

Troop 232 canoes Delaware River

A weekend canoe trip down the Delaware River from New York to Pennsylvania was completed by 11 Scouts from Troop 232, Gate of Heaven, Dallas.

Alan Mosca, Ricky Dougal, Sam Brown, Damien Tyira, Tim Flanagan, Joey Latosek, Rob Neher, C.J. Adamchak, Paul Dougal, Lee Griffin and Bruce Hubbard attended.

Scoutmaster is Bob Neher.

Clarification

Last week in a story about sewer rate increases for customers of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA), it was reported that sewer bills will increase from \$188 a year to \$218, starting January 1, 1995.

According to DAMA general manager Tom Bagley, DAMA must pay the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority an additional \$20 per customer for sewage treatment. The remaining \$10 of the rate increase will be used for operating expenses and to pay for the \$5 million force main connecting DAMA with WVSA, Bagley said.

Because DAMA was created as a municipal authority by its member communities, it sets its own rates and is not regulated by the Public Utility Commission (PUC), which regulates privately-owned utilities, Bagley said.

DAMA doesn't need the approval of its member municipalities to raise rates.



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Bell ringer

When Dallas firefighter Timothy Rismondo got married Saturday, it seemed appropriate to have photos taken in his element. The bridal party posed at the crest of West Center Hill Road with one of the department's trucks. Front row, from left, Tiffany Rismondo, Stephanie Musko, Richard Musko, Jr., Robert Mrak, Holly Mrak. Second row, Timothy Rismondo, Nichole Rismondo, Christine Saia, Rebecca Saia. Third row, Mark Krechmer, Gloria Thurman, Diane Musko, Lyn Sheehan, Jr. Fourth row, Pat Rismondo, Linda Mrak, Dawn Rismondo, Mark VanEtten.

No tax increase in Dallas Borough's 1995 budget

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

There was good news at the October 18 meeting of Dallas Borough Council, a unanimous vote approving a motion to accept the 1995 budget which does not call for a tax increase next year. Last year's increase was four mills and prior to that the rate held at 16 mills for several years.

Borough Manager Milton Lutsey reported on a safety inspection held by a borough insurance carrier, Selective Insurance, during which no deviations from

safety regulations were found. The firm's inspector stated that this was very unusual. "We generally find some recommendations are necessary to improve safety," he said. "None whatsoever were needed here which reflects very favorably on your management."

Lutsey commented that leaf pickup this year was proceeding according to plan. Leaves may be bagged or raked to the curb. Lutsey explained,

"We know homeowners like to rake on weekends, so we'll pick up on Mondays, plus Tuesdays if

necessary. We can easily do the entire borough in two days and we'll keep it until the snow flies."

A tractor-trailer parked on the crest of a hill at the bicentennial park in the Water Street/Davenport area has made it difficult for oncoming traffic to see children there. Chief John Fowler stated that he would have the vehicle move.

Permits were issued to Leo Rutkoski for a new home on Lot #17 Deer Meadows, value \$150,000; Joseph Hudak, 11

Moffitt St. for a garage, value \$10,000; Donald Cooper, 153 Parrish St. for a garage, value \$6,000; John Shannon, 160 Jackson Street, to install a fence at rear of property, value \$2,000; Theodore Soppeck, 103 Sterling Avenue, for a storage garage, value \$5,000; and James Crosby, 12 Lincoln St. repairs to an existing garage, value \$4,000.

In addition, Nicholas Tsoles of Tsoles Realty in Nanticoke was granted a permit for an addition to his skating rink on Rte. 415 which would house several retail stores, value \$120,000.

Protests don't slow prison guard change

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

The protests of nearly 70 residents of Jackson and Lehman townships apparently won't change the plan to change security arrangements at Chase prison.

The residents met October 20 with officials from the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID) and the Department of Corrections to discuss pending changes in the prison's security system.

By the end of March or April only three of the prison's eight watchtowers will be manned on a part-time basis, instead of posting guards 24 hours a day in each tower. The tower in the main compound will be manned between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., while a tower in the exercise yard will be manned only when prisoners are outdoors. The tower at the main gate will be manned until 6 p.m.

A high-tech double electronic security fence and round-the-clock patrol cars will replace the towers, whose guards will be re-assigned to posts inside the buildings.

SCID media officer Tom Figmick has said that the electronic fence is extremely sensitive, and is backed up by a lighting system so bright that it can be seen from the east side of Wyoming Valley.

SCID Concerned Citizens chairman Pat Rusiloski said that her organization is circulating petitions among Jackson and Lehman township residents, expressing their support for continuing use of the watchtowers instead of relying mainly on the security fences.

"This prison does nothing for us," said Jackson Township supervisor Walter Glogowski. "We get nothing out of it. The least we could do is feel secure."

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Walter Sienkiewicz
Lives near prison

"They're definitely not taking the citizens' rights into consideration," said Walter Sienkiewicz, who lives very close to the prison. "We have a right to say how we're to be protected. As far as the security system goes, if it's not broke, don't fix it. I call them 'the Untouchables' because they do what they want to."

"The new security system was designed for the newer prisons," said Ed Chesnovitch. "This prison is the old type - the plans are for the newer ones and won't fit this facility."

The change in the security system was a departmental decision made by Corrections Commissioner Joseph Lehman, Figmick said.

"SCID is the last prison in the state to go to a different security system," he said. "It's part of the unit management method of operating prisons. It's being done all across the state corrections system. We have until March or April to develop our plan and get it operational."

Developed within the past several years, unit management divides a prison into several units in order to operate more efficiently and cost-effectively, Figmick said.

SCID's unit management plan has taken so long to develop because the prison is "unique," extremely spread out, he said.

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