

## Cable fee

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to provide service. Debbie Vanderhoff, system manager for Adelphia's Dallas and Towanda offices said there is no reason to worry.

"The payments are just being delayed a little with Adelphia filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy," she said.

Vanderhoff said all municipalities will receive the money they are owed as soon as the cable company gets started with its reorganizing process.

Harveys Lake Borough Secretary Carole Samson said the borough received approximately \$6,645 in payments from the fourth quarter of 2001 and the first quarter of 2002, but has not received payment for this year's second quarter. She said Harveys Lake annually receives between \$12,000 and \$13,000 from Adelphia annually.

"Right now we're pretty much caught up," said Sampson.

Lehman Township is the only Back Mountain municipality that uses Adelphia that chose not to collect franchise fees.

"We consider that a hidden tax, and decided not to do it," Lehman Township Board of Supervisors chairman Dave Sutton said. "Adelphia came to the board many years ago, and wanted to give franchise fees to the township, but the board chose not to accept the money.

"It's a good thing we didn't," Dallas Borough and Dallas Township are also behind in payments received from Adelphia. Each municipality earmarked approximately \$18,000 in collection of the fee.

Dallas Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz said he had to contact Adelphia on two separate occasions this year in search of franchise fee payments. He said after contacting the troubled cable provider on both occasions, representatives from Adelphia were very cooperative and payments were made, but the borough has yet to receive payment for the second quarter.

"We get a substantial amount (from Adelphia), but we could get along without it," said Dallas Township Supervisor Glen Howell. "We figure (franchise fees) into our budget, but we never know what we are exactly going to get."

Both Kingston and Dallas townships are looking into contacting Adelphia in search of payments.

## Sentence reduced for Harveys Lake man convicted of sexual assault

**WILKES-BARRE** — Brian Sorber of Harveys Lake, was resentenced to 18 to 36 months in county prison and 24 months of probation for sexually assaulting his friend's wife in August 2000. He had been sentenced to 22 to 44 months.

Sorber was sentenced by Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Joseph Augello Monday for aggravated sexual assault.

Sorber was immediately eligible for work release and received credit for time served. He has been barred from contact with his victim.

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"Oh, Mary Mac, all dressed in black, black, black..." Dezhanae Gillett and Jenna Moskaluk do the hand jive.

## Fresh Air

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tions in the country. Dezhanae's mother was a Fresh Air Fund child herself and always wanted her daughter to experience the benefits she gained from the program.

The Moskaluks are one of about six Back Mountain families of this year's 23 area host families. Denise and Randy Moskaluk have three children: Keifer, age 13, Jordan, age 11 and 8-year-old Jenna. This is the second year they have participated in the program, but the first summer they have spent with Dezhanae.

"We are thrilled. She is quite possibly the best little girl I have ever, ever met," said Randy Moskaluk, her host father. "I mean black, white, yellow or purple, she is some little girl." Many of the host families develop a long-term relationship with their Fresh Air Fund kids and have them back year after year. Randy said he would like to have Dezhanae come back for Christmas too. "We would like to see her more than once a year."

With the Moskaluks, Dezhanae camped in the woods, watched the dancing flames of a campfire and learned the best thing about campfires is making s'mores, all for the first time.

"That is what is just so neat, seeing all the firsts," said Denise Moskaluk. "It's two weeks of seeing everything for the first time."

Dezhanae's other firsts included picking wildflowers and raspberries and fishing at North Lake. She even put the worm on the hook herself.

"Denise just told me if the worm was still hanging down to put it on once and then loop it around," Dezhanae said as she explained the baiting process with moving hands and twisting fingers.

"Can I keep it?" she asked, after catching her first fish. Taking it back home to New York City to live in a tank seemed reasonable to her.

The entire Moskaluk family is seeing their familiar world through new eyes. Thirteen-year-old Keifer says "Deedee" is like a sister already, even though he and his brother, Jordan, had reservations about the whole deal when their parents first presented the idea.

