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chief operating officer of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

SPORTS - Back Mountain golfers finished 1-2 in the Wyoming Valley Conference pre-district matches held at Edgewood in the Pines. Greg Mascioli was first with a score of 76, followed by Justin Boyer with a 78.

October 4: DALLAS TWP. - Residents and police officers packed a supervisors meeting, concerned that the police department was in jeopardy. Officers and the township are far apart on a new wage schedule, with the police seeking an increase of about 15 percent and the township offering 3 percent.

DALLAS - David Evans celebrated his 103rd birthday at the Meadows Nursing Center. "I've done just about everything," he said.

DALLAS - Barbara Barnes was preparing to step into the council seat held by her late father, "Billy" Berti, who died in August. "I just hope in my lifetime I can be a quarter of what my dad was," she said.

October 11: DALLAS - Two men who robbed a home in Dallas Borough for drug money were captured. It was the latest in a string of burglaries in the area. The latest was on Pinecrest Ave., where a home was entered while the residents slept.

SHAVERTOWN - Pet lovers brought their animals to St. Therese's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals. Among them were Marlene Tarreto and her granddaughter, Claudia Hannon, who brought their 6-month-old puppy Cuddles.

SPORTS - Mike Molino, professional at Huntsville Golf Club, won the NEPA Women's Golf Association championship, shooting one under par.

October 18: DALLAS - Back Mountain firefighters gathered to salute comrades who died in the attack on the World Trade Center. They also have started a relief fund with \$1,000 seed money.

LEHMAN - Lake Silkworth residents and township officials discussed looming problems with sewage at the lake. Once a simple summer colony, many lake properties are now year-round homes needed more services.

ROSS TWP. - The Lake-Lehman school board awarded \$11 million in bids for the senior high school renovation project, which will add a middle school

wing to the building, replace the gymnasium and increase classroom space.

October 25: REGION - Cases of anthrax up and down the East Coast have raised concerns here, but have not caused panic. Local pharmacists have not seen any increase in demand for antibiotics.

DALLAS - The Back Mountain Historical Association held its first meeting, on the campus of College Misericordia. Dr. Allan Austin and his students will collect oral history and put in down on paper.

SPORTS - Dallas won the Back Mountain soccer showdown with Lake-Lehman for the third consecutive year, winning 5-2 at Lehman. The Mountaineers' ended the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record.

November 1: JACKSON TWP. - Raymond Malak's appeal to keep junk vehicles and old tires on his Chase Road property was denied by Luzerne County Judge Peter Paul Olszewski, allowing the township to enforce zoning rules against the practice.

DALLAS - Rosalie Snow Albert, retired teacher at Gate of Heaven School, has published a children's book, "Whitey Woolly Lamb." She was inspired to tell the story by her grandson,



September 20: Jared James and Nicole Ford worked on their "Red, White and Blue" project following the September 11 terrorist attacks. They are students at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.



September 20: A sign in front of Rave's Garden Center in Shavertown expressed a common sentiment following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Patrick.

SPORTS - The Dallas Mountaineers won back the Old Shoe trophy, beating Lake-Lehman 21-14. The victory was the

gram at Dallas High School was awarding of diplomas to two veterans who were unable to receive them in their youth due to service. Joseph McAdara of Shavertown served in the South Pacific in World War II. Carol Sosik accepted a diploma for her late father, Nicholas.

LEHMAN - The Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus celebrated its 85th anniversary. Penn State opened the Engineering Extension School in Wilkes-Barre in 1916. Land for the Lehman campus was donated in 1964 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson.

SPORTS - For the second consecutive week, the Dallas Mountaineers fell to Berwick, ending their season. Dallas jumped out to a 14-0 lead, but that was all the scoring the Mounts could produce, leading to a 15-14 final.

November 22: REGION - Students in Dallas and Lake-Lehman schools performed well on the latest round of state assessment tests. Dallas High School 11th graders were the county's best in all three categories.

KINGSTON TWP. - Suzanne Kravitsky spoke out at the supervisors meeting about the dangerous intersection of Bunker Hill Rd. and Dug Rd., the scene of an accident in which three teenagers were injured a week earlier. She and three neighbors came to ask for safety measures such as a stop sign or guard rail.

SPORTS - Lake-Lehman finished second in the state for field hockey, falling to Wyoming Seminary in the final game. The game was scoreless until the final six minutes, 30 seconds.

November 29: DALLAS - Frank Townend, long-time Dallas Township solicitor and a retired Major General, died at age 90. He was best known for coordinating the recovery effort following the 1972 Agnes flood.

