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Collision ties up Rt. 309

A two-car crash on Route 309 caused traffic problems Monday night. A car driven by Maria Macosky, 33, of Luzerne struck a car driven by Wendy Warrelmann, 18, of Shavertown, after Warrelmann did not yield the right of way while making a turn onto Pioneer Ave. at 5:30 p.m., police said. Macosky and her three children were treated at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and later released, police said. Kingston Township police responded to the scene and were assisted by the Dallas Police Department, Jackson Township ambulance, Kingston Township rescue and the Trucksville Fire Department.

Lake-Lehman

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cial analysis. "I'm working daily," she said. "I'm trying to reconcile numbers that are not working out." Williams did say she has revised her earlier figure to \$1.3 million though.

"I think what was agreed upon in that meeting was that the numbers would be provided to us and we would have discussion on it before we moved on anything," said Jim Mahon, board member. "We have to keep things going here. We have to get the numbers right, but also we have to be ready to move to save the taxpayers money."

The board decided to meet in a special work session on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. to discuss the money issues with all available financial figures in front of them, before meeting with Lowery in a special voting meeting on Jan. 24, at 5 p.m.

In other business:

- Charles Boytin, board president expressed sadness and regret at the resignation of Edward Richards as Marching Band Director and of Maureen Richards as Assistant Marching Band Director effective at the end of the 2001-2002 school year. Both will continue their regular teaching positions and are only resigning from their voluntary, extra-curricular marching band activity. The husband and wife cited personal reasons and a wish to spend more time on their other academic duties.

- The board has voted to create the two new positions of Indoor Percussion Instructor and Indoor Guard Instructor. Superintendent Bob Roberts thanked Mr. Richards for writing up the job descriptions for the new posts. The positions of marching band director and assistant di-

rector, indoor guard and indoor percussion will be advertised at the same time as volleyball coach and soccer coach. The board will re-advertise for soccer coach, as only three applications were received.

- A letter was received from the Hanover Area school district business manager, sent to all business managers and superintendents in Luzerne County, asking for a meeting to discuss a coalition of school districts to fight tax reassessments having such a negative impact on district finances. Hanover Area was recently hit with a reassessment of \$200,000 on a commercial property. "Wilkes-Barre Area is literally hemorrhaging from these tax rebates," Roberts said. A meeting date is expected soon.

- The board, on the advice of the solicitor, voted to write a tax overpayment check for \$12,195

Toby Creek

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the Back Mountain communities through which it runs. The creek has been the topic of environmental discussions since 1996, when heavy rains and melting snow raised the creek water levels high enough to flood property throughout the creek's path.

Since that time, all three municipalities have been working together to find a solution to the flooding.

"The goals of this project are to stabilize the creek channel, and eliminate flood damage," said Lemmond.

Moskovitz has seen the isolated, but nevertheless high levels of damage the creek has caused in certain parts of Dallas Borough.

"Toby Creek is fairly small in size, but it runs right through the middle (of Dallas Borough)," said Moskovitz. "We have had many problems with storm drain runoff and flooding throughout the borough, and now the state can help us with the consultant group."

Moskovitz said the municipalities were unsuccessful in their attempts to solve the problem, because they lacked knowledge

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State Senator

on environmental issues, but the consultant group should provide the necessary resources to look at all aspects of the creek.

Toby Creek runs through Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township on its way to the Susquehanna River. The river, which dumps into the Chesapeake Bay, has received much attention concerning

cleaning up the water in the river and in the creeks and streams supplying it.

"There is a lot of attention being paid to the Chesapeake Bay, so the Susquehanna River has become more of an issue," said Moskovitz. "This funding should help us in doing our part environmentally."

Lemmond said concerns with Toby Creek and its role in the Chesapeake Bay watershed is "really very premature. We don't know what the project will look like yet."

Acting township manager Kathleen Sebastian said Kingston Township does not have a contact person for the study as of yet, because the township is waiting to hire a full-time manager.

Barberios announce birth of daughter

John and Wendy Barberio, Dallas announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Lynn Barberio. Rachel was born on August 24, 2001 at Mercy Hospital in Scranton. Rachel is the granddaughter of Fran and Helen McGough, Kingston and the late Raymond Wilson, Edwardsville and Vincent and Marlene Barberio, Wilkes-Barre. Rachel is the great granddaughter of Helen Razvillas, Kingston and Ruth Wilson, Edwardsville and Helen Allabaugh, Plymouth. Rachel has a brother Adam, 2.

Inc., and its bonding company, ACSTAR Insurance Co.

- Dave McLaughlin-Smith, principal of Lake-Noxen and Ross elementary schools, presented the board with a review of the PSSA Title I scores. McLaughlin-Smith explained that while Title I criteria, one of which is free and reduced lunch counts, have been cited in statistics as explanation for lower scores by schools with a higher percentage of lower income students, such as Lake-Noxen, a difference of 50 points is not statistically significant and may represent less than one question on the test. The differences in the PSSA scores of the three elementary schools were all smaller than 50 points.

- January is School Director Recognition Month. Superintendent Roberts offered his thanks and awarded each board mem-

ber with a certificate honoring them for volunteering their time and talents to the betterment of the public education of the community.

- Roberts reported the school district will be tightening procedures to verify children moving into the district and living with persons other than parents are indeed legal residents of the district.

The next regular committee-of-the-whole meeting will be held on Feb. 5, following a special meeting for general purposes to be held the same evening at 7 p.m.

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In addition, there will be a special work session, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. and a special meeting, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. addressing the bond refinancing issue.

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