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Prison's water use again concerns neighbors

By GRACE R. DOVE
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JACKSON TOWNSHIP - Last July state corrections commissioner Joseph Lehman told residents living near the State Correctional Institution at Chase that he wanted to be "a good neighbor" after they had blamed the prison for low water levels in their private wells.

Lehman bowed to residents' and legislators' demands to depend on a pipeline to the Casetown Reservoir for the

prison's water needs instead of pumping between 300,000 and 400,000 gallons of water a day from three of the prison's four wells.

Newly appointed commissioner of corrections Martin F. Horn doesn't agree. "My predecessors intended this line to serve as a secondary water source which would be used when the local water table was low," he wrote in a recent letter to Representative Phyllis Mundy. Recent state audits have criticized his department for purchasing water from

If their wells run out, they can afford to drill deeper ones. If mine runs out - that's my home and my life's savings gone.

Ed Chesnovitch
Prison neighbor

PG&W for about \$185,000 a year "when 'free' water is available through the institution's wells."

"Ironically, SCID stopped using well water at a time when the water table was rising. In late 1994 the water table actually

reached a level where water was running out of the institution's well heads, rather than simply pumping the water onto the ground, SCID is now using its wells for approximately 50 percent of its water supply," he added.

The department will continue to monitor water levels in the surrounding area and will reduce or eliminate its reliance on the wells if necessary, Horn wrote.

The prison began to use its water line to the reservoir after a winter with record-breaking snowfall and an extremely wet spring. According to National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Graf, the spring of 1994 saw a total of 11.38 inches of rain, compared to an average rainfall total of 8.8 inches.

Now that the prison has begun

to use its wells again, the area has experienced its second driest spring on record, with only 4.89 inches of rain recorded during March, April and May, Graf said.

Neighbors aren't impressed with the prison's projected \$185,000 water bill, if it continues to use the new pipeline.

"With an average population of 2,000 prisoners, the water bill works out to \$92.50 per inmate per year," said Stan Rusiloski of

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A GREAT TIME FOR THE LIBRARY



PHOTO BY DAVE KOZEMCHAK

Keith Richards, left, tried to coax just one more bid from John Achuff as his daughter, Melissa, looked on. Achuff was bidding for Charlie

Wasserott, who couldn't attend, but apparently wasn't willing to chip in the extra, so Wasserott will have to wait 'til next year.

Library auction overcomes stormy start

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - Thundershowers didn't put a damper on the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction last weekend.

The auction took in approximately \$68,000, according to finance chairman Debbie Kinney. "We still must pay some bills and do a lot more accounting, but I think we'll realize about \$40,000 after all expenses are taken care of," she said.

Odds 'n Ends chairman Sybil

Pelton said her booth earned \$3,293, with brisk sales in jewelry, records and old radios. "We were nearly out of jewelry by early Thursday evening," she said. Two cash registers and a good used computer went very quickly, she said.

"We did nearly \$7,000 in business," said book booth chairman Bennie Matchett. "It's a new record. Things started out slowly, but picked up Friday and Saturday. We opened an hour early Sunday to give our customers more time to browse."

The Scouts worked very hard - I could see how happy they were to help out.

Peggy Harvey
1995 Auction chairman

The children's section of the book booth, operated by Kelly Freeman, was open Saturday morning during the Children's Auction, she added.

"Every year people come back to see us and to check out our selection," Mrs. Matchett said. "It's great to see them - they have often told us they look forward to visiting us."

"Everything went very smoothly," said auction chairman Peggy Harvey. "Everyone was very pleased."

Although Thursday's rain kept business slow, a "wonderful crowd" showed up Friday and continued to bid until midnight despite more rain

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Police nab cyclist after 3-town chase

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS BOROUGH - After leading police on a high-speed chase through three municipalities, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida man was cited for several traffic violations and charged with attempting to flee police pursuit.

Police said Daniel David Rozelle, 37, the driver of a red Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle, was arrested in Echo Valley Trailer Park after eluding patrolman James Drury, Kingston Township patrolmen Wade Curtis and Robert Ziegler and Dallas Township patrolman Jeff Dennis, after Dennis tried to stop him on Route 309.

Drury clocked Rozelle's motorcycle at 65.9 mph in a 35 mph zone near the Hess gas station, police said. When Drury followed Rozelle in the cruiser and tried to pull him over near Campbell's Business Machines, Rozelle took off on his bike, turning abruptly onto West Franklin Street in an attempt to evade arrest.

