at their face value, the

average homeowner's municipal real estate tax bill last year was \$89.71, based on 1,359 taxable properties and \$121,923.36 collected.

With the proposed four-mill tax increase, projected real estate taxes, if collected at their face value, will total \$142,880, raising the average homeowner's municipal real estate tax bill to \$105.13.

## Dallas Boro taxes due November 15

Thomas E Reese, tax collector, Dallas Boro, will collect school property tax in the face value until and excluding Monday, November 15, 1993. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 til 3:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. til noon.

After November 15th school tax will be in the penalty value. County and municipality taxes are now in the penalty value. All uncollected taxes will be returned to the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau December 15, 1993. For further information call 675-5929

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