

Schools

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Dallas High School, handled disciplining the fifth grader because the student's sister is a high school student. McGovern suspended the fifth grade student from school and from the bus for an indefinite amount of time, Griffiths said.

A neighbor who witnessed the attack called the police.

"The driver is not pressing charges against the boy," said Griffiths. Griffiths feels the school followed the correct procedure in dealing with this issue.

Sandy Harris, Brittany's mother, feels differently about the incident. As she watched from about 20 yards away, she felt the bus driver should share in the responsibility of the altercation.

The boy was a problem before this incident, Harris said, but suffered no consequences for his actions. Seeing the driver move the bus with the back door opened terrified Harris. She doesn't want to think what might have happened if her daughter stood up before the bus came to a complete stop.

"He was so angry about what had happened with this kid, he had no concern for my daughter," Harris said. She thought the driver was negligent for driving with the back door open regardless of the circumstances.

This was not the first problem Harris claims to have had with the driver of bus 25. "He curses at the kids and even uses the F word," she said.

Her daughters told her the driver was so angry at a student last year that he dropped the

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Dallas Superintendent

student three blocks away from the usual stop. She complained to the school last year about the driver for playing the radio too loud, but never left her name.

The correct procedure to file a complaint, Griffiths said, is for parents to leave their names. If a parent does not leave a name, he said, the complaint is discarded.

Harris did go to Dallas Elementary School the day after the most recent incident. "They gave me the runaround; they wouldn't give me the superintendent," Harris said. She did speak with McGovern, the administrator who disciplined the student, regarding the incident.

"This shouldn't have gone this far," said Harris. She felt the driver had no right to touch the out of control boy.

"If they are physically attacked, they are responsible to protect themselves," said Griffiths.

The report on the incident which Griffiths received warranted no action against the bus driver, he said. All formal complaints against the bus driver would have accompanied the report, he said, and there was nothing with the file.

Salvation Army taking food, toy requests

The Salvation Army, 17 S. Pennsylvania Ave., W-B will accept Christmas applications the week of Oct. 15-19. Applications will be for food and toys for Christmas. The times will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Applicants will need identification for all household members, a rent receipt/mortgage book/tax statement, and proof

of income.

The areas the W-B Salvation Army assistants are: W-B, Kingston, Forty Fort, Larksville, Luzerne, Swoyersville, Edwardsville, Plymouth, Nanticoke, Glen Lyon, Harveys Lake, Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville, Sweet Valley, Mountaintop, Nuangola, Hunlock Creek, Courtdale, Pringle, and Ashley.

Kanjorski rep. to visit Dallas Twp. Oct. 12

Paul 'Hap' Schatz, staff assistant to Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11), will visit Dallas Township Friday, Oct. 12, from 2:30 to 2 p.m. at the Dallas Township Municipal Building, Toute 309.

Schatz's visit gives constituents the opportunity to express their views and concerns regarding recent issues, as well as to seek assistance from Kanjorski's office and various federal agencies.

Homecoming Weekend



Lake-Lehman 2001 Homecoming Court, from left, seated: Joelle Lussi, Jessica Keefe, and Casey Holcomb. Standing: Josh Kuwaye, Jaclyn Schaffner, Gaise Lacek, Janna Elston, Lindsay Boris, Katy Pitcher, Chris Teetsel, Duane Kalinay, and Chris Kabosky.

Both Back Mountain high schools will hold homecoming this weekend.

Students vying for the title of Homecoming Queen and, in Lake-Lehman's case, King, gathered to have their photos taken earlier in the week.

The students will be announced at football games on Saturday, when Dallas plays host to Hazleton and Lake-Lehman welcomes North Pocono.

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Dallas 2001 Homecoming Court, from left, kneeling: Jill Youngblood, Erin Rovinsky, and Mary Beth Wyberski. Standing: Nancy Levinson, Laura Fauerbach, Amanda Simpson, Becky Carroll and Whitney McOwen.

Emergency Services Memorial Service at Misericordia

The Back Mountain Firemen's Assoc. will hold a Memorial Service on Sunday, Oct. 14, to pay tribute to the emergency services personnel, fire, police and EMS of New York City whose lives were lost on September 11.

