

DHS GUIDANCE NOTES

Students of the month named

Congratulations to the Student of Month award winners who were recently honored at an assembly. Each student received a \$100 U.S. Savings bond and a leather organizer with the Dallas School District emblem on the front of the attache' case. A special thank you to Dr. Gilbert Griffiths and the Dallas School District Administration for purchasing these special memoirs in support of the PTO Student of the Month Program.

September Students of the Month: Jill Youngblood, Senior; Paul Douglas, Junior; Kristen Vozzak, Senior; Jeffrey Jumper, Senior.

Sponsors for the month were the Dallas High School faculty and the Dallas Middle School Field Hockey Booster Club.

October Students of the Month: Ryan Beburus, Freshman; Joseph Bednash, Sophomore; Amy Withers, Senior; Dan Piccillo, Junior.

Sponsors for the month were Dallas Educational Association and State Representative Phyllis

Mundy. Ms. Cassie Palfey and the high school chorus are to be commended for their performance of "God Bless the U.S.A." at the student of the month assembly.

Thank you to Arthur Redmond and his band for entertaining our student body during the student of the month assembly. Band members are Lee Griffin, bass, Kevin Callahan, guitar, Francis Shovlin, guitar, Rob Burns, drums, and Arthur Redmond, vocals.

The next PTO Steering Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 8:15 a.m. in the Guidance Office. New members are always welcome.

Call the PTO Hotline at 674-7333 for upcoming programs.

Student of the month ballots are available in the guidance office. Community members are encouraged to nominate one of our students for any special contributions to our school or community. Please call 674-7218 for a ballot.

Jackson Twp.

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the source of this contamination has been eliminated," Brogna explained to residents concerned about possible migration of TCA and contamination of new water sources. "Once the source has been eliminated, whatever's in the ground, that's all there is. There won't be any more."

Brogna said in two years of sampling, decreases have been the trend. "We've seen less and less each time we've sampled. We'd expect it to break down to practically nil. We've seen, of the 35 original wells, nine are now non-detect, meaning there is no longer any amount that's detectable. We'd foresee the same happening to the rest of the wells providing we don't have a new source coming in somewhere."

Brogna told residents American Asphalt had not been fined because DEP was "not in the legal end of the process." He said another four seasons of testing, at the minimum, would be necessary before sampling was complete.

But as John Filip, of Jackson Township, noted, "Residents are at the end of the line."

Filip also has filed a complaint with the zoning officer, to be forwarded to the DEP, concerning 50 to 100 tires illegally dumped on the southwest corner of his property and "a mini-landfill" off of Huntsville Road. Filip holds American Asphalt Paving responsible for the tire dump, suspects the company in the second dump and wished to make the matter public by bring it to the attention of the board of supervisors.

"I doubt we will be here when DEP does something about it," Filip said. "They handled a water problem and 14 years later they've finally decided who was creating the water problem. In another 14 years there will probably be a couple thousand more tires on that pile and nothing will be done."

Filip said the dump sites are creating potential health problems in the form of rats and mosquitoes and posing a fire hazard.

Bernie Banks of American Asphalt Paving denied the charge.

In other business:

• Jeffrey Malak, township solicitor, reported his progress, including letters and phone calls to the DEP and Representative Hasay, on two other tire dumps reported to the DEP in October 2001.

• There will be a live Christmas tree drop off at the rear of the municipal building in January. A restriction of one live tree per resident and proof of residency will be required. The dates and times will be: Thurs., Jan. 25, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri., Jan. 26, 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. and Sat. Jan. 27, 8 a.m. until noon.

• The 2002 budget was approved with no tax increases.

• A new building code ordinance was authorized to be drafted. The state has adopted a statewide building code, the International Building Code, to be instituted in spring 2002 and Jackson Township will be one of the first municipalities to

conform.

• Officer R. Szot has successfully completed his six-month probationary period and will be placed on permanent status effective Dec. 1, 2001.

• Police pension plan funds for 2001 will be dispersed after speaking to PMRS field coordinator next week, as required by the state.

• Benjamin J. Barsh requested information on putting in stop signs and making Sutton Road one-way going in. Supervisor Jay Wilkes replied the township was still awaiting the traffic survey expected this past summer and concerns should be addressed to PennDOT.

• John Krupa, zoning officer, reported significantly lower applications for building permits this month.

• The position of a grant coordinator, to apply for grants for the township, was created, as was the position of recycling coordinator to start and coordinate a recycling program.

