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## NO RAIN ON THIS PARADE



Watching the Lake-Lehman band, Al Shaffer, left, and Bill Shaffer had prime seats on the Dallas Fire Co.'s antique fire engine for the parade marking the Back Mountain Memorial

Library's 50th anniversary. The parade began at the top of Church Street and wound down Lake Street, matching the route of 50 years ago. Story, more photos on page 7.

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## Commissioner candidates stump in BMT

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

The four candidates for Luzerne County Commissioner agreed on at least one thing Oct. 12; that government needs to be responsive to the needs of business and industry.

The quartet made an appearance at the monthly meeting of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association. Unlike the ads blanketing the airwaves, hardly a negative word was heard.

Incumbent commissioner Frank Crossin defended his record, and lobbied hard for changes in the county's tax structure that would allow it to keep up with its

budget while relieving some of the burden caused by property taxes. "If the income tax is good enough for the state, why isn't it good enough for Luzerne County?" he asked.

Calling the property tax antiquated, Crossin pointed out that the county budget has risen from \$50 million to \$150 million in recent years, largely because of federal mandates. Crossin's running mate, Atty. Thomas Makowski, echoed the theme, suggesting that county government is now being called on to pick up the slack from lower federal funding and increasingly tight-listed local

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## Neighbors say quarry's outside mining zone

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

JACKSON TOWNSHIP - Several residents who say American Asphalt is blasting in an area where it shouldn't have asked the supervisors to shut down the stone quarry on Chase Road by November 6 or they will sue the township.

Zoning officer John Krupa said the matter is "under investigation" and refused further comment.

According to township zoning maps, the section of American Asphalt's land fronting on Chase

Road is zoned M-1 (mining), while the portion fronting on Hillside Road and adjoining the Fieldcrest subdivision is zoned A (agricultural).

Krupa and Ed Chesnovich, Bob Lukas, John Filip and Ben Barsh, who live near American Asphalt, say they recently hiked along the fence line separating the quarry from Filip's land.

"When you stand on the fence line along John Filip's land, facing Hillside Road and with your right shoulder towards Chase Road, you can see that they're

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## Reservoir Rd. mom says district must supply bus

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

DALLAS - Sandy Walton believes the law is on her side as she attempts to convince the Dallas School District to send a school bus along Reservoir Road.

Since school opened she has been trying to get the district to send a school bus onto the dirt road between Center Hill Road and Machell Ave. to pick up seven children who must presently walk up to 4/10 of a mile to the bus stop.

According to Section 14:1 of the Pennsylvania School Law Handbook published by the Pennsylvania School Board Association, school districts receive reimbursement from the state for transportation of all elementary school students living more than 1 1/2 miles from their schools and for all secondary students living more than 2 1/2 miles from school.

If students live in areas where

there aren't any sidewalks and road or traffic conditions make walking on the shoulder of the road hazardous to the children's safety, the district is required to supply transportation, regardless of how close the school is. The state will reimburse the district 50 percent of its expenses for this type of transportation.

Reimbursement is calculated according to the district's aid ratio, which is based on how wealthy it is.

Unfortunately the district can't simply designate a road as a safety hazard, said Susan Farr, district transportation director.

"It's very complicated," she said. "You have to bring in the state to survey the road, which must fulfill a specific set of requirements. First, the state takes a traffic count, and if there aren't a certain number of cars going by within a specific time frame, the survey is stopped."

Other factors, such as the width of the walking area, the number of

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Susan Farr District transportation director

children using the road at a specific time and even the children's heights are also taken into account, Farr said.

"We have children in other areas who walk 3/10 or 4/10 of a mile to their bus stops," she added. "Some live on private roads or in trailer parks. We can't see putting on a bus for this distance."

The school district says it will send a school bus onto Reservoir Road if the borough will pave it, but the borough saying it can't afford to.

According to borough manager Milt Lutsey, paving Reservoir Road would cost about \$90,000 - more than twice the borough's yearly

total road budget of \$43,000. He budgets about \$28,000 for all paving projects, using the rest for maintenance and snowplowing.

The children now wait for the school bus at the large oak tree on the corner of Machell Ave. and Reservoir Road. Their mothers drive them there because they say the road, with its 2 1/2 foot deep gutters, heavy undergrowth, proximity to the reservoir and no sidewalks, is too dangerous for them to walk on.

"The district told me its contractor won't send a bus on a dirt road because it might break a shock," Walton said. "My car is 10 years old and has 125,000 miles on it - I haven't broken one yet."

She doesn't believe superintendent Gerald Wycallis and Farr, who drove on Reservoir Road several weeks ago and have described it as very rough.

"They drove on the part between Huntsville Road and Mach-

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## Church will celebrate 75th year

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

EAST DALLAS - If buildings could speak, the East Dallas United Methodist Church would certainly have a few interesting memories to share.

Located on slightly more than an acre of scenic farmland complete with a stream along the property's rear, the small stucco and stone church began its life 75 years ago.

The congregation will celebrate this milestone in a special service October 22 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the basement.

The Wilkes-Barre District Superintendent of the Wyoming Conference Rev. Dr. James A. Baker, will speak at the service.

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POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

East Dallas United Methodist Church's lay leader Jay Bloomer, Pastor Hamilton Clemow and trustees Gerald Culver and Robert Moore will help the congregation celebrate its 75th anniversary in a special service October 22.

## Kingston's loss becomes Lehman Township's gain

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

LEHMAN - Kingston Borough's fiscal problems may indirectly help Lehman Township, according to supervisor Doug Ide. Kingston Borough sold its leaf collector to Kingston Township, which already had a smaller one, which is now for sale for \$2,500.

The supervisors authorized Ide to purchase it.

"A leaf vacuum will help prevent many drainage problems caused by leaves clogging cul-

verts and catch basins," Ide said. "This one is in good shape and we can certainly put it to good use."

The supervisors also voted unanimously at their regular October 16 meeting to sell the 1988 unmarked police cruiser minus all usable equipment to the highest bidder. The cruiser has run up approximately 150,000 miles and has been in a few accidents, the supervisors said.

In other business, the supervisors lifted the ban on open burn-

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### Knights roll

Lake-Lehman claimed its sixth football win. Story, photos on pg 11.

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are the leading issues in the Franklin Twp. supervisor race. Pg 3.

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