

Mossback

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"How can I ever thank you?" the little lizard asked, tears of gratitude in his eyes. "Forget it, kid," Mossback said, feeling better about himself than he ever had before. "Just do your best and make me proud of you." After the little lizard had gone, Mossback noticed with alarm that his bag of freeze-dried flies was half-empty. "I'd better find Santa Claus tomorrow or I'll be in trouble," he said to himself, nervously. Mossback hopped a short distance, but soon the sun sank

behind the distant mountains and the sky grew dark. Mossback reluctantly stopped, unrolled his sleeping bag and climbed into it. This time, he didn't fall asleep so quickly. He was too worried about his supply of freeze-dried flies and whether he would ever reach the North Pole in time. Finally, he dozed off. But his dreams were haunted by visions of himself, skinny and starving, hopping slowly through a strange countryside. *Next week: Mossback helps a lost squirrel.*

Subdivision awaits final plan okay

The Luzerne County Planning Commission will make its final decision December 8 on a new subdivision on Cretona Ave. in Dallas Borough.

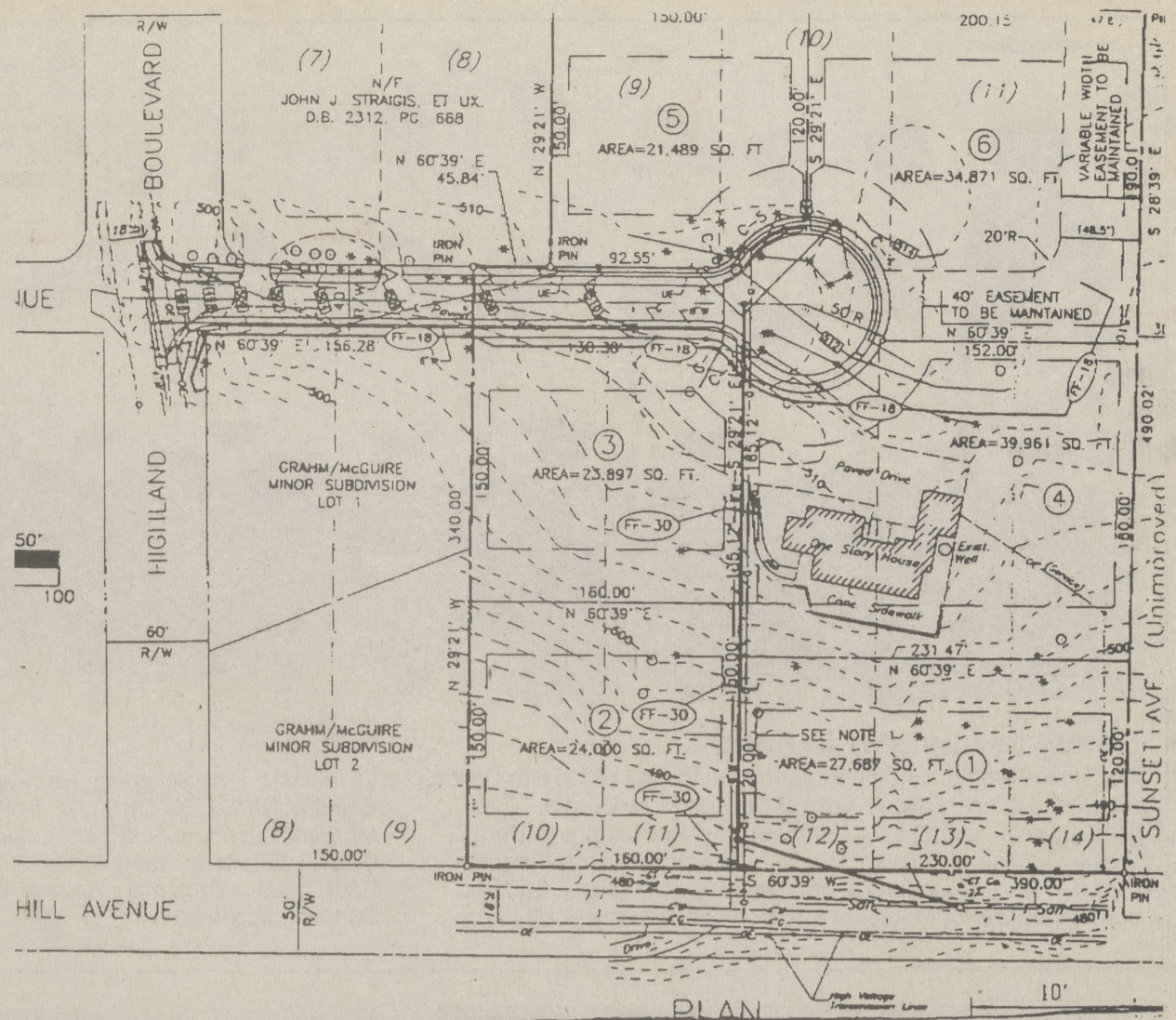
Owned by Robert and Ruth Post, the six-lot subdivision located on an existing dirt road off Highland Boulevard and West Center Hill Road received preliminary approval October 13.

