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Back Mountain will see change in U.S., state representation

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - Back Mountain voters will see quite a change in political representation on the state and national levels over the next few months. State legislators finalized plans to realign congressional districts last week, in a move that has changed the shape of congressional representation in the Back Mountain.

Luzerne County split into two different (U.S.) Congressional districts," said 110th District State Representative Phyllis Mundy, who saw her district cut down in the Back Mountain to only Kingston and Jackson townships. "I know that I will do everything I have to do to see that my constituents get what they need."

Reapportionment will mean new representation for the Back Mountain on the national and state levels. The Back Mountain had fallen under the repre-

"I think that it works out to the best interests of Back Mountain residents to have Don Sherwood representing them."

Joseph Moskovitz
Dallas Borough Manager

sentation of U.S. Rep. Paul Kanjorski, a Democrat from Nanticoke, but with the new boundary lines, Republican Rep. Don Sherwood from Tunkhannock will

represent all of the Back Mountain. State Senator Charles Lemmond Jr. said over 500 region maps were drawn up before the right one was finally se-

lected, pointing out just how time-consuming the process was.

On the state level, Mundy will no longer represent Dallas Township and Dallas Borough. Those municipalities are now part of 111th District Representative George Hasay's district.

Hasay, a Republican, is not new to the Back Mountain. His legislative district already includes Jackson Township, Harveys Lake Borough and

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DeRojas kept busy caring for casualties

Local surgeon volunteered for call-up

By Sean E. Cobb
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Stars & Stripes

LANDSTUHL, GERMANY — After the Sept. 11 terrorist bombings, many Americans searched for ways to help their country.

One Army reservist knew exactly what to do — he asked for active duty. Army Reserve Dr. (Lt. Col.) Juan DeRojas, called the Army personnel center in St. Louis, Mo., and volunteered to serve wherever the Army needed his skills as a vascular or general surgeon.

DeRojas, a Cuban refugee whose family emigrated to the United States in 1961, felt compelled to help.

"I called because of a sense of duty to serve my country," he said. "We fled Cuba for the freedom this country stood for, and I couldn't stand by while those freedoms were under attack."

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Dr. Juan DeRojas
Lt. Col., Army Reserve

When the war on terrorism began, medical officials in Europe looked at the types of doctors needed to support casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom. See SURGEON, pg 3



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Slip slidin' away

Chris Taylor, 12, of Shavertown, shows that bigger is truly better as he rides his inflatable sled down the hill at Center Street Park on January 7. More photos of the storm's fun and pain on page 4.

Officials frustrated with response to tire dumps

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

JACKSON TWP. - Jeffrey Malak, township solicitor, is frustrated by his ongoing, and thus far, unfruitful, letter writing campaign to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Two tire dumps were reported to the DEP in October 2001. One, on Chase Road, contains at least 2,000 tires and the other on Follies Road, over 8,000. Besides being an eyesore, the properties present a potential health risk to the township, he said at the township meeting Jan. 7.

Malak received a letter informing the board the DEP was looking into the matter. "However, they (DEP) want the municipality to be the one to clean it up," Malak said. Both sites have been increasing in numbers for over 10 years, he said. "Still they're telling us we have to use taxpayers' money, municipality money, to fight it if we want to. They have bigger fish to fry."

Malak said the supervisors had informed him the property owners had received compensation for placement of the tires, which might be legal if the owners had proper permits for the tires. "They may have permits," Malak went on to explain. "But it seems to me if they did have permits they would have showed either the DEP or they would have come here and said 'You guys are barking up the wrong tree. We have a permit.'" He added, "No one has done that and it's been going on for about a month and a

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Patriot game

Ellie Thompson stands for the singing of the national anthem prior to the start of the Dallas/Lake-Lehman girl's basketball game last week. The Mountaineers defeated their backyard rivals 44-33. Thompson is the grandmother of Jackie Hardwick, a Dallas player. Story, photos on sports page.



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Regional police force put on hold, for now

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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DALLAS - The dream of a regional police force in Dallas Township and Dallas Borough will remain just that - a dream, at least for now.

Officials from both municipalities have been unable to meet in recent weeks to discuss the possibility of a regional police force, since the township is currently going through arbitration with the Dallas Township Police Department over salaries.

"Everything is on hold right now," said Dallas Township Supervisor Frank Wagner. "We are going into arbitration with the police, and it will be a while until we can start talking about regionalizing again."

But the issue is not dead. Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough manager, said he believes it is only a matter of time before the borough and the town-

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Regional rec complex plans move forward

Baseball league now part of the mix

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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LEHMAN TWP. - The future of the Back Mountain Recreation Association's \$14 million plan for a regional recreation facility is bright.

Ground breaking, originally set for sometime in 2002-03, is going as planned, with construction of outdoor facilities beginning this spring, said Dave Sutton, association president.

"Everything is right on schedule."

Dave Sutton
President
Back Mountain Recreation Association

"Everything is right on schedule," said Sutton. "The land has already been purchased, and right now we are just waiting for the results of topo-

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