SCHOOL MENUS

The following school lunch menus are for Dec. 6-12. All lunches include milk.

DALLAS ELEMENTARY
THURSDAY: Teriyaki chicken, over fluffy rice w/roll, mixed vegetable, sliced pears, fortune cookie.

FRIDAY: Fresh baked pizza, crispy fries, fruit cup.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
THURSDAY: Oriental bar w/fresh dinner roll, mixed vegetables, sliced pears, fortune cookie.

FRIDAY: Pizza bar, western bbq burger, crispy fries, fruit cup.

HIGH SCHOOL
Soup of the week: Chicken rice

THURSDAY: Teriyaki chicken over rice, mixed vegetable, fortune cookie.

FRIDAY: Pizza bar.

GATE OF HEAVEN
Alternative: Pizza, salad, stromboli.

THURSDAY - Grotto pizza, salad, rice krispie bar.

FRIDAY - Early dismissal. Alternative: Pizza, salad, cheese steak hoagie.

MONDAY - Chicken nuggets, french fries, carrots & celery w/dip, cookie.

TUESDAY - Stuffed pizza stix, salad, fruit cup.

WEDNESDAY - Tacos (meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato), spanish beans, pineapple. Churros €50.

WEST SIDE TECH

Breakfast
THURSDAY - Pancakes and syrup or cereal, juice, fruit, pastry.

FRIDAY - Pumpkin bars, cereal, juice, fruit.

MONDAY - Coffee cake, cereal, juice, fruit.

TUESDAY - Waffles, syrup or cereal, juice, fruit, pastry.

WEDNESDAY - Hot ham, cheese or cereal, juice, fruit, pastry.

Lunch

THURSDAY - Italian meat balls & sauce, hard roll, pasta, garlic butter, beans, pumpkin bars.

FRIDAY - Pizza, fresh veggies, creamy dip, fresh fruit.

MONDAY - Chicken patty, soft bun, mashed potatoes, gravy, chilled fruit.

TUESDAY - Grilled cheese, tomato rice soup, crackers, apple jello cake w/cream.

WEDNESDAY - Pork rib bbq sauce, soft bun, oven ready potatoes, strawberry short cake.

Note: Other menus were not provided in time for this issue.

Crime Watch

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ordinators, John Link, and Ed Chesnovitch, chaired the meeting, along with Police Chief Jerry Leedock, and Al Fox, supervisor of Jackson Township. The meeting started off with a report by the police chief of recent criminal activities in the township, as will be the custom for all future meetings. "Every month we'll give you an update and we'll let you know what's going on," Chief Leedock said. "Anything that we can tell you, we will."

The chief reported three burglaries in the last two weeks in the township with a related burglary taking place on the same day in Kingston Township. Items stolen from one burgled house were found at another. The police are waiting for information from the state informing them if a match is found with the fingerprints obtained from the break-in. Police are also looking over surveillance videos from Wal-Mart to identify persons using credit cards stolen from the homes.

All three burglaries occurred in the daytime hours between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Officer Scott Davis explained that one of the many advantages to attending a neighborhood watch meeting was being given "certain information" not necessarily printed in the paper.

Fox praised Chief Leedock and Officer Davis for their investigations into several matters over the last few months and credited input from community residents with helping in these investigations. "One of the witnesses turned out to be one of the supervisors, Jay Wilkes," Chief Leedock explained. "He was working on a road and saw these kids com-

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Scott Davis
Jackson Twp. police officer

ing through the cemetery carrying stuff. He was able to identify them. That really was the big lead in solving that case."

Fox said this was the reason the crime watch program was started. Six juveniles were arrested, two months ago, for breaking into over 40 cars and homes. This happened over a five-month period and many residents were not aware it was happening, said a resident at the meeting. "That's a good example of what the crime watch could have prevented," said Fox.

Increasing participation and awareness of the new crime watch was an important part of the meeting's discussions. Link, coordinator of the newly formed group, made up about 80 flyers prior to the meeting and distributed them to homes in the township to notify his neighbors of new Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting. Fox said it is one of the main objectives he has for the new program. "First of all we want to inform that we have a Crime Watch," Fox said. "Second, actually come and participate. Come to a meeting. Third, sign up and become a volunteer to help your community. That's really what I think it's all about—to become a volunteer, to help your next door neighbor or the

person down the street."

Chesnovitch, having experienced the trauma of being burglarized, agreed. "I think that's important, neighbors helping neighbors. We're not in Mayberry anymore. It's a violent world. I think it's very important we have this."

