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Rogers shows the way

By LEN KRYESKI
Sports Writer

Watch Amy Rogers on the basketball court. Intent. Focused. Determined. Always in position and oh, so smooth.

Amy is also very relaxed and takes the time to smile. That's because the captain for the Lake-Lehman girls team plays basketball the way it was meant to be. Go all out on the court, yet maintain the wisdom to keep things in perspective - it's only a game.

Amy's attitude and personality have drawn cheers from Lake-Lehman students, fans, administration and the coaches. One of her biggest boosters is head coach Dick Morgan.

"Amy is a very good basketball player, but even a better person," Morgan said.

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Amy Rogers was honored at Lake-Lehman's last Thursday's final home game of the season. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Irene Gildea, and her father, Warren Rogers.

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County will fix Crown Hill roads, if town takes over

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

The Franklin Township supervisors reported at their regular February 6 meeting that they have received an offer from Luzerne County to pave one road in Crown Hill Village and bring the development's two other roads up to state gravel road specifications if the township will then take them over.

The officials plan to meet to discuss the matter, according to township secretary Sandy Race.

Located between West Eighth Street and Coon Road, the development and its narrow dirt roads have been a continuing headache for residents since Crown Hill was first developed in 1955.

When the residents asked the township and Luzerne County to upgrade the roads in late 1993, county officials learned that no one knew who actually owned the development's roads - Franklin Township, the county or someone else.

Someone had deeded the development, except for a group of lots, to a corporation, which then allowed the lots to go for tax sale.

No one knew that the group of lots was actually three roads - Crown, Hill and Farmview drives - which don't appear on either Luzerne County's or Franklin Township's road docket.

Although Luzerne County had offered then to bring the three roads up to minimum state standards of 18-foot wide roadways covered with six inches of crushed stone, the township's minimum standards are 20-foot wide paved roads.

Luzerne County engineer Jim Brozina had estimated in 1993 that bringing the three roads up to minimum state specifications could cost roughly \$15,000, depending on their condition.

The Crown Hill subdivision was set up in 1955, before either

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Sidewalk ramps may not be needed

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Kingston Township supervisors have voted to spend about \$1,200 fixing a sidewalk which the township may not need.

According to township manager Jeff Box, the township must add wheelchair ramps to the walkway of a bridge over Toby's Creek on Franklin Street in Shavertown because they are required by the federal Americans With Disabilities Act.

However, Franklin Street has no sidewalks on either side of the bridge. The bridge's walkway - the only sidewalk under the township's jurisdiction - starts in the parking lot of a radiator shop and ends in a dirt road. It doesn't go anywhere.

Neighbors say only two or three people use it.

"We need to repair the walkway anyway," Box said. "Investing another \$1,200 to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act will ensure that we avoid any possible future problems."

He estimated the entire job, sidewalk repair job and addition of the ramps, at about \$5,000.

No one has filed a complaint about the Franklin Street bridge, Box said.

Municipalities don't have to create sidewalks where none already exist, according to U.S. Department of Justice special assistant Liz Savage. "We can't tell a municipality what to do. It's up to the township to judge whether or not this is a pedestrian walkway which needs modification under the act," she said.

If installing wheelchair ramps will cause undue expense or a significant financial burden to a municipality, it can request an exception, she added.

Kingston Township's only other sidewalks are on Carverton Road and are under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to maintain, Box said.

Most other township facilities are already handicapped-accessible, he added.



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BRIDGE TO NOWHERE - Merle Bigelow and Joe Kubek stand on a bridge over Toby's Creek on Franklin St., Shavertown, near Bigelow's garage, which may have its walkway adapted for wheelchair access even though there are no sidewalks on either end.

Scouts gain insight into school board

By GRACE R. DOVE
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After sitting through two hours of the Dallas school board's committee-of-the-whole and regular monthly meetings, six Cub Scouts from Troop 281 were ready for a break.

Attending the meeting to learn about the school board is one of the requirements to earn a Webelos pin in local government.

"I didn't know they had to sit through such long meetings," said John Nutche. "I think it could get boring."

"They have to make a lot of hard decisions," added James Delaney. "I didn't know that."

Cash flow was on the minds of Josh Halbing, Steve and Dave Neiman and Jim Larson.

"I didn't know they use people's tax money to pay for our books and paper," said Steve. "I'll be more careful how I use them in class."

"It sure costs a lot of money to run a school," Dave chimed in.

"I didn't know anyone checked on how they spend the money," Josh added, referring to a report of an audit of the 1993-94 school year which the board discussed and accepted at the meeting.

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Lessons in government

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"Yeah, they should spend lots more money on a football field and a pool for the swim team."

Jim Larson

Palmer cited for donating 8 gallons of blood

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Desmond Palmer has been sharing part of himself with the rest of the area since 1968.

He recently received a plaque from the Back Mountain Business and Industrial Blood Council and the American Red Cross for donating eight gallons - 64 pints - of blood during the past 27 years.

When asked why he's been so generous, he wisecracked, "It's just because I like those peanut butter crackers they give you when you're done."

Palmer, 63, first began donating blood where he worked in his hometown of Scranton. When he came to Native Textiles as its controller in 1979, he continued to do something which he sees as "just something you do."

"This is a very impressive accomplishment," said John Maday of the Red Cross Regional Blood Center. "It demonstrates Desmond



POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

EIGHT-GALLON DONOR - Native Textiles employee Desmond Palmer recently received a plaque from the Red Cross and the Back Mountain Business/Industrial Blood Council recognizing the eight gallons - 64 pints - of blood which he has donated since 1968. At the presentation were, front row David Hoffman, Back Mountain Blood Council chairman and Palmer; back row: JoAnn Eckrote, Native Textiles; James Koprowski, American Asphalt; John Maday, Red Cross; Charles Kishbaugh, Systematics; Mary Klein, Commonwealth Communications, and Marjorie Culp, Irem Temple. Absent from photo: Anna Niznick, C/TEC Cable Group; John Lloyd, ENCON; Barbara Eyet, Offset Paperback; Steven Gauntlett, Payne Printery and Steven Ross, Penn State Seed.

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