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Trash-strewn woods spoil Lehman country road

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - A drive down Trojan Rd. in Lehman Township will yield a beautiful vista of a pond with tall evergreens jutting into the sky behind. The quiet country road off Rt. 118 curves through the woods, and provides a natural setting to get away from blacktop and cellular towers, if only for a moment.

But along with the ponds and trees,

neighbors and Sunday drivers these days will find decomposing televisions, washing machines and sofas dotting the landscape.

Some sneaky dumpers have been unloading their trash onto private property along the far end of Trojan Rd. and Cassie Green Rd., and have successfully created an eyesore. Officials seem to be at a loss on a solution.

Bill Berholtz, who built a home on Trojan Rd., said he is sick and tired of

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Bill Berholtz
Lehman Twp.

people dumping their trash. "I'm from Brooklyn. One of the reasons I moved out of there was to get away from garbage," he

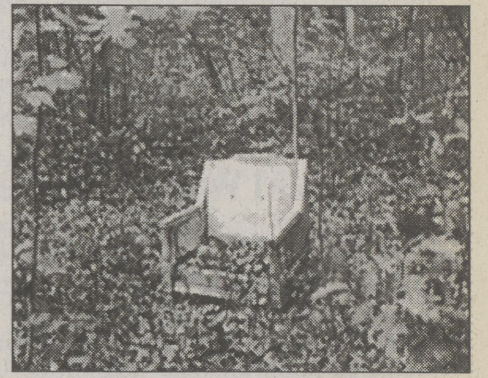
said.

He and his wife have lived on the road for six years and Berholtz said dumping has always been a problem.

"Stuff has been there forever and the township doesn't seem to do anything about it," said Berholtz of Trojan Rd. "I gather (the dumpers) are coming at night. I think you have to catch them doing it."

Berholtz said it would help if the police patrolled the area more. But, Lehman

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An old couch is one of several large items that have been discarded along Trojan Road in Lehman Twp.



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Tom Brislin, third from left, was surrounded by delighted teammates after scoring Lake-Lehman's first goal in the district title game against Dallas. Down 1-0 at the half, the Black Knights scored twice in the final period to win their second consecutive

district championship. Sharing the moment, from left, B.J. Lewis, Steve Moyer, Brislin, Jason Mahle, David Walters, Nate Walters. It was the second time Lehman topped Dallas for the district title. More photos on sports page.

'Link-to-Learn' helps Dallas go high-tech

State program, soon to end, has provided \$22,000 annually for technology installations

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - The state's Link-to-Learn program is making its mark both locally and nationally. Jack Wega, technology coordinator for the Dallas School District, presented the school board Monday with an update on Link-to-Learn, now in its third and final year.

The program has been successful in providing necessary network wiring between the three on-campus buildings, installation of fiber optic cables, new computers, software and internet services.

This year's goals include expanding internet service, building an infrastructure system on Dallas Network, raising the speed of the backbone network and increasing staff training.

Link-to-Learn is a three-year, \$132 million state initiative to expand technology in the Pennsylvania schools. The district receives a \$22,000 matching grant every year, giving the district a total of \$44,000 per year. Wega believes the program will continue even after next year.

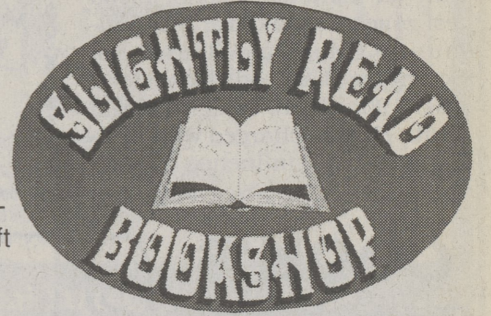
And he has good reason to. Pennsylvania was ranked number one in a recent study of technology use in K-12 education. The Progress and Freedom Foundation, a nonprofit organization that examines the implications of technology use on public policy, conducted the study. Pennsylvania shared first place with Washington, Ohio, Vermont and North Dakota.

Last year Pennsylvania ranked

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Library bookstore opens

The "Slightly Read Bookshop" has opened at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The basement store offers year-round sales of hard and soft cover volumes. Photos, page 5.



Back Mountain food drive gears up for third big year

BACK MOUNTAIN - The third annual Back Mountain Holiday Food Drive will be held November 16-20. This year's edition has more sponsors and offers more dropoff points.

The drive began in 1996 after an article about the low stocks at the Back Mountain Food Bank appeared in *The Dallas Post*. Laurie Popson, who acts as coordinator for the drive, got involved the first year when her child, a student at Dallas High School, helped out in response to the article. Students raised \$855 cash and a truckload of food in only two days, just in time for Thanksgiving that year. Because she is involved with three of the six participating sponsors this year — she belongs to Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, works at Grange National Bank and is active with the Dallas High School PTSO — she is the natural choice to coordinate the drive.

Kathy Barlow, secretary at Trucksville United Methodist Church, which administers the food bank, and Sandy Sprau, adviser to the Dallas High Student Council, work closely with Popson on the drive.

Food may be dropped off Monday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Nov. 20 at Dallas High School, Conyngham Ave., Dallas; Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville; or Grange National Bank, 165 Memorial Hwy., Trucksville.

Useful and needed items are:

Canned soups, macaroni and cheese dinners, cereal, hot chocolate, Kool Ade, Tang, pasta and sauces, canned ravioli, canned beef stew, canned tuna, coffee, tea, cake mixes and icing, stuffing mix, canned fruits and vegetables and instant mashed potatoes. Any other non-perishable foods are welcome.

The six participants and contact persons this year are: Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, pastor Dan Miller, Rob Coscia or Dan Kreglewicz. 696-1128. Dallas High School Student Council, Sandy Sprau. 675-5933.

Grange National Bank, Lee Posten. 696-6958. St. Therese's Church, Mike Popson. 696-1144 (church) or 696-2403.

Thomas' Family Market, Tom Baseski or Chris Evans. 779-7725.

Trucksville United Methodist Church, Kathy Barlow. 696-3897.



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Gearing up for the food drive, from left, seated; Lee Posten, manager, Grange National Bank; Pastor Dan Miller, Back Mt. Harvest Assembly. Standing, William Ostrum, Trucksville United Methodist Church; Thomas Baseski, Thomas' Family Markets; George Gaylord, Trucksville United Methodist Church.

Carrying on a rock-solid tradition

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - Emmett Hoover picks up a medium size gray stone with well worn hands and fits it in its place on the wet mortar. His plaid flannel shirt keeps him warm as the brisk fall air wisps orange leaves about him.

As he reaches down for another piece of hard, bulky stone, he does not move as fast as he used to, but at 78, his years of experience are evident.

Hoover is a mason. He has built many of the long stone walls that add to the landscape all around the Back Mountain. Stone by stone, he has built 10 homes, hundreds of fireplaces, and countless walls. If you see something made of stone around here, chances are a Hoover built it.

He learned the craft from his father, Robert. When he was 15 his dad had him mixing cement; by 18 he was stacking stone and building walls. His uncle was also a mason and Hoover taught his sons, Allan and Emmett Jr., before they were teenagers. Currently Hoover works with Allan, Emmett Jr., who worked with his brother and father for seven years, stopped participating in the family business about two years ago.

Last week Hoover and Allan

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