The site is zoned R-1 for single family homes and will include more than 400 feet of paved road. "This is an old subdivision which was never finished," said Stanley Dysleski of the Luzerne County Planning Division. "It originally called for eight lots, but the owners redesigned it for six lots of at least half an acre. Cretona Ave. is actually a dirt road which will be upgraded and paved."

The subdivision is served by public water and sewer. Dysleski said.

The county will accept the subdivision if the solicitor and engineer approve a performance bond guaranteeing that development will begin within a year, he added.

by Grace R. Dove



A six-lot subdivision off Highland Boulevard in Dallas Borough is awaiting final approval by the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

Jackson Twp. adds 4 mill special taxes

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Although Jackson Township's basic property taxes won't go up, residents will still have to pay an extra four mills next year.

The supervisors adopted a \$637,818 budget with a 14-mill property tax for 1995 at their regular December 5 meeting. That is the maximum allowed rate for a second-class township.

Included in the budget are two additional taxes of one mill for road repairs and three mills to help pay off the \$266,000 debt incurred when dirt contaminated by leaking oil tanks was found in front of the township building. (See separate story.)

Of that debt, \$197,118 is still outstanding, according to chairman Walter Glogowski. The three mills will be abolished when the loan is paid off in April, 1999.

The one mill levied for road repairs will give the township an extra \$40,000 to catch up on many road projects left undone for a long time, Glogowski said.

In other business, the supervisors voted to:

- Accept the resignation of township emergency management coordinator Rollie Evans with regret.
- Approve the first reading of a soliciting ordinance requiring that all transient merchants register with the township secretary, provide a photo and vehicle license number, be fingerprinted, pass a police background check and post a \$1,500 surety bond. Registration fees will be either \$50 per day or \$300 per year. Non-profit organizations are exempt from the fees.
- Cancel the December 26 work session.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP 1995 BUDGET			
Item	1994	1995	% Chg.
Total budget	\$606,548	\$637,818	5.2%
Property tax income	\$100,125	\$131,908	31.7%
Taxable properties	1,146	1,155	
Millage rate	14	14*	
Avg. cost per household	\$87	\$114	31%

* The township has added two additional special taxes of three mills for debt service and one mill for road repairs to the budget.

Heat assistance

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arrangement with their heat supplier.

The cash program runs from December 5 through January 20, while the crisis program will operate between December 15 and March 15.

"We have already received more than 9,000 applications," said Jack Eagen, Luzerne County LIHEAP director. "Last year all eligible Luzerne County applicants who applied on time received heating assistance. We're encouraging people to apply now."

Eligibility is based on federal income guidelines: one-person household, \$9,936; two persons, \$13,284; three persons, \$16,632; four persons, \$19,980; five persons, \$23,328; six persons, \$26,676; seven persons, \$30,024

and eight persons, \$33,372. For each additional person over eight add \$3,348.

Homeowners and renters, including apartment renters, roomers and subsidized housing residents whose rent includes heat are eligible.

No lien will be placed against one's home and persons don't have to be receiving public assistance to receive LIHEAP.

Applicants must also supply their Social Security numbers, a recent heating bill and proof of income; usually for the past 30 days is sufficient.

Families who received energy assistance last year will automati-

Eligibility levels for heat-cost assistance

Family Size	Maximum Income
1 person	\$9,936
2 people	13,284
3 people	16,632
4 people	19,980
5 people	23,328
6 people	26,676
7 people	30,024
8 people	33,372

Add \$3,348 for each additional person over eight.

need it this year can contact the Luzerne County Public Assistance Office for an application.

Last winter 11,900 households in Luzerne County received heating assistance. Crisis grants totaling \$508,000 were given to 2,367 households with heating emergencies.

Last January Eagen's office received more than 600 calls. He normally receives about 100 each January.

Starting December 15, the heating crisis hotline at 826-0510 will be open 24 hours a day. Rural electric cooperative customers may call 826-2041 in Luzerne County or 836-5171 in Wyoming County.

cally receive application forms in the mail. Families who didn't receive assistance last year but

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Ethnic workshop at LCCC

Luzerne County Community College will host Dr. David Kazzaz, M.D. for a day of panel discussions and presentations entitled, "Ethnic Survival, Anatomy of Hatred" December 9, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the LCCC Educational Conference Center in Nanticoke.

Topics will include the importance of education in preventing violence and promoting cooperative community living skills, sensitivity and support of those who are culturally different, and a community alliance to promote cultural diversity.

Dr. Kazzaz is creator and volunteer director of Project Pride, a tool for fighting anti-Semitism

through workshops and educational programs.

"Ethnic Survival, Anatomy of Hatred" is made possible by a comprehensive alcohol and other drug prevention program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (F.I.P.S.E.) grant.

The program is open to the public, free of charge and will include a dairy lunch. Reservations for lunch are required.

For more information about "Ethnic Survival, Anatomy of Hatred," or to make lunch reservations, call Coreen Milazzo at LCCC at 829-7497.

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SKI TIP #8

by Sean O'Shea

Q. **What exercise is best for skiers?**

A. Any exercise that requires balance is good. Leg strength is important, but don't forget the upper body. Cross Country machines and roller-blading are the best single exercises.

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