

Road concerns occupy Jackson supervisors

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Road maintenance and snow removal were the main concerns of several Jackson Township residents who attended the supervisors' regular February 6 meeting.

After commending the road crew for its work, Joe Stager suggested that they plow Hardisky Road going down the road's steep grade rather than uphill.

"When the driver goes uphill, the plow is in the air and not on the road," Stager said. "It can't clear the snow properly, especially at the intersection."

Police Chief Don Jones reported that his department received 38 complaints that mailbox poles were knocked over and four signs were removed from their poles in the Meadowcrest subdivision sometime Saturday night.

Dr. Paul Niezgodzka of Kasko Road suggested that the road crew work on widening and improving Gates Road and several other well-travelled dirt roads this spring.

"Many of our problems on the dirt roads are caused by poor drainage," replied supervisor Walter Glogowski. "Our main pri-

orities are to widen these roads and provide for adequate drainage."

He added that widening some of the roads would require moving utility poles and using special equipment to remove rock ledges.

The supervisors approved an amendment to the subdivision ordinance requiring developers building new roads to follow specific guidelines for construction, drainage and paving of road shoulders.

Zoning officer John Krupa reported that he has informed all realtors that buyers of homes or property must obtain a certificate of occupancy or zoning compliance at least 15 days before the closing or occupancy. There is no cost for the certificates.

Failure to obtain them could result in a \$500 fine.

The supervisors appointed Krupa census bureau liaison person to help prepare census data, as requested by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The supervisors accepted the resignation of part-time patrolman Ben Bigus and directed secretary Henry Zbiek to advertise for applicants for the position.

Free eye screenings offered

Stanley Hozempa, Shavertown is donating his services to provide free eye care to people who cannot afford such services in March during Save Your Vision Week.

Dr. Hozempa is one of over 250 optometrists who are participating in VISION USA: The Pennsylvania Project to provide free eye care to the state's working poor, and the American Optometric Association's national charity eye care program, sponsored in Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Vision Conservation Institute and the Pennsylvania Optometric Association.

People who are eligible for the free care are those who earn too

much to qualify for government aid programs, have no private health insurance which covers eye care, and have not had an eye exam in the last two years. Both adults and children are included.

Eligibility screenings for the program will take place through February 10.

VISION USA examinations will take place March 6-11, during Save Your Vision Week.

For more information, contact your local chapter of the Salvation Army or member agency of the Association for the Blind, or call the Pennsylvania Vision Conservation Institute at 717/233-0925.

Gate of Heaven students put their talent on display

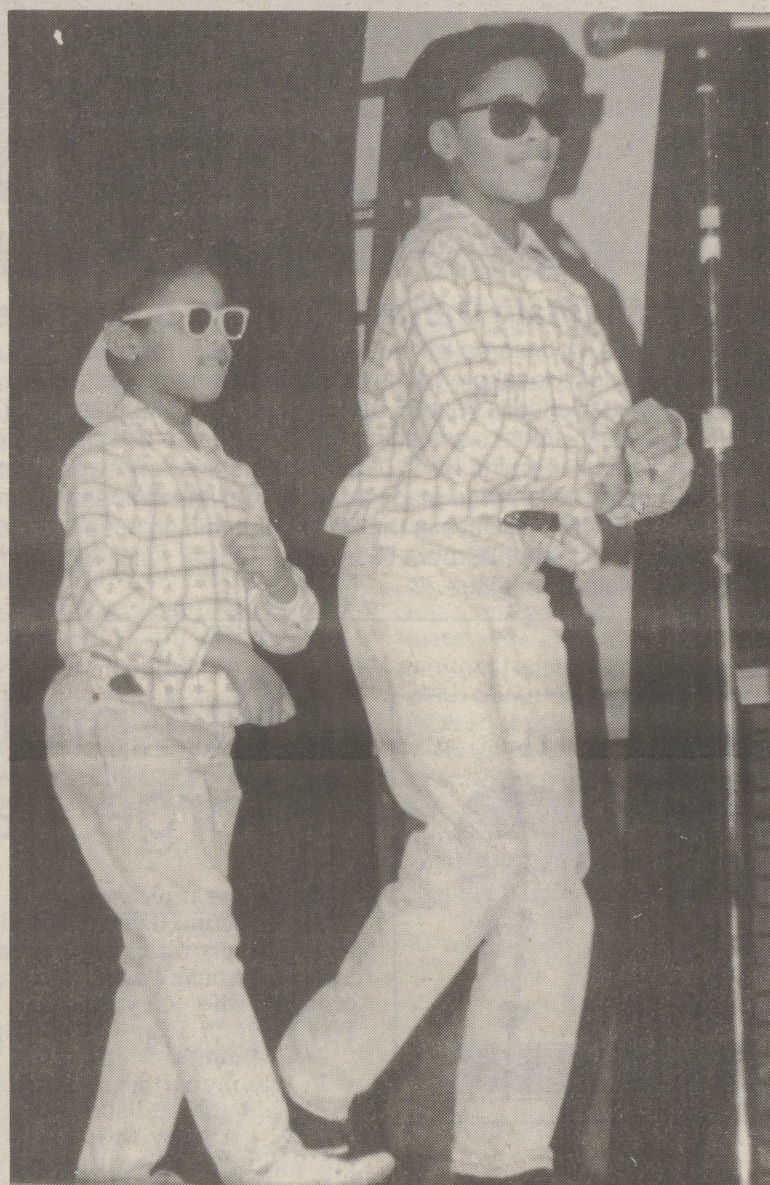
Gate of Heaven School students in third to eighth grade showed off their talents in a special show directed by Susanna Motyka last week. Dancing, singing and a variety of musical instruments were on display.



