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## Math's no problem for Preece, students

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - Charles Preece, math teacher and department chair at Dallas Senior High School, uses humor, patience and a keen sense of the business world to prepare his students for the science-minded future. He has been teaching and challenging his students for 26 years in the district.

The recent sweep of the top three places at the 49th Annual Math Contest held at Wilkes University has him glowing. "A lot of credit goes to the students. They are extremely sharp," said Preece, who currently teaches Discrete Math and Trigonometry/Analytic Geometry. "These students have taken the hardest classes at young ages. (The contest) was a compliment to every-

*"Technology, while wonderful, is a quick fix. Computers and calculators are for speed."*

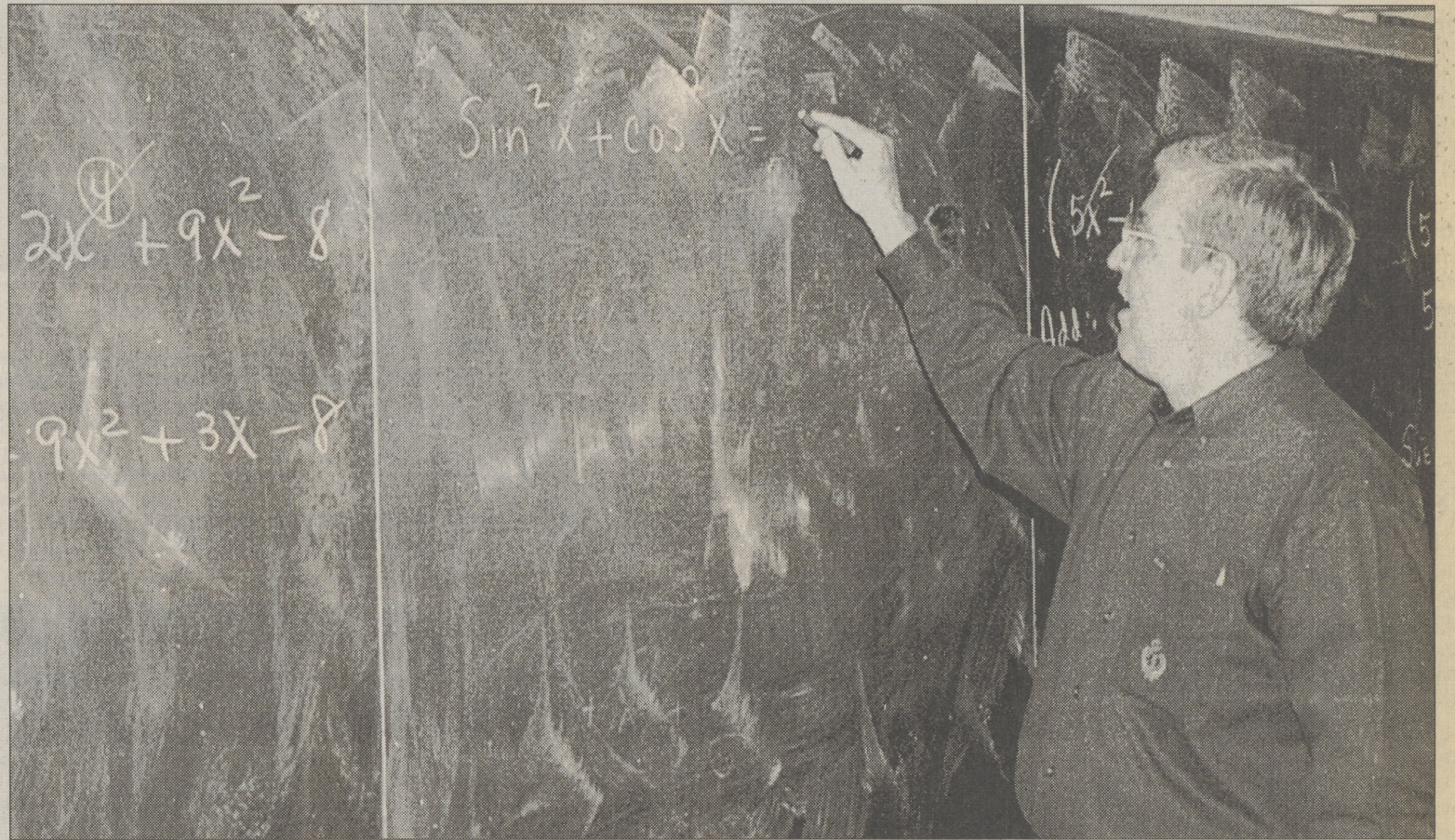
Charles Preece  
Dallas math teacher

one who took part. There were only a couple of answers that separated them."

Juniors Brian Blase and Chad Newell tied for first place, an accomplishment that earned them both a full scholarship to Wilkes. Jeff Faneck rounded off the top three.

