

Board gives final okay to sports field plans

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DALLAS - At Monday night's regular meeting, the Dallas School Board unanimously approved an additional hockey/soccer field to be built behind the Senior High adjacent to two relocated hockey/soccer and baseball fields.

The additional field will cost \$107,000, making the total bill for all three fields \$337,000. The additional field is not included for reimbursement by the state, but is already accounted for in the \$8.6 million construction costs for the new Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary School.

"The new fields are fine. They are something that are needed," said Ernest Ashbridge, board president. "By incorporating three fields (behind the Senior High), we get the most use out of the land."

The board also approved the addition of locker and toilet rooms to be put into the gymnasium in the new elementary school at a cost of \$70,000.

"The locker rooms are a necessity. With the larger gym, it would be ridiculous not to incorporate locker/shower rooms," said Ashbridge.

By submitting project costs and design development to the state department of education, the board is staying on schedule with the new school.

Michael Speziale, the new assistant superintendent, was sworn into office by county judge Mark Ciavarella. Speziale said he looks forward to the challenges the job

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has to offer. Speziale, who has a doctorate in educational technology, is working alongside Jack Wega, Distance Learning Lab coordinator, to enhance the curriculum using this technology. "We're looking to bringing programs in for the lab and giving classes for other schools," he said.

Speziale said there are many options with the video conferencing. He and Wega are researching possible college credit courses for advanced placement students via the lab.

Also, the two are looking into in-service programs to help the teacher integrate technology into the classroom.

Speziale was previously an assistant professor at College Misericordia and spent many years with the Luzerne County Intermediate Unit.

Ashbridge said he was unaware any communication from board member Reese Finn, who has reportedly moved to North Carolina. If Finn resigns from the board before Sept. 4, individuals will be able to petition for a spot on the November ballot, but if he waits until after that date the board will appoint a replacement.



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Warm welcome

Kingston Township has installed this new sign along Rt. 309 near the offices of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority. The township

is in the process of installing new signs at all borders. This one welcomes visitors to the Back Mountain as well.

Baking up some sweet competition for county fair

Chocolate lovers from every corner of Luzerne County will be pleased to learn that the Luzerne County Fair has teamed up with the PA State Association of County Fairs and the Hershey Resort & Conference Center for the promotion of chocolate cakes and chocolate cookies of the 1997 Fair.

Approximately 100 fairs across the state are giving cash prizes for the "Greatest Cocoa Cake" and for the "Best Cocoa Cookie" made from scratch. This will be a preliminary competition which leads to the selection of the Commonwealth's best cake and cookie during the 82nd Annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show next January in Harrisburg. Winners at the Farm Show will be awarded a weekend trip for four to the Hershey Resort property.

Rules for the local contests are as follows:

GREATEST COCOA CAKE CONTEST - 1. Layered cake must be made from "scratch" and frosted (original recipes encouraged). 2. Hershey Cocoa must be used in the recipe. 3. If the cake is frosted with chocolate frosting, Hershey Cocoa must be used in recipe. 4. Display the cake on doily covered cardboard. 5. Must be a Pennsylvania resident. 6.

Recipe must accompany the cake. **GREATEST COCOA COOKIE, BROWNIE & BARS CONTEST** - 1. Plate of 8 made from "scratch". 2. Hershey Cocoa must be used in recipe. 3. Display on doily covered cardboard. 4. Entry open to youth only between ages of 8 and 19. 5. Must be a Pennsylvania resident. 6. Recipe must accompany cookies, brownies or bars.

The baked items will be judged for shape, flavor, appearance, tenderness and crumb. Entries in the two contests are somewhat limited.

Only youth, between the age of 8 and 19 are permitted to enter the Greatest Cocoa Cookie, Brownie and Bar Contest. Prizes in this contest are: First place, \$20.00; Second place, \$10.00; Third place, "Hershey's Simply Chocolate" Cookbook.

In the Greatest Cocoa Cake Contest, any age group may enter, and the layered cake must be made from "scratch" and frosted. Prizes for this contest are: First place, \$25.00 - Second place, \$15.00, Third place, "Hershey's Bakeshop Cookies."

Contest information and entry forms for the Luzerne County Fair Hershey Cake contest can be obtained by calling 675-FAIR.

Police to set up sobriety checkpoints Aug. 14, 15 & 18

During the time frame of August 14, 15 and 16, the Dallas Twp. Police Department will conduct a full scale sobriety checkpoint in the Rt. 309 and 415 corridor.

For information, call Ptlm. Robert Jolley at 675-5251 or Sobriety Checkpoint Coordinator, Chief Carl Miers of Dallas Twp., P.D. at 675-5252.

The checkpoint project is funded through a grant from the Department of Transportation and is administered by the

Court Advocate Program of Wilkes-Barre.

The purpose of the checkpoint is to provide increased police coverage to deter driving under the influence and to decrease deaths, injuries and property damage caused by DUI offenders.

Police will also be checking for seat belt use, and persons passing through the checkpoint will be minimally detained while an interviewing officer checks for signs of impairment.

Free books from Arbor Day Foundation

"What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available free-of-charge from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces, and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbush, persimmon and pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods,

cones, etc. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your free tree ID guide, send your name and address to "What Tree Is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Supervisors plan security system for new building

KINGSTON TWP. - At a special meeting held Aug. 6, the Board of Supervisors met with representatives from AAA Security Systems to discuss security options for the new \$1.9 million municipal building.

Jeff Box, township manager, said AAA presented the board with several options to secure the building. Exterior and perimeter detectors, motion detectors and fire alarm systems were among the options discussed.

Box said the company provides a variety of combinations to meet

the needs of the building.

"The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the different types of security systems and fire alarms for the new building," explained Box. "There was no final decision on the type of system to be installed." Box said the technology available is quite amazing.

Construction of the new municipal building is in progress on E. Center St. in Shavertown. The building was designed by Bakker & Lewis Architects of Jackson Twp. and is slated to be completed by spring.

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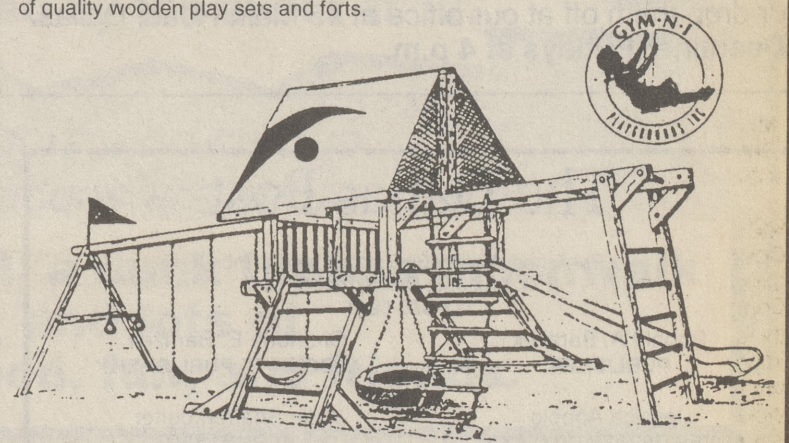
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