Rozelle led police through Ferguson Ave., West Center Street, Evergreen Ave., Pioneer Ave., East Overbrook Ave., Lower Demunds Road, Terrace Ave., Beech Ave.,

Franklin St. and Goeringer Ave. before Drury lost sight of him.

After hearing of the chase on the scanner, a resident of Echo Valley Trailer Park called the Back Mountain Communications Center and told the dispatcher a motorcycle similar to Rozelle's had just entered the trailer park.

Police stopped Rozelle as he was trying to leave the park and cited him for running stop signs at the Terrace Ave. intersections with Poplar Street and Hemlock Street and the Ferguson Ave. and East Center Street intersection. He was also cited for driving 65.9 mph in a 35 mph zone and was charged with attempting to flee police pursuit, a misdemeanor, police said.

All police departments in the state are required to have a policy covering hot pursuits - instances in which drivers refuse to pull their vehicles to the side of the road after police have signaled them with flashing lights and sirens, according to Dallas Borough police chief Jack Fowler.

Police must break off the pursuit if it would endanger public safety, such as children playing in the street, Fowler said.

Fewer, longer classes mulled for Dallas High

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - "Intensive" scheduling is the way to go, two guidance counselors who have experience with the program told Dallas school board members and nearly 100 residents attended an education committee meeting the board's regular July 10 meeting.

Guidance counselors William Hickey from Hatboro-Horsham High School and Ann Way from Towanda High School described their schools' experiences with intensive scheduling, which re-

Four, 90-minute classes would replace the current 7-period day

places the traditional seven-period day with four class periods and a midday combination lunch/tutorial session.

"I can't find anyone to tell me anything negative about this,"

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Theatre-On-Green is give and take for volunteers

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - Two friends, Trucksville resident Kim Koehl and Lehman Township resident Karolina Cimochowski, have spent a week during each of the past several years making Shakespeare for Kids a memorable experience for young participants. When they're not working with the aspiring young Shakespearean actors, they volunteer together with the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

Every summer College Misericordia's Theatre on the Green brings performances of a Shakespearean play by a professional live theater troupe to the Back Mountain.

It also sponsors Shakespeare for Kids, a half-day workshop staffed by volunteers for young people who might not otherwise have an opportunity to experi-

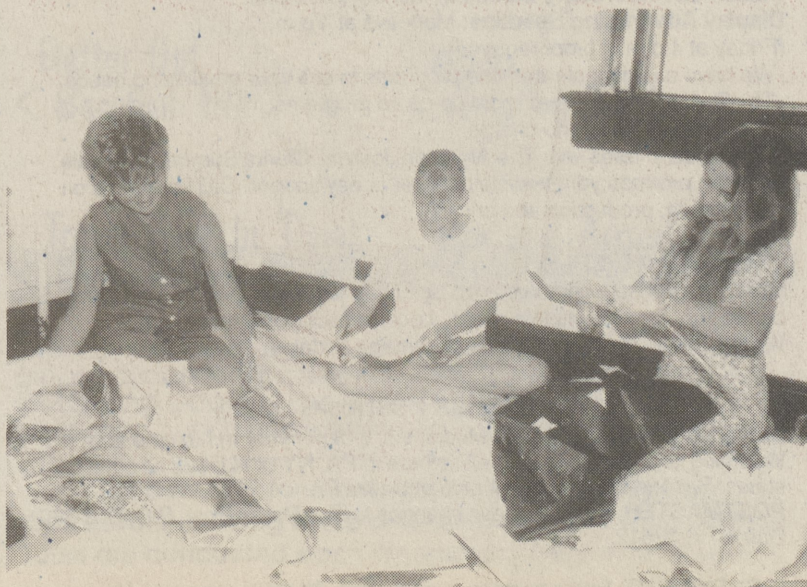
ence The Bard's works first-hand. Most of the children are enrolled in Project REMAIN at the Boulevard Townhouses in Wilkes-Barre and the "Every Kid is Special" camp at the college.

The children see a scene from the play, play games of the era, make simple props and learn and present the same scene for their friends.

"We design and assemble the props, which the kids finish while they're learning their lines," Kim said as she, her daughter, Erica, and Karolina cut crowns and conical Medieval hats from cardboard Monday afternoon. "They really get into it and have a grand old time."

"Last year we made shields and swords," Karolina said. "This year its crowns, men's gold arm cuffs, women's hats and scarves for The

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Volunteers Kim Koehl, her daughter, Erica, and Karolina Cimochowski prepare simple costumes and props for participants in College Misericordia's Shakespeare for Kids workshop.

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