Preece credits the entire Math

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Dallas math teacher Charles Preece explains a problem at the blackboard. Dallas students swept the top three spots in

a recent math competition at Wilkes University, with two of them tying for the top spot.

POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

## \$90,000 grant will pave roads

By JENNIFER JUDGE  
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**JACKSON TWP.** - The township has been awarded a \$90,000 Luzerne County Community Development Grant. The grant is specifically for road repairs and requires that residents of the road are within a certain income level. The township will use the money to repair Mizdale Road and Smith Pond Road.

Supervisor John Wilkes Jr. said at the April 7 supervisors' meeting that Mizdale Road, which is currently a dirt road, will be paved. Pipework on Smith Pond Road has already been completed and the grant money will be used for an asphalt overlay on the road surface.

Wilkes said the township can't yet estimate a cost, but he explained "anything over \$90,000 will have to be covered by the township." Wilkes said the township will have a better idea of what those costs might be after the township advertises for bids.

The grant stipulates that work done on the roads must be started by July 1, 1997 and completed no later than December 31, 1997. Chairperson Walter Glogowski explained, "We are very pleased

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## EASTER CALVES?

Danny, left, and Fran Cornell received quite a surprise Easter morning, and it wasn't a bunny or an egg. Owners of Cornell Farm in Lehman, the father-son farming team found triplet Hereford calves in the barn. Was it a surprise? "Oh, yeah," said Fran. Sets of twins are common, but they had never seen or heard of triplets being born in the area. Mom is trying her best to keep up an active nursing schedule, but she's falling behind and Fran says he's had to augment the feedings with hand-held bottles and formula.

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## Security system will be added to schools

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - Entrances to Dallas school buildings will be locked and under a proposal accepted by the school board at its work session April 7.

Mark Kraynak, buildings and grounds supervisor, told the board that a monitoring system for the entire district would cost \$8,000. The system would include a camera at the main entrance of each building, a buzzer and an audio system, in which a person can enter only after they identify them-

selves and are "buzzed" into the school.

All other doors in the schools will be locked to the outside, allowing people to exit but not enter. Currently the district has no monitoring system.

Kraynak said he sent seven surveys to his colleagues in surrounding areas and the five he received back shared the opinion that this was a sufficient and common system to use. The board asked him to look into a security system a few months ago.

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## Phone tower lease draws outrage from opponents

By JENNIFER JUDGE  
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**DALLAS TWP.** - The township supervisors' April 1 vote to enter into a lease agreement with Cellular One caused surprise and dismay for some Dallas Township residents, and they are planning to protest the move.

The supervisors voted unanimously to sign a five-year lease agreement with Cellular One at their April 1 meeting. At the previous meeting, the supervisors had advised concerned residents that no action would be taken on a

proposed phone tower until Cellular One received a height variance from the zoning board at its April 8 meeting.

Cellular One intends to erect a 280-foot tower on township property. Zoning officer Leonard Kozick had previously indicated that Dallas Township has a height limitation of 35 feet, and zoning approval would be required for the tower. At the April 1 meeting, Kozick told a different story. He said section 7.024 of the Dallas Township zoning code states that

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## Garden club lays plans for 7th annual flower show

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club is hard at work planning the fifth annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Flower Show. The show will celebrate amateur gardeners' skill and artistry at the Kingston Armory May 8-11. The show is sponsored by The Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

"We want the event to educate the public on horticulture and artistic designs," explained Lora Marcolina Freifeld, chairperson.

Last year 3,000 people showed to view everything from Topiary, the art of shaping plants by clipping and training to create living sculpture, to miniature designs.

This year there is a new addition to the show, Botanical



POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club met to plan this year's flower show that will take place May 8-11. From left, seated, Beverly Jean Johnston and Audrey Neff Angelella; standing, Louise Maddis, Lora Marcolina Freifeld, Linda Day, Phyllis Mundy, Linda Thoma, Pat Fox and Iran Fahmy.

design. This is a floral design created with fresh or dried plants from the designer's own garden, no commercially grown

plants are permitted.

"There is a misconception that you have to get flowers from your garden for every

class," Freifeld said. "Only in horticulture division one, must the flowers come from a person's own garden." If a participant is creating a floral arrangement it is okay to go to the florist and buy the best flowers possible.

Also new this year will be guided tours of the flower show and the riverfront area for kids. Louise Mattas, chairperson, said the tours are a good way to get people involved in the show. Bloomer members will provide tours through the show, while state naturalists will show kids the riverfront.

The show is free to the public and participants alike, and there is a wide variety of sections in which to compete. Each section has room for four participants under the guidance of a consultant.

Beverly Jean Johnston, con-

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### ■ Much Ado

The Dallas High School Drama Club will present Shakespeare's comedy this weekend. Pg 3.

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