The service will also honor the emergency services workers, fire, police and EMS of the Back Mountain.

A silent procession will form at Luzerne Lumber at 12:30 p.m. and will proceed to College Misericordia, starting at 1:15 p.m. Memorial Service will follow.

Anyone interested in participating in the procession/service can call Jack Dodson at 675-2728 or Frank Lutinski at 639-2929.

Back Mountain Firemen's Assoc. has set up a fund for donations to be delivered in person to FDNY along with a plaque. Donations for FDNY can also be mailed to: Back Mountain Firemen's Assoc., C/O Dan Manzoni, treasurer, RR 2, Box 252B, Dallas, Pa., 18612.

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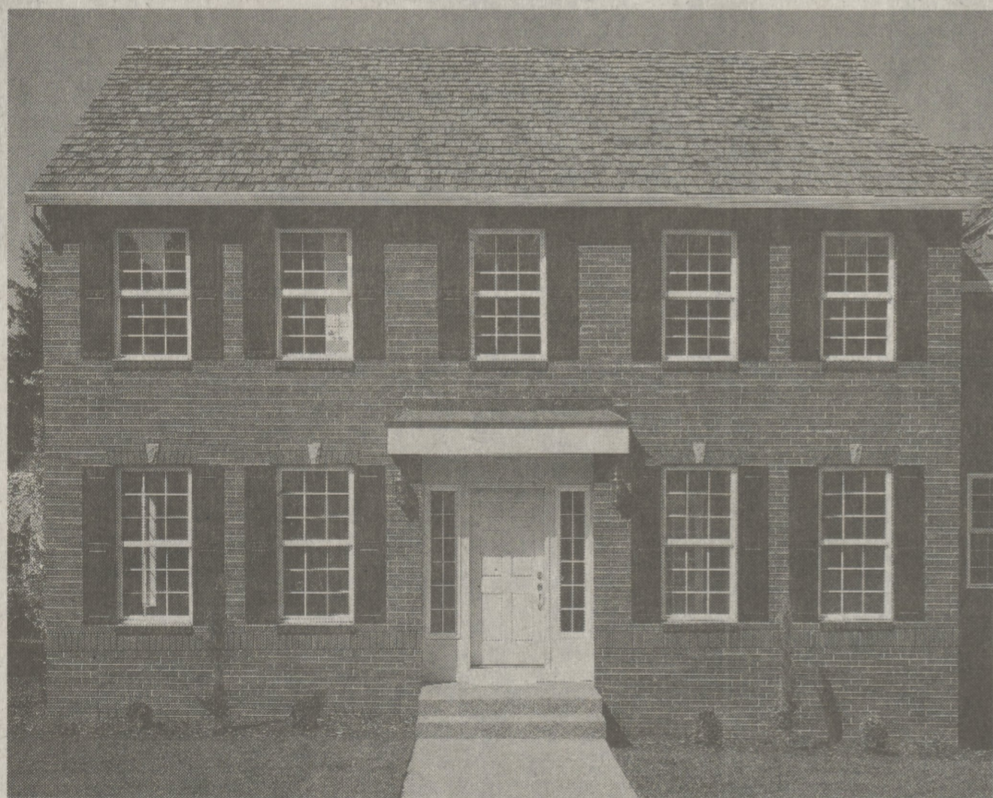
A tribute to all fire, police and emergency personnel will be held Sunday, Oct. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fair Grounds, Lehman. Admission fee will be charged and all proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross, the United Way and the Salvation Army.

There will be food, pony rides, and wagon rides. Entertainment for the day will be provided by Dex - acoustics, Just Us, Blue Stone Country, Rockaholics, and Black Dog.

Dallas Borough's yard waste and leaf collection

The Dallas Borough Road Dept. will begin the Seasonal Leaf Collection Program the week of Oct. 16. The program will remain in effect until the onset of snow removal. The borough reminds residents to bag leaves or to collect leaves at curbside without interfering with the roadway right of way.

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