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Tower foes will fight on

By JENNIFER JUDGE
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DALLAS TWP. - The Cellular One corporation's last obstacle before building a 280-foot tower in Dallas Township may prove their greatest challenge—the residents of the township. At the June meeting of the Planning Commission, Cellular One's subdivision and land development plans were both accepted. Soon thereafter, zoning officer Leonard Kozick granted the telecommunications company a building permit. Township residents have already begun the process to appeal the hotly debated decision, and have 30 days to do so.

"We will try to dissuade them and hope that democracy wins."

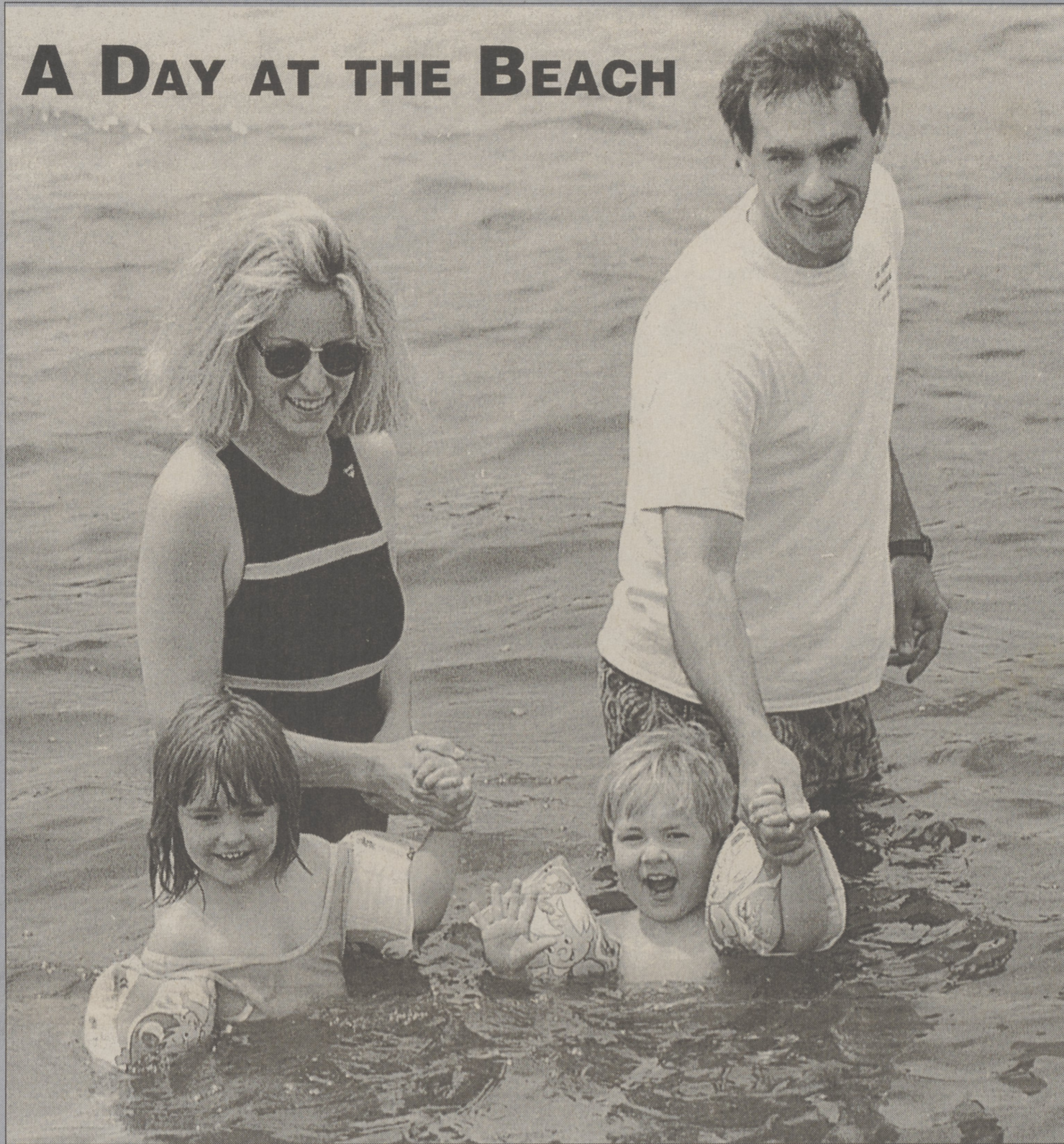
Roger Landry
Dallas Twp.

