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Back Mountain Food Bank needs your help

By JACK HILSHER
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TRUCKSVILLE - If mention of a "food bank" brings to your mind a picture of shelves overflowing with all kinds of goodies, forget it! Keeper of the keys to our Back Mountain Food Bank is Rev. Charles "Chuck" Naugle, and he says, "Our nearly empty shelves could easily compete with Mother

Hubbard's cupboard." He adds, "It sure would be nice to know that help is on the way, particularly at this time of year, but I guess that will be up to your readers."

Reverend Naugle is pastor of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, one of about 10 churches in the Back Mountain ministerium which actively participate in the food bank for Back Mountain residents. He and secretary Kathy

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Trucksville United Methodist Church

Barlow of Dallas are in charge of donations and distribution on behalf of the other churches.

Our food bank started in 1978 and has served as a sort of emergency food supply for many fami-

lies ever since. Naugle explains, "We don't act as a steady food pantry. Our clients may have been through a fire or flood, or a temporary situation."

Clients are referred by the Com-

mission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) in Wilkes-Barre, school guidance counselors, pastors or local referrals. They may come only a specified number of times, picking up a fixed amount of supplies.

Up to eight families per week is the average number served. Secretary Barlow explains, "That statistic can be misleading, because

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Drop off your food bank donations at The Dallas Post

If you can't make it to the Trucksville United Methodist Church, *The Dallas Post* will accept your donation of canned, bottled or dry food each weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our office is located at 607 Main Road in Dallas Township, across from the Offset Paperback plant. Call 675-5211 for directions if you need them.

State used high mark in mercury testing

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS - The standard used to determine when it was safe for students to return to Dallas High School is 16.7 times more strict than the one used for industrial workers exposed to mercury vapor.

"When it comes to children or pregnant females, we have to take a conservative approach," said Tom Stukas, a public health advisor with the Philadelphia office of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). He said this was the second or third school in the nation that had recently had to deal with mercury contamination, and a different standard was used in each case.

The actual readings of mercury vapor in the school won't be released for a few days. "It's not unusual not to release data," said Joel Hersh, director of the Bureau of Epidemiology of the state De-

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THAT SPECIAL FEELING



Marie Manzoni carried the field hockey state championship trophy the Lake-Lehman team won Saturday, followed by her

joyous teammates. The team was greeted by a fire engine parade on their return. Story, more photos on page 9.

POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Repairs will add \$1,900,000 to LL debt

By JENNIFER JUDGE
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LEHMAN - During their regular November meeting, the Lake-Lehman School Board announced building maintenance and repair costs that will increase the district's debt to \$1.9 million.

The work to be done includes sewage treatment plant repair, paving at Lehman-Jackson and Lake-Noxen elementary schools, senior high bleacher replacement and locker restoration, and roof repairs at both Ross and Lehman-Jackson elementary buildings. Board member Lois Kopcha voiced concern about the proposed expenditures, adding, "It's nice to have a wish list, but this doesn't even touch the junior high."

Doug Trumbower, district architect, told Kopcha, "These are simply budget numbers," and explained that the numbers take into account the worst case sce-

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School's PTA helps make reading 'FUN'damental

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - Some people say television has ruined children's desire for the written word, but Lehman-Jackson Elementary proves differently.

The PTA is now sponsoring Reading is Fundamental (RIF), the nation's oldest nonprofit literacy program, started in 1966, that helps make reading fun for children. There are three theme related book distributions throughout the year. The theme for October was autumn, for February it will be biographies and sports in May. PTA volunteers distribute the books and read age appropriate stories to students. At each distribution the students get to sift through the books and pick one to keep at no cost.

The books are bought from companies that give a special discount to RIF from funds raised by the PTA. This year a grant from UGI Corporation was awarded to help purchase books for the first

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Karen Attanasio
PTA publicity chairperson

grade.

RIF's goal is to help children understand reading is fun and fundamental to success in life. "The kids are really excited. They can't wait to get their books. This is a great way to get the kids involved in reading," said Karen Attanasio, publicity chairperson of PTA.

Cathy Pesta, RIF coordinator, believes this is a good way to get books to those who might not have the opportunity to have their own. "We wanted to see many more children get that opportunity. The children get to select a book that is their own that they

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Danielle Kaboski looked through books at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

No tax changes in Lehman Township proposed budget

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
Post Correspondent

LEHMAN - Residents of Lehman Township will be glad to know that there are no tax increases or new taxes included in the proposed 1997 budget for the township, which passed on first reading at Monday's supervisors' meeting. The budget totals \$537,676, approximately \$2,000 more than last. The budget will be voted on at next month's meeting.

The supervisors also passed a motion to place liens on the property of 27 residents of Lake Silkworth who are past due on

payment for street lights. "We've given them adequate notice," said chairman David Sutton. "We have billed them and sent certified letters."

Last month the supervisors set a deadline of November 30 to remit payment. "If we don't get a response by then, we will begin to lien their property," Sutton said.

A motion was passed to resubmit a proposed zoning ordinance to the township planning commission for modification. The ordinance involved the protection of water resources (reservoirs, etc.)

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Lehman church will note 140 years of community

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - With the sun shining through the meticulously crafted stained glass, the quaint chapel provides the perfect setting for a communal service. The worshippers enter the room, cheerfully greet one another and chat about recent events. The sense of community here is obvi-

ous and the congregation seems to have come together not simply from religious obligation, but also to enjoy one another's company.

On Nov. 24 at 3 p.m., the Lehman United Methodist Church will celebrate 140 years and hold a rededication ceremony of the Church and Pulpit window. The church's history traces its roots back to 1814 when a "lone circuit rider stopped in Bedford to preach his simple, inspired word to a

small group of lonely settlers; a part of Bedford later became Lehman Township," according to a history of the church written by Mrs. W. M. Major to commemorate the 125th anniversary.

During the 1820's the first religious society was formed in Lehman. There were no churches. Services were held in everything from school houses to barns to wooded groves. The church was built in 1856 on land purchased

from William Major for \$100. It was dedicated on Nov. 25 of that same year.

The church has undergone many improvements throughout the years. In 1893, it was enlarged and modernized. In 1921, it was raised and had a basement built underneath, providing space for a kitchen, Sunday School and for social and recreational pur-

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