DALLAS - Two employees of the Rite Aid drug store were accosted by an armed man who stole the store's bank deposit as they were taking it to the night deposit at PNC Bank. The robbery occurred at about 5 p.m. Sunday.

TRUCKSVILLE - Filled with donations from the community, the Back Mountain Food Bank provided Thanksgiving food bas-

wage agreement after a recent meeting. The two sides met for four hours, but "nothing has changed," said Glenn Howell, secretary of the board of supervisors. Officers are asking to be brought up to the pay level of Kingston Township, which would require about a 15 percent raise.

TRUCKSVILLE - The First Federal Charitable Foundation made a \$20,000 donation to the Back Mountain Food Bank. The money will help fund construction of a new food bank facility that will be part of an expansion at Trucksville United Methodist Church.

JACKSON TWP. - Representatives of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) told people living near American Asphalt that their water is safe. A low level of contamination, traced to the plant, was found a few years ago, but has never reached dangerous levels.

December 13: LEHMAN - Like other taxing entities, the Lake-Lehman School District is being hurt as property owners win challenges to their assessments. The problem stems from a lack of uniform reassessment for nearly 40 years.

HARVEYS LAKE - Rev. Lawrence Reed was honored for his 20 years of service at Emmanuel Assembly of God church.



November 15: Frank Galicki, Dallas High School Principal, awarded an honorary diploma to Joseph McAdara at Veterans Day ceremonies held at the school. Carol Sosik, who accepted a diploma for her late father, Nicholas Sosik, looked on.

DALLAS - College Misericordia has purchased 100 acres of land adjacent to the campus from St. Mary's Byzantine Church in Wilkes-Barre. It will likely be used for new athletic fields, a spokesman said.

December 20: DALLAS - Dallas Borough has begun a "visioning" process to plot the town's future. "We are talking about a generational change," said Joseph Moskovitz, borough manager.

REGION - School children from throughout the Back Mountain wrote letters to Santa Claus, expressing hope and appreciation. "For Christmas I want love, peace and friendship," wrote Christopher Boland, a second grader at Gate of Heaven School.

SPORTS - They didn't win a single weight class, but Lake-Lehman's wrestlers walked off with the team championship at the Times Leader Invitational meet held at College Misericordia. It was the Black Knights' first overall win in the meet in 16 years of participation.

December 27: LEHMAN - The solicitor for the Lake-Lehman School Board feels the district was being targeted by Luzerne County because the county has suggested the district bear the cost of appraisals for property assessment appeals. Peter Savage said only some municipalities, not all of them, have been asked to pay for appraisals.

DALLAS - For the 10th year, chef-owner "Omar" Hallsson of the Castle Inn treated more than 200 homeless people to Christmas Eve dinner. He had lots of help from volunteers associated with several Back Mountain fraternal organizations.

DALLAS - The North Branch Land Trust named Marilyn Lipfert as its volunteer of the year. The group, with a mission to preserve open land, is also a champion of restoring the old Noxen railroad station.



July 18: And the walls came tumblin' down. The old St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which had served the congregation for 75 years, was torn down. A First Federal Bank branch took its place.



August 8: Len Romanowski put the pedal to the asphalt as he competed in the 20th annual Wilkes-Barre Triathlon.

150th for Ted Jackson, Dallas head coach.

November 8: REGION - Two of the 11 members of the Home Rule Study Commission, which will examine Luzerne County's government structure and recommend changes, are from the Back Mountain. A ballot question to form the commission passed by a more than two-to-one margin. Ruth Tetschner and Rob Sealey were elected.

HARVEYS LAKE - A slate of Democrats handily beat back a Republican challenge, retaining the mayor's office and four council seats.

JACKSON TWP. - Responding to an increase in thefts and other petty crimes, a Neighborhood Crime Watch has been formed. "If you feel that something's wrong, most likely something is," said Charles Baloh, who advised the new group.

November 15: DALLAS - The highlight of a Veterans Day pro-



October 11: Back Mountain fire and emergency volunteers staged a tribute to their fallen comrades in the Sept. 11 attacks. Two ladder trucks formed an arch on Rt. 415 in Dallas.

kets for dozens of local families in need. One generous donor gave a cash donation that was used to buy the turkeys.

SPORTS - Frank Lipski of Jackson Township got lucky. First, he was one of only 30 people out of 50,000 applicants to

receive a license to hunt elk in western Pennsylvania. Then, as his day was about to end, he spotted a 485 pound elk and bagged it.

December 8: DALLAS TWP. - The township and its police officers were no closer to a new



October 25: Dave Rosnick, president of Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association, held the Player's Trophy, given annually to the winner of the final regular-season game between Dallas and Lake-Lehman. A few minutes later he presented it to Dallas for the third straight year.

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