The issue that was brought before the planning commission was whether or not Cellular One had met all subdivision and land development planning regulations. Chairperson Bill McCall said issues dealing with use, size and height would have to go before the zoning board, not his panel. "The review process of planning is limited. Not the facility being built, nor the height of the structure is before this board," he said.

The vote to approve the subdivision was 3 to 1. The single negative vote was cast by Cynthia Mitchell. The board then voted unanimously to approve the land development plan. "The planning commission has approved the division of municipal property into

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A DAY AT THE BEACH



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Janice and Pat O'Brien splashed in Harveys Lake with their children Jennifer and Patrick during the Harveys Lake Beach Association's open house Saturday. There

was fun for all ages, with face painting, food, games and prizes as the non-profit association welcomed the summer season. More photos on page 3.

Machell rezoning at issue

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS BOROUGH - People who live near the old Dallas Family Practice building on Machell Avenue are once again preparing to fight a prospective buyer's proposal to put a business there.

The building has been vacant for two years and reverted back to R-1 residential after the first year it was unused.

Kenneth and Victoria Lembke are seeking a zone change from R-1 to non-conforming professional. The couple plans to put two separate businesses on the first floor and rent out two existing apartments on the second floor.

But, Dorothy Peiffer, secretary of the Sterling Avenue Association, said nearby neighbors want to keep the property zoned the way it is. "We're not against Lembke. This isn't anything personal against him," said Peiffer. "If we let him put a business there, it opens it up for other businesses down the road. Once we open it up we have no control over what will be in there."

Peiffer has printed flyers and plans to distribute them to nearby neighbors urging them to attend the zoning board hearing to be held June 26 at 7 p.m. in the Gate of Heaven Church auditorium.

"We have zoning laws. If they are going to be broken whenever anyone has a whim, then what's the point of having them," asked Peiffer, rhetorically.

She predicts there will be more children coming into the neighborhood after many childless older people sell their homes.

Lembke sees his proposal as a viable, low-risk option for the neighborhood. "We're stuck with the building and they're not going

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Black Knights dominate Sherburne band pageant

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
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LEHMAN - The Lake-Lehman High School band program ended the school year on a high note with their showing at the 48th annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands, held in Sherburne, NY. Lehman competed in concert, parade, field show, and indoor guard. The concert band and indoor guard both earned first place finishes, while the marching band tied for second out of 33 in the parade and finished second overall in field show competition.

Drum majors Katie Martin and Matt Link also fared well, winning the best drum major award in

field show, with Link earning, for the first time in the 38 years Lehman has attended the competition, best parade drum major.

Sherburne marked the end of what has been a very successful year for Lehman. Last fall, the marching band won its 22nd straight Tournament of Bands (T.O.B.) Chapter VII championship, and then in November made history by capturing a record 9th Atlantic Coast Championship. Governor Tom Ridge took time to praise these accomplishments during his visit to the school in January.

"It's been a wonderful year," said band director Edward A. Richards. "The kids have been

fantastic, and the performances show their dedication."

The band also presented its annual Christmas concert, and members placed well at the District and Regional music festivals, with clarinetist Melanie Yakus finishing in the top five at states. "She worked very hard, and did a terrific job," said Richards.

Flautist Katie Martin, on the strength of her performance at the 1996 state music festival, participated in the 1997 All-Eastern band festival held in February in Baltimore, MD. "It was a wonderful experience," she said.

The band's annual trip took them to Walt Disney World, where they turned in a parade perfor-

mance, and the band then held their annual spring concert in April.

Lehman's indoor guard program also did well this year. The guard earned 13 first place finishes at various competitions, including the Chapter VII championships in April and eventually took third place in the open class at A.C.C.'s, held May 2-4 in Wildwood, New Jersey. "We have a group of very dedicated, talented individuals, who have been the driving force of the program and very much deserve their success," said guard instructor John Taggart.

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Trampoline thieves find dog's bark may be worse than bite

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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TRUCKSVILLE - Diane Noon and her family of N. Lehigh St. in Trucksville recently benefited from a good dose of old-fashioned neighborliness, a loud dog and some conspicuous thieves.