Katie Bartizek, left, and Liz DiGiovanni played a duet on the clarinet.



Daniel Suszko, Bradley Yocum, Joseph Buzcko, Daniel Suchocki and Vincent Ginochetti, left to right, opened the Gate of Heaven talent show with The Star Spangled Banner.



Allison, left, and Veronica McRipley entertained the crowd with their dance and lip-synch performance.

Bike helmets are the law Feb. 25

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Wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle has always made good sense. It will become the law after February 25.

All children under 12 years of age riding any pedal-powered vehicle, either as passengers or operators, will be required to wear bicycle helmets approved by either the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Foundation, starting February 25, according to program coordinator Cathy Sabulski of the Northeast Regional Highway Safety Program.

"The law covers everyone less than 12 years old, whether they're riding Hot Wheels, two-wheelers

or in bike passenger seats," Sabulski said.

Disobeying the law will result in a \$25 fine, which the state will use to fund a special program to provide loaner helmets for low-income families, she added.

"The most common injury for both children and adults is falling off a bicycle," Sabulski said. "Approximately 75 percent of the state's bicycle-related deaths are from head injuries, which are often permanent. Today's roads have more traffic and more hazards for bikers than they did 20 years ago. Many roads today restrict bicycle traffic because of these hazards."

Joel Eneboe of the Dallas Bike Works has seen a steady increase in bicycle helmet sales during his

nine years in the bicycle business.

"I sold quite a few last year," he said. "Most of our local bike clubs already require them. People are becoming more safety-conscious." Ten years ago the use of helmets suddenly snowballed in California, he added. "I expect to see the same thing happen here," he said. "It will go from very few people wearing helmets to very few riders not wearing them."

Helmets range in price from \$24.95 to \$125, with very little

difference in the level of safety, Eneboe said. The only difference between cheaper and more expensive models are comfort and special colors, he said.

Police in Pennsylvania consider bicycles to be vehicles which must obey the same rules of the road as cars, according to Dallas Borough police chief Jack Fowler.

In 1993, 23 people died in cycling accidents. None of the victims had been wearing a helmet.



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TRY THIS ONE FOR SIZE - Shavertown resident Mike Karwaski, 10, tries on a bicycle helmet at the Dallas Bike Works with the help of owner Joel Eneboe. At the end of the month, a new law will make helmets mandatory for all cyclists under the age of 12.

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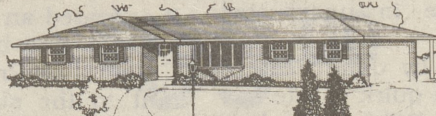
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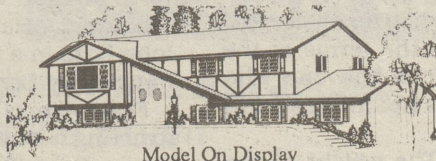
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