Silvia Malak, township resident, suggested inviting people with experience starting and running their own crime watch programs to future meetings to come and share their experience with the new group.

"I don't think we should try to invent the wheel when the wheel is already out there," Fox agreed. "Several members agreed to approach and invite other area crime watch officers. Harveys Lake Borough has the only other Back Mountain area crime watch, the McGruff Crime Watch."

Chief Leedock and Officer Davis provided many tips on keeping safe and what sorts of suspicious activity to report and how to report it, from notifying the police department if you are going out of town for any length of time, to installing motion detectors and alarm systems. "Right now the best deterrent for these burglaries is an alarm sign on your house even if you don't have one," said Officer Davis. "They haven't hit a single house with

an alarm sign." Chief Leedock added there hadn't been a single burglary in a house with an active alarm system in the 19 years he has been with the Jackson police.

Davis focused on two things to look for in keeping a neighborhood safe. "Anybody who doesn't belong, and your neighbor's house. If you're walking through the neighborhood and you see somebody is at the house, even if they are just standing on the porch and you don't know who they are, you should probably call us," he said.

"People sometimes are worried about calling 911 because they think it's not an emergency," added Chief Leedock. "Dial 911 and don't worry about that."

The non-emergency number for the Jackson Township police department is 675-8500. This number may be used for general questions or to leave a voice mail for one of the officers.

The only qualification for membership in the Neighborhood Crime Watch is township residency. Every member of the community is at least an inactive member of the Crime Watch and can call the police department about suspicious activity.

All persons present at the meeting were asked to encourage their friends and neighbors to come to the next meeting on Dec. 27. The regular meetings of the Neighborhood Crime Watch group will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Jackson township municipal building.

Only Yesterday

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office. Paul Crockett was re-elected vice president; Richard Stroud, secretary; William LaBar, treasurer.

Tony Zachary was elected president of Dallas Community Ambulance at the annual meeting. Lane Jarrett was elected first vice president, Ralph Downend second, Jack Berti third. Reelected were secretary Marie Thevenon and treasurer Edwin Roth.

30 Years Ago - December 9, 1971

DALLAS WINS TITLE GAME; DOWNS KNIGHTS, 45-0

The Mountaineers of Dallas powered their way over the Knights of Lake-Lehman 45-0 at Wyoming Area's stadium. The victory brought the Wyoming Valley Football conference "B" Division title to Dallas as well as retaining possession of the "Shoe" for Dallas.

Due to heavy ice and snow, the roof of Mildred Deven's barn fell in. The 80-foot barn is located on property adjacent to the Commonwealth Telephone's Company's property. A spokesman for the phone company noted that Commonwealth was in the process of purchasing the building, and had several pieces of heavy equipment stored in it at the time of the collapse.

Navy Petty officer Third Class James F. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith, Woodcliffe Drive, Dallas, is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS John King, which celebrated Thanksgiving Day in port at Athens, Greece.

20 Years Ago - December 2, 1981

\$6 MILLION EXPANSION PROPOSED FOR PRISON

A state senator is proposing a \$6 million expansion project for the State Correctional Institution at Dallas which would increase the inmate capacity by 204. In reaction to the expansion, Shavertown resident John Gosart pointed out, "If they are going to increase the inmate population, then they better hire more guards to secure against break-outs."

Lake-Lehman School Director Paul Crockett will retire after 33 years of service. Mr. Crockett began his service as a school director back in 1948 when the late Harry S. Truman was president as a member of the Ross Township School Board. He had the privilege of laying the cornerstone for the Lake-Noxen Elementary School.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Dallas Senior High sustained damage to the building and surrounding lawn. Discovered were two smashed quarter-inch plate glass windows in the front offices of the high school. Two rocks were found on the inside. The ruined windows, will cost more than \$100 plus labor.

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SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older.

Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The following

is the menu for the week of Dec. 6-12

THURSDAY: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, oriental vegetables, whole wheat roll, apricot nectar, cupcake.

FRIDAY: Pierogi with onions and butter, carrots, cottage cheese, apple crisp, rye bread, chocolate chip cookie.

MONDAY: Baked meatloaf, whipped potatoes, peas w/mushrooms, whole wheat bread, fruit cocktail.

TUESDAY: Sausage and peppers, oven brown potatoes,

roman vegetable medley, rye bread, vanilla pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Barbeque chicken, cauliflower with buttercrumb top, butternut squash, whole wheat roll, chilled pears.

GREG WALL GOLF SCHOOL
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