During the wee hours on Sunday morning, Pat and Carol Deats were awakened by their barking dog. They heard strange noises from the Noon's backyard and noticed a suspicious car parked outside.

The Deats alerted Kingston

Township police around 3:30 a.m. When patrolman Martin Maransky arrived on the scene, the Noon's outdoor trampoline was missing with only a few scattered remnants remaining. Maransky sent out a description of the suspicious vehicle to all area officers.

While driving down Rt. 309, Dallas Twp. patrolman Jeffrey Dennis observed a car fitting the description with large, long items sticking out the car windows.

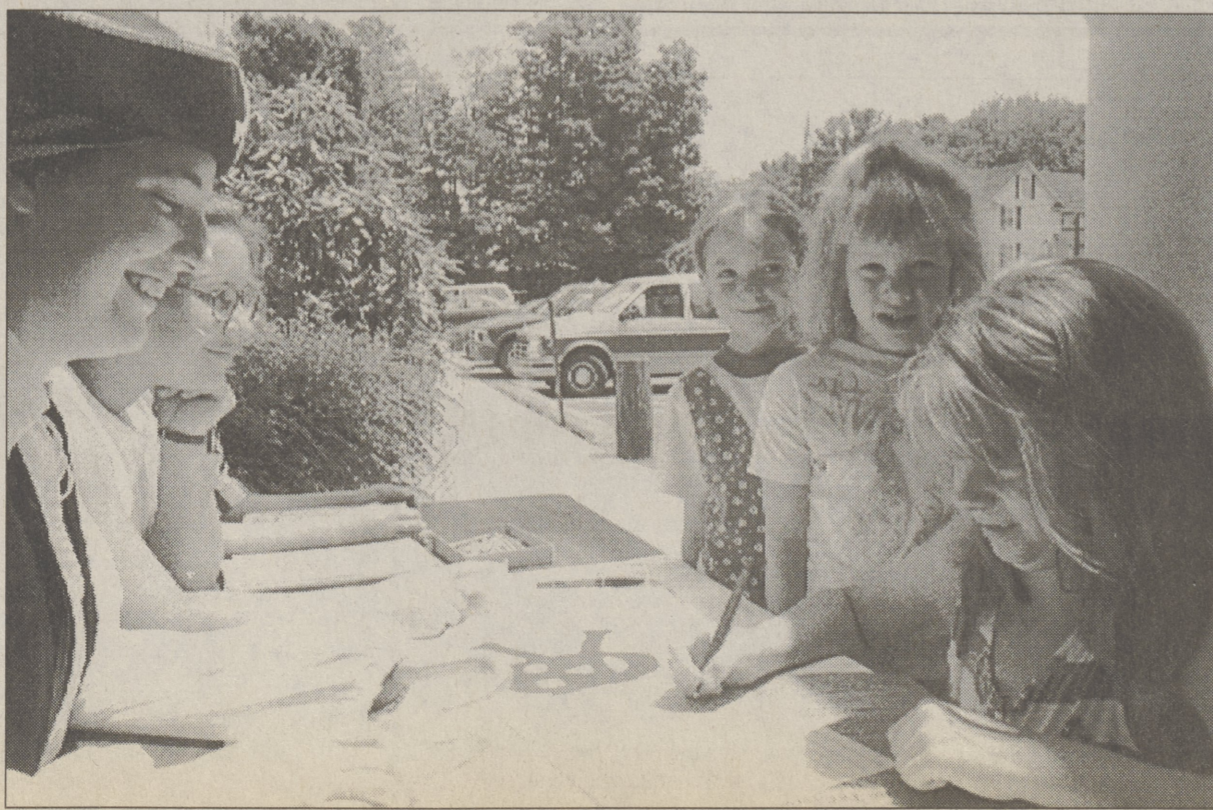
Two juveniles were taken into

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THEY'RE BOOKANEERS

Children turned out at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Monday to sign up for the Summer Reading Program, which includes special events, games and crafts.

Some sessions still have openings; contact the library for details. In photo, Ami Bealla and Elizabeth Eby signed up. Renee Vrhel, Amanda Austin and Ashley Ide.



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■ Delays ahead

Kingston Twp. begins to rebuild parts of Pioneer Ave. Pg 3.

■ Stars come out

Six Back Mountain softball stars will lead the West team in Kiwanis all-star game. Pg 9.

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