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## Tower foes will make last appeal to township

By JENNIFER JUDGE  
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**DALLAS TWP.** - The cellular phone tower battle that began in Dallas Township in early March will be revived once again at the August 11 zoning meeting. Dr. Roger Landry, who lives near the township property that is home to the proposed Cellular One tower, will take the opportunity to appeal a zoning permit issued by Leonard Kozick, zoning officer.

If Landry wins the appeal, Cellular One's permit will be revoked and the company will have to seek a variance from the zoning

board. But if Landry loses the appeal, Cellular One could begin construction.

Landry said if he loses Aug. 11 he will appeal the decision to a higher court and if a higher court reversed the decision, Cellular One would be forced to tear down any portion of the tower that had been built.

Cellular One first approached the township about the cellular tower at a public meeting in early March. The plan is to build a 280-foot tri-legged tower directly behind the municipal building on Dallas Township property. A 12 by 20 foot unmanned equipment

shed is to be erected next to the tower.

The company agreed to pay the township \$800 a month to lease the property for the tower. Cellular One would also allow the township to use the tower without cost to the township for police and 911 antennas.

Cellular One feels the tower is necessary to cover gaps in the cellular system in the Back Mountain. Cellular One has approximately 2,500 Back Mountain customers, explained Rich Rusnok, Real Estate Specialist for the company. With gaps in coverage, cellular customers have trouble us-

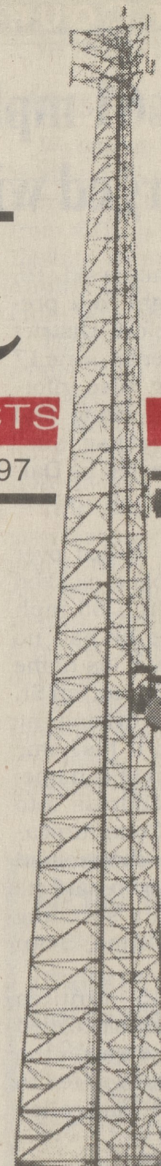
ing their phones. Rusnok feels this not only inconveniences customers, but could also prove to be a safety hazard. "We have seen a tremendous increase in 911 calls," Rusnok said.

This is not the only tower planned for the Back Mountain. A somewhat smaller tower will be built by 360° Communication on the hilltop behind the Irem Temple Country Club, a "monopole" has been approved for land behind Rider's World in Trucksville and Cellular One is asking that a similar pole be allowed behind the Kingston Twp. municipal building at the intersection of Carverton

Rd. and Rt. 309.

Dallas Township residents are not convinced the large tower is necessary. After hearing about Cellular One's courtship of Dallas Township, several residents attended the March 18 supervisors meeting to voice concern about the structure. Landry feels the tower would be an eyesore and would probably harm property values. Fox Hollow resident Bob Nause agrees with Landry. "It will be visible from one of the main thoroughfares," Nause said at the March 18 meeting.

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This tower in Hanover Twp. is similar in appearance to the one proposed for land behind the Dallas Twp. municipal building, along Rt. 309.

### PICKIN' TIME

Jean Parrs of Dallas Twp. was hard at work in the field at Sickler's blueberry farm in Vernon last week. The bushes were loaded with berries ready for the taking.

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CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK



## Showers little relief to farms

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - The Dymond family's sweet corn is struggling due to the lack of rainfall. Even so, consider themselves lucky because they have an irrigation system in place to help a good number of their 120 acres. Out of 40 acres of corn, they can water at least 10. Most farmers can't water even one.

Monday's rainfall was a helpful break, but not enough to get the crops back on track. Meteorolo-

gist Barry Finn of WYOU, said he does not foresee any significant rain coming this way. "We're almost seven inches below normal for this year," he said. "We need about two full days of a solid, steady rain to get back on our feet."

John Marshall, another WYOU meteorologist, said Tuesday morning that the Wyoming Valley area received less rain than surrounding areas, continuing a pattern that has prevailed for months.

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## Am. Asphalt asks to see township bills, minutes

*Township suit alleges mining outside zone*

By JENNIFER JUDGE  
Post Correspondent

**JACKSON TWP.** - The Jackson Township Supervisors were questioned about ongoing litigation with American Asphalt at their regular August meeting, held Aug. 4.

Bernard Banks from American Asphalt had questions about the township's handling of public records. Banks had requested

copies of the minutes of previous meetings as well as copies of bills in the township's case against the asphalt company. Banks said his request was denied.

The township and American Asphalt have had disagreements since the 1970's. The current lawsuit, which the supervisors voted to pursue in April, 1996, accuses

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## Sports fields on agenda at Dallas

**DALLAS** - The Dallas School Board reviewed site plans at its Aug. 4 meeting for two new PIAA approved sports fields to be built on the 100-acre campus this year. The fields will be located on land between the high school and Westminster Drive in Orchard View Terrace.

The board also hired a new assistant principal for the high school, Paul Reinert, who was a guidance counselor at Lake-Lehman Middle Level, and discussed the expense of adding locker rooms to the new elementary school, and installing air conditioning.

See page 3 for the whole story.

## Sale may be near for former Native Textiles building

The former Native Textiles building along Rt. 415 in Dallas Borough will become a combination warehouse/retail/commercial center if a pending sale agreement is completed.

Andy Hustey, vice president of Mericle Commercial Realty, said there's an "85 percent likelihood" the deal will go through. The potential buyer is already offering warehouse space, and Hustey said he has plans to develop the property into a "village-type effect" retail center, possibly including some office space. He believed the buyer, who remains unidentified, owned a home at Harveys Lake.

"We anticipate they are going to follow through," Hustey said, adding that all that remains to close the sale are the usual contingencies in such a contract.

by Ronald Bartizek



Signs at the entrance of the former Native Textiles building indicate a sale is pending and space is for rent.

■ **Family ties** Karl and Helen Besteder live in the house their family once rented to Commonwealth Telephone. Pg 5.

■ **Oil fouls creek** Oil from an undetermined source spilled into Toby Creek in Shavertown Monday. Pg 2.

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