

Paramedics

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Fire and Ambulance Association, said that paramedics made a difference in a recent accident. An elderly woman hit a tree, and was pinned between the steering wheel and seat of her vehicle. After freeing her, she needed an IV line. The paramedics finished stabilizing her, and traveled with her to the landing area of the life flight helicopter, which took her to a nearby hospital. "She made it to the hospital okay," said Walsh. "When we have medics at our disposal, we can give patients the best care possible."

"No one wants to lose paramedic or ALS service," said Jack Dodson, President of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association. "They work together, it's almost like one team. Ambulances would like to keep things the way they are."

Not all paramedic units are stationed in hospitals. Paramedic units can also operate from satellite centers like the Medic One facility located by the Luzerne County fairgrounds. Dodson said

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that Plains has a volunteer paramedic unit, and the area also has for-profit services.

The fate of the paramedics is still up in the air. "Everybody has to have an open mind about this. A business has to operate in the black," said Dodson.

"The Back Mountain wants to see them stay," said Walsh. Losing them would hurt all the ambulance services, he said.

"No final decision has been made," said Roberts. "We want to be sure we're doing the right thing. We do have community needs at the forefront."



Lehman

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lations. The Conservation District has a standard checklist of regulations that must be followed, and the District has field inspectors to make sure the regulations are being followed. The LCCD is part of the Department of Environmental Protection.

"Changing zoning is for future development, not to handle timbering," said Sutton.

The planning commission has approved two subdivisions, one for Amber Woods, located off of Jackson Rd., and one for land on Hayfield Farm. The commission approved both subdivisions. The board also briefly discussed cluster zoning and the creation of protected common space. "I would like to keep large areas open," said Douglas Ide, a township supervisor. Cluster zoning keeps development concentrated in one area by allowing developers to build on smaller lots if they agree to keep part of the plot undeveloped and open. The minimum size of a developable plot in Lehman Township is three acres.

"We want Lehman to be the recreational part of the Back Mountain," said Ray Iwanowski, supervisor.

The board also voted to accept Carl Puskar as a part-time police officer. Puskar was added to the list, and will be paid at current rates for a part-time officer.

Harveys Lake Victory Run June 24

The Harveys Lake Victory Run will be held Saturday, June 24. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. On site registration will be held from 7-8 a.m. at Grotto Pizza the morning of the race. The 8.1 mile course will have portable restroom facilities and water stations. There will also be a 1/2 mile race for children up to 14 years of age. The race benefits Our Lady of Victory Church and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For more information contact Dan Bartley 639-1358 or Vince Wojnar 474-5363.

Security

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school once renovations are complete, said Hillman.

The proposed system will cost \$41,990, and \$39,600 will be funded by the Safe Schools Initiative Grant. Board members did discuss possible weaknesses in the system, and Lois Kopcha questioned the effectiveness of the system. "The vendors will make out good," she said. All eight members present voted to accept the proposal.

The board also saw a presentation from Richard Sinclair of Advanced Management Systems about software used to prepare and process data about the school's busing system. Sinclair said the program would help prepare audit logs of the mileage traveled by the district's buses. The software does not require extensive training, and school officials would be able to know which bus any student rode any given day. Mileage and other information is reported to the state, and school districts receive a percentage of expenses back. The software could help the district get more money back, although Sinclair said that Lake-Lehman had an 80 percent return, much higher than the average of about 50 percent.

Board member Angelo

DeCesaris asked about an appropriate installation time. Sinclair said that the end of June would allow for a comfortable installation. The software would cost \$26,995 for installation and training, and support fees would be charged after the system was put in place.

In other business, the board authorized superintendent Dr. William Price to advertise several positions, many of which were to replace transfers or retirements. The new positions were for three special education teachers and two teacher associates. "We're not increasing the faculty other than special education," Price said.

Before the meeting concluded, Kathleen Williams, business manager, answered several questions about the budget from board members. DeCesaris offered his conclusions about the budget. He said that the district had \$9 million in reserve, but planned on spending \$10 million. "Projections are having the money come from operations. Somebody's going to have to pay for this."

The board planned a special session to approve a final budget, because according to state regulations the budget must be passed by the end of June.



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Good fun for a good cause

Scenes from the Gate of Heaven Church bazaar last weekend. In top photo, performers from Back Mountain Dance Studio held an impromptu rehearsal. From left, Kelly Murphy, Beth Ryan, Beth Gardner and Mindy Yedesko. Young volunteers, above left, David Murphy, left, and Erin Tanner, Molly Shaughnessey and Betsy Gover staffed the plant booth.

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