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POST PHOTO/ELIZABETH ANDERSON

John Comitz recently won the Pennsylvania National History Day Teacher of Merit Award (the clock plaque located in the lower left corner) at the state competition and is in the running for the national award in June. The Lake-Lehman History teacher is shown here with two other awards he received through recommendations of his students. Janelle Janiczek chose Comitz as her Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Educator of Distinction last year for which Comitz received this plaque and crystal Coca-Cola bottle. University of Scranton junior Tony Lumbs selected Comitz as the most influential teacher in his education and presented him with the Rose L. Kelly award.

Township official files complaint

Ass't manager says qualifications were changed to exclude her

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
Post Staff

KINGSTON TWP. — Assistant township manager and former acting township manager Kathleen J. Sebastian has filed an administrative complaint against Kingston Township alleging she was a victim of gender discrimination.

The action was filed through

attorney Cynthia R. Vullo. "I have recently forwarded an administrative complaint to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission on (Sebastian's) behalf against the township," said Vullo. "She believes the board of supervisors rejected her application (for township manager) because of unfounded and unlawful concerns, concerning her gender."

According to the complaint, filed on April 25, Sebastian alleged Kingston Township violated the Human Relations Act and

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Signal system will speed emergency response

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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KINGSTON TWP. — Emergency vehicles traveling along Route 309 corridor in the Back Mountain will now be able to save valuable time — at the touch of a finger.

Emergency personnel from throughout the Back Mountain, along with officials from the Pennsylvania Department of

Transportation (PennDOT), Jane Lee, a representative from Governor Mark Schweiker's Northeastern PA office, and State Senator Charles Lemmond dedicated and demonstrated a new emergency traffic signal system May 10 at a ceremony at the Trucksville Fire Department.

"Without the total cooperation of the municipalities of the Back

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POST PHOTO/TIMOTHY J. RAUB

A light flashed back at a police cruiser during a demonstration of the emergency traffic signal system that is now operating at 13 intersections in the Back Mountain. The light tells a driver of an emergency vehicle that the system is operating properly.

7 students going to National History Day

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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They've done it again. John Comitz and his 19 Lake-Lehman High School students made another great showing at the Pennsylvania National History Day (NHD) state competition at Penn State University in State College on May 8 and 9.

Comitz was presented with the National History Day Teacher of Merit Award at

the state ceremonies. The A.P. History instructor was nominated by his colleague, Lake-Lehman English teacher Gail Meeker. Comitz said he was very humbled by the presentation of his award.

"The state coordinator, Avis Kunz, came up to the dais," he explained. "She was very, very laudatory in building up who this teacher was — and then she announced my name."

The award recognizes outstanding educators for their hard work and for innova-

tive history teaching within and outside the classroom. "All the kids from Lake-Lehman went bananas," he added. "They were excited for me."

Comitz won the Pennsylvania NHD Teacher of the Year award at last year's national competition.

Under his enthusiastic guidance, Lake-Lehman has sent students to states the last five years of the seven they have been

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Runoff plagues property that straddles town lines

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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KINGSTON TWP. — It has taken Dr. David Kolesar two and a half years to get some help with the stormwater runoff problem that has plagued his property since he moved in to the Woodridge development that lies across the Kingston and Jackson Township border.

It took only 48 hours for administrators from Kingston Township to lend some help, once asked.

Township Engineer Chris Borton, along with Roadmaster Donald Fritzges and Supervisor J. Carl Goodwin went to

Woodridge Estates Friday, and found problems that have led Kolesar to pay enormous out-of-pocket expenses — he says over \$10,000 — to try to save his property.

Kolesar told the board of supervisors at their May 8 meeting of the constant erosion he has had to deal with along his property, and said he even had to call his own engineer to try to fix the problem on his own.

Kolesar said it is not uncommon to find two to three feet of water in his yard after a moderate rain storm, and with property behind his home up for development, the chances were greater that he would see significantly more stormwater run-off in his yard.

"We knew about the problem before, but we thought that the problems were solved," said Borton. "Mr. Kolesar was very well versed and well prepared, and we took that as a call for help."

Kolesar's home in the Woodridge II subdivision is located in Jackson Township, but the stormwater draining into his property has been coming from lots within the development located in Kingston Township.

After a one-hour walk through the property behind Kolesar's home, Borton, Fritzges and Goodwin found a number of issues and problems they felt the

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Chillin' on a sunny day

Sheryl Fishel, Jen Arthur and Kate Benedetti took a break from helping out at the Children's Spring Festival, held Saturday at College Misericordia and sponsored by the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association. For more photos, turn to the Community Photo Album on page 4.

8 Dallas teachers announce retirement

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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DALLAS TWP. — The Dallas School Board accepted the resignations of eight district teachers May 13.

The board accepted the resignations of: John Chapple, 27 years; Paul Clemm, 35 years; Mary Grace Jones, 33 years; Sally Kennard, 35.5 years; Marilyn Klick, 33.7 years; Gary

Mathers, 22 years; William Straitiff, 36.5 years; and Robert Suppon, 35.5 years.

Dallas Senior High School principal Frank Galicki worked with Mathers, Kennard and Chapple for many years at the school.

"They are three great people, and outstanding educators," said Galicki. "They love the kids, and spend so much time build-

ing the community in the Back Mountain."

The teachers, who have a combined 258 years of service to the district, will retire officially in July.

"Their experiences are going to be sorely missed by the school district, because with experience comes the ability to function within the educational commu-

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Kingston Township officials looked over property in Jackson Township that is being flooded as a result of development just across the township border.