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High school schedule gets mixed reviews

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DALLAS - According to results of a survey completed by students, teachers and parents, the jury is still out on many aspects of the high school's intensified schedule.

Survey results were presented to the Dallas School Board and public at the board's regular work session on March 10. Frank Galicki, principal and Bill Wagner, president of the teachers' union, presented many graphs and pie charts to illustrate various facts and figures.

The survey covered a variety of aspects of the new schedule.

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William Wagner
Teachers' union president

Questions included whether or not the educational quality improved under the new schedule, if the school building fits the needs of the new schedule, if classrooms are appropriate for subject and size of classes and if students are able to see their teachers for tutorials during the "flex" period.

According to the survey many teachers do not feel the class-

rooms are an appropriate size for the number of students. "The classes are larger than they (the board) said they would be. There is not enough space," said Wagner. "In the beginning they said there would be 15 students per classroom, now some are up to 25."

While there was general agreement in many of the responses, there were some significant dif-

ferences. A large percentage of the three groups did not feel the building was large enough to fit the needs of the students. They agreed that students could better utilize the library and computer lab during study hall, the flex period was good for making up work and tests and for tutorials with teachers.

About 1,600 parents, teachers and students were given the survey, providing what Wagner called a "progress report" on the scheduling. The breakdown of those who answered the survey was: 90 percent of students, 27 percent of parents and 69 percent teachers.

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Phone tower will reach for Dallas Twp. sky

By JENNIFER JUDGE
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DALLAS TWP. - According to Rich Rusnock, Real Estate Specialist for Cellular One, cellular phone use will soon reach new heights in the Back Mountain. In an attempt to improve service to their 2,500 Back Mountain customers, Cellular One is making plans to build a cellular phone tower in Dallas.

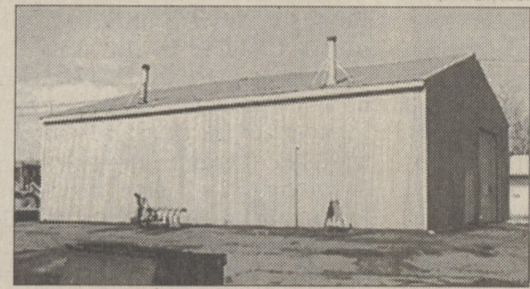
The 280-foot cellular phone tower, which will be placed on a base 25 feet square, will be erected behind the Dallas Township Municipal Building if the company and the township agree on lease terms for the property. A 12 by 20 foot unmanned equipment shelter will power the unit. The three-leg tower will also have flashing lights to warn low-flying aircraft.

Because the cost of building a tower is \$750,000 per site, Cellular One wants to build one large tower instead of several smaller tow-

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These photos show the approximate size relationship between the proposed cellular phone tower and the Dallas Twp. municipal garage.

TOWER PHOTO BY KARL SWINSKI



Two more in race for board seats

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Two more hopefuls have stepped up to take a swing at one of the Dallas School Board seats presently held by Maureen Banks, Joe Kunec, Thom Landon and James Richardson. Karen Kyle and Jamie Kozemko, both of Kingston Township, have announced their candidacies.

Karen Kyle, a licensed CPA who works in the Academic Affairs office at Wilkes University, said she has been attending school board meetings for six years and would like to have more of an impact on future issues. "My son is getting ready to enter Dallas Middle School and there haven't been many changes. I would like to see some changes," she explained when asked why she wanted to run.

In a prepared text, Kyle wrote she is interested in improving the curriculum at all three levels. She would like to see the use of computer technology in the classroom, an evaluation of the "gifted" program and an analysis of the intensified scheduling. She would also like to see a long range plan for the improvement of facilities and an evaluation of current and future administrative positions.

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KAREN KYLE



JAMIE KOZEMKO



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

LIGHTING UP THEIR MINDS

Steven Dudascik, Rebecca Banks and Sarah Luke learned how fluorescent lights work when the Franklin Institute Traveling Science Show visited Dallas Elementary School. More photos on page 7.

Mark Kaschenbach will head for West Point

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS - Starting June 30, Mark Kaschenbach will rise at 4:30 a.m. and begin a regimen that will include timed runs, pushups and other physical and mental training, ending at 10:30 p.m. six days a week, all under the watchful eye of a tough drill sergeant. But he doesn't mind. He'll be in the freshman class at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"I've always been interested in the Academy," the Dallas High School senior said Monday, and the Academy is interested enough in him to offer a full athletic recruit scholarship.

Mark, the son of Carl and Adele Kaschenbach, transferred to Dallas from Wyoming Seminary for his junior year, and became a two-way football starter, playing tight end on offense and defensive back. Army coach Bob Sutton has told Mark he'll be concentrating at outside linebacker at West Point.

While he was at Sem, the 6' 3", 220 lb. Kaschenbach met gradu-

ates of the U.S. Naval Academy who visited the school each year. He liked what he saw, and later pursued the chance to attend West Point. While he was recruited for football, Mark's no slouch in the classroom, carrying an A average while taking Advanced Placement courses. At the Academy, "You have to give the academics 100 percent," he said.

Mark credits his father as the greatest influence on his life, football and otherwise, and the proud dad returns the compliments. "I was appointed a second alternate in 1964," Carl Kaschenbach said. "I didn't make the cut; he finished it." Carl Kaschenbach, also a Dallas graduate, went on to join the Air Force, rolling up a combined 27 years of active and reserve duty.

After completing six weeks of basic training, Mark will begin football drills Aug. 15, with the season opening two weeks later. The day starts at 6 a.m. for other recruits, but football players begin at 4:30 with weight training and other activities.

It's a heavy load for someone



Mark Kaschenbach, seated center, was flanked by his parents Carl and Adele when he announced his intention to attend West Point. Standing behind, from left; Frank Galicki, principal; Bob Cicon, athletic director, Ted Jackson, football coach.

fresh out of high school, but he feels up to the task. "I handle pressure quite well," he offered. And he's prepared, he said, after playing at Dallas. "(Coach) Jackson's the best guy in the world to get me ready," he said.

The road to West Point began

last summer, and it was made even more attractive by Army's 10-2 season last fall. Mark was appointed by U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, then had to pass a battery of tests before being ac-

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County check will make using library even easier

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - The Back Mountain Memorial Library is forging forward with technology. The library will become part of a county wide automation system thanks to the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners' presentation of \$650,000 to the Luzerne County Library System.

The major automation system will connect the library with the other nine public libraries in the county. This system will enable patrons to have only one library card.

"We are very excited," said Martha Wheeler, director of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. "The system will create a more efficient circulation process. It will revolutionize the library."

The automation systems should be implemented within a year and a half, said Wheeler. With the help of Maryann Yonki, district consultant at Osterhaut Library in Wilkes-Barre, the library is shopping around for a system. "We have narrowed it down to six vendors," explained

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Martha Wheeler
Director, Back Mountain Memorial Library

Yonki. "We will have an automation consultant help in the decision and have the opportunity to look at systems at work in other libraries."

Yonki said the county libraries have been waiting for this opportunity for more than 10 years. "The idea came about in 1986, but money has always been an issue. We really have to hand it to this board of commissioners for seeing the need and granting the money," said Yonki.

Yonki said the system will make borrowing easier for the customer and clear away time consuming paperwork now done by libr-

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■ Heading south The Dallas High School baseball team is ready to take a southern swing to get in some serious practice. Pg 9.

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