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Police ask for more cooperation to stop wave of burglaries

□ Break-ins have occurred when people were home

By HEATHER B. JONES
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DALLAS BOROUGH - Residents are being advised by the Dallas Borough Police to keep their doors and windows

locked, along with their vehicles, due to an outbreak of burglaries and thefts.

Twelve burglaries have been reported within the last two weeks, said Police Chief John Fowler. The burglaries have taken place from the Burndale Park area to Newberry Estates.

"It's not the Dallas of years ago," said Fowler.

The scariest part about these crimes, Fowler said, is that the intruders don't

even care if the people are home. A number of break-ins have occurred while the residents were in another part of their house. The burglaries have occurred between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

The Dallas Recreation Center Building was broken into on July 19 and August 10. The ten other burglaries have happened on Maplewood Drive, Lehman Avenue, Elm Road, Pinecrest Avenue, Terrace Avenue, Franklin Street and

Orchard West in Newberry Estates.

According to police reports the perpetrators have been taking purses, cell phones, cash, speakers and jewelry. Fowler said the burglars are taking anything they can grab and run with.

During a recent break-in the intruders gained access to the house by going through an open window a fan was sitting in. The thieves even took the fan, Fowler said. He cautions residents to

use the brackets which come with fans and air conditioners to secure the window from being opened.

The police are frustrated, but not because they can't catch these thieves. "I'm sure we could have caught them by now," Fowler said, "if they (neighbors) would have called immediately."

"People have to call 911. Don't wait

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Ross school not ready for first day of school

By HEATHER B. JONES
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LEHMAN - There will be no students reporting to Ross Elementary School for the first day of school this year. A minor delay in the renovation project of the school will send students elsewhere on Tuesday, August 28.

Kindergarten, first and second grade students will report to the Lake-Noxen Elementary School. The Ross students will be in separate classrooms with their assigned teacher from Ross Elementary.

Third and fourth grade students will report to the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. The students of both schools will be integrated and the teachers from both schools will team up.

"The moisture level in the concrete is more than what is normal," said Robert Roberts, Lake-Lehman superintendent. He said the moisture level is holding up the installation of the school's carpet.

"There are some general areas not complete yet," Roberts added, but he said everything should be complete by September 15.

Students will report to Ross Elementary School on October 1. Roberts said the district felt opening in October should allow plenty of time for the school to be ready.

Ross Elementary parents will receive an information mailing detailing their child's classroom assignment and bus schedule during the week of August 20. Parents seeking additional information should call the school during normal business hours at 675-2165.



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Taking a break by a bug

Lake-Lehman color guard and band members took a break from selling 50/50 tickets for the raffle at the Lake-Lehman Band Boosters car show, held last Sunday. From left: Jessica Milbrodt, Kim Sorber, Rachael Card, Michelle Wentzel and Ryan Malarkey.

Yestergears of yesteryears displayed at L-L car show

By SANDY PEOPLES
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LEHMAN - Car enthusiasts of all ages came out on Sunday to display and admire the more than 250 cars, trucks and motorcycles at the 18th annual Back Mountain Antique Car Show. The event is sponsored by the Lake-Lehman High School Band Boosters, and is the annual fundraiser to support the band's field show activities.

Scott Wentzel, chairman of the event, and Bob Turak, a committee member, have chil-

"The old cars are a lot of work, but a labor of love."

Alice Bartlett
Dallas

dren in the band and color guard. "This is my second year as chairman of the show," said Wentzel. "We have a good time, but we couldn't do it without the help of all of the booster club members."

"I've been involved with the show for four or five years," said Turak. "It's a pleasure to get out here and help raise money for the kids and the band."

Automobiles on display represented over three quarters of a century of engineering technology. A car must be at least 25 years old to be considered an antique. Cars of distinction, rarity or limited editions manufactured after 1976 are considered classics.

Charles and Alice Bartlett, from Dallas,

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Former educator presses home rule study

By HEATHER B. JONES
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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Ruth Tetschner believes in teaching by example. This fall, when she talks to her grandson's Boy Scout troop about citizenship, she will have a firsthand account to share.

Home rule is the latest catch phrase in Luzerne County politics. For this Dallas Township resident it has become a cause.

As Tetschner would read her Times Leader newspaper each morning, she was riveted by what was going on in Luzerne County politics. "It upset me that elected officials were acting like that," she said.

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Dallas band members Jason Ostrum, Josh Heffers and Dustin Bednarz practiced last week at the school campus.

Marching bands tune up for season

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Band camps are in full swing at area high schools. Both Lake-Lehman and Dallas bands are preparing their shows for the start of another school year.

"We're in pretty good shape. We actually have the first five minutes of our show finished," said Ed Richards, band director at Lake-Lehman for the last 13 years. "We met on Monday evenings during the summer and we had two mini-camps already."

The Lake-Lehman band camp was held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the week of August 13. They also planned to meet from 6 to 9 p.m. three nights during the following week.

"This year our drill show was written by Marc Sylvester, who is the instructor for the Cadettes Drum Corps which just placed second in a world competition," said Richards. Sylvester faxes the drills to Lake-Lehman High School from his studio in New Jersey. "That's what we'll be working on, teaching some more drills."

The students practice outside the high school and generally march on the asphalt parking lot on the side of the school. "One year when some kids at another school got sick from the heat we switched to the grass field. After the first day, the kids wanted to go back to the asphalt. They actually prefer it because the heat and steam rising from the grass are worse," said Richards. "We take breaks during the day and sit under a

large tent to stay cool. It really hasn't been bad."

Greg Piazza, the drum major for the Lake-Lehman marching band, spent some of his camp time working with percussionists Heather Berry, Amanda Crane and Jessica Parsons.

There are 54 students in the Lake-Lehman band and color guard. "Our numbers are dropping," said Richards. "The other coaches I talked to are seeing the same thing. A lot of kids are getting jobs to pay for their car insurance and for gas."

Dallas High School marching band currently has about 34 members, but that number can change when the freshman class arrives in September. "We've stayed at about the same number for the last 10 years," said

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