

Storm

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and the power was out for a while. All in all it wasn't too bad," he said. "But I'll tell you, cutting wood is no fun."

A large tree collapsed across Hillside Road and caused an accident before it could be cleared. Edith Wiltsie, of Shavertown, was driving a 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier northbound when she caught glimpse of the tree blocking her path. She tried to stop the car but could not avoid impact.

Immediately after the accident Wiltsie reached across the seat to hug her 16-year-old daughter, Dora Lee. "I was just checking on her to make sure she was all right when the truck crashed into the tree," said Wiltsie. "The impact sent the tree into the hood of my car, over the roof and onto the trunk."

The car's driver and passenger escaped serious injury. "We're both okay," said Wiltsie. "My daughter is still getting questions at school because I guess people said we were life-flighted and all of that, but were both fine."

The second vehicle was a 1989 Ford Ranger pickup truck driven by John Yenchak, 20, of Wilkes-Barre. His passenger was Harold Stuart, III of Hunlock Creek. Yenchak was transported to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital following the accident where he was treated and released.

Kingston Township police closed that portion of Hillside Road to traffic until the scene could be cleared. "The weather was horrible and the tree was being held up by some live power wires so we had to wait for the utility company to get out there before we could tow the cars," said James Balavage, Police Chief.

In other communities throughout the Back Mountain, municipal employees and landscapers were busy removing debris before it could cause any more headaches. "We've been on the road since 7 a.m. and we have a few more jobs after this," said Donnie Mason, of Rising Landscaping. "There are trees down all over the place."

Brett Slocum, Chief of the Dallas Fire Department, sent crews out to assist with the cleanup. "So many of our roads are state roads. If we waited for the state to get out here to cut trees and get them off the road, we'd still be waiting," he said. "Where we could we took care of it - mostly to give our own emergency units access to those roads."

Power outages throughout the region also caused a variety of problems as electricity

"Our biggest problem is finding things to do so we don't get more bored than we already are."

Lauren Patton
Dallas High School student

providers struggled to restore service to more than 9,300 customers. "We've had large trees fall on several of our primary lines and in some areas those trees are still blocking the roadway so we can't get in there to make repairs," said Keith Adams of UGI Electric.

Electrical technicians began responding to reports of downed lines immediately. "It's been a long day for us, we called in every available person right off the bat, but there was a lot of damage especially in areas of Beaumont, Harveys Lake and Dallas Borough," said Adams Friday. "Right now, we're going to take some time to replenish our resources, which means giving the guys time to rest before they head back out."

The outages, especially those lasting long after the storm moved through the area, caused serious problems for some



Downed trees closed Huntsville Rd. near the reservoir.

families. "Actually, we just got power back today (Monday)," said J.T. Wisniewski, of Trucksville. "It's been hard, especially with my step-dad because he needs a breathing machine at night, so my mom had to buy a generator."

For others, a few hours of darkness was nothing more than an inconvenience. "I had to do my homework by flashlight," said Meghan Pietraccini, an 8-year old from Dallas. "I wasn't scared; it was neat."

Phone lines and cable connections were also damaged by heavy winds and downed trees. "In total, about a 1,000 lines were out of service because of storm related damage," said Mike Burnside, of Commonwealth Telephone. "We had trees fall on a few of our remotes and we've had some power outages to contend with."

While technicians struggled to restore modern conveniences, bakers at Curry Donuts in Dallas were busy replenishing the supply of sweets. "You could not get into the parking lot earlier. I guess a lot of people didn't have power at home so they came in here," said Kathy Wessling, an employee, who recently moved here from Florida and could sympathize with this storm's victims. "I lived through one hurricane in Florida and that was enough for me - I packed up my whole house and moved north."

Cancelled classes left students, just settling into the



Charles Malloy, Donnie Mason and Tom Hill of Rising Landscaping, removed downed trees from a Kingston Twp. yard.



A tree took down a pole and wires on Wyoming Ave. in Dallas Borough. It wasn't removed until late Sunday.

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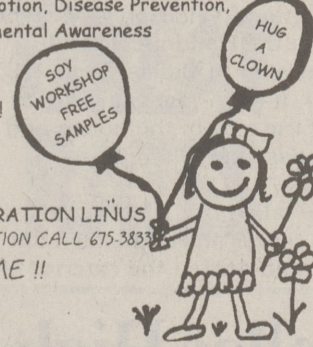
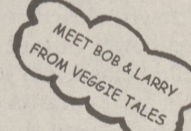
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