"We took it good at the dinner



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There will be no raspberry pie tonight. Somebody is eating more than they are picking! Dezhanae Gillett holds the bowl as her Fresh Air Fund host family picks raspberries in their backyard. Mom, Denise Moskaluk, with son, Keifer and daughter, Jenna. Far left, Tonka stands watchful guard.

table, but then when me and Jordan got in our room, we went, 'Whoa! Wait a minute here.' It was a shock. But it's great now."

Now Keifer is ready to make the trip to New York City with his dad to fetch Deedee for Christmas. Keifer said he delights in Dezhanae's excitement about new experiences.

"She doesn't have lakes where she lives. She really liked it when she got to see Harveys Lake. She thought that was really neat and she was all excited when she saw all the boats," he said as he watched his sister, Jenna, and Dezhanae ride their bikes. "It's pretty neat to see how she reacts to that kind of thing, all this stuff that she doesn't have in New York."

As for Jenna, she and Dezhanae played together like sisters. Dezhanae taught Jenna a few "hand games" like Mary Mac and Rockin' Robin and the two created a secret handshake. They even fuss and gripe a bit at times, but it is rare.

Denise said Dezhanae could see the twin towers of the World Trade Center from where she lives and goes to school in

Brooklyn. "We were talking about that one day, what that (9/11) was like," said Denise. "She was in school when it happened and all the parents came and took their children home."

Dezhanae interjects, "Yeah. We got out early."

"She said she remembers her mommy being on the phone to all her friends, trying to find everybody," said Denise. "From what I understand, after 9/11, Fresh Air Fund had a lot of calls of people wanting to do this."

Randy and Denise would like to see other families become involved with the Fresh Air Fund program and reap the benefits they have enjoyed.

"Bottom line, I think a lot of people miss out and that's a shame," said Randy. "It is not only enriching to the kids' lives, but it's also enriching to ours."

His wife agreed. "Truly, she brought the 'Fresh Air' to us." None of the family wanted to see Dezhanae go home on Monday, including Dezhanae.

"I want to stay and I can bring my mom here," she said, solving all the logistics with the simplicity of a child.

## School construction causing false alarms in Lehman

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**LEHMAN TWP.** — Lehman Township police officers are chasing cats, bats and birds from the Lake-Lehman High School, said Chairman David Sutton at the Lehman Township supervisors' meeting Monday.

The animals are getting into the building and tripping the alarm system, causing officers to spend much of their time answering false 911 calls at the school. Construction at the high school is responsible for the false alarms, which are disturbing nearby residents around the clock, particularly in the early morning hours. Chairman David Sutton said he has contacted Superintendent Robert O. Roberts concerning the problem. Township ordinances permit a \$25 fee to be charged after three false alarms.

Two residents of Fern Ridge Road, Dean Cassaday and Fred Valentine, have proposed paying one half of the cost if Lehman Township will agree to the paving of the road. Roadmaster and supervisor Doug Ide said there were only two instances, Golf Course Road and Hayfield Road, where private individuals have paid for part or all of the paving of township roads. Both instances were to the advantage of the township.

"(Fern Ridge Road) is not a road that we would consider paving in the next 20 years, as far as I'm concerned," said Ide. However, Ide did say Cassaday and Valentine saved the township money over the years in maintenance on the road and paving would ease snow removal in the winter months.

"It would be nice if we could work something out," said Sut-

ton. "It would be nice to be able to work with the residents."

The supervisors agreed to do the prep work on the road and pay one third of the cost of the paving if funds permit and the paving is done to township specifications. They will ask the two Fern Ridge Road residents to submit a proposal to the township engineer.

In other business:

- A zoning permit was denied to Reading Materials, Inc. for a heliport landing surface. This land is zoned M-2, heavy industrial, and does not address the issue. A response from Reading Materials attorney Paul Ober was referred to the township solicitor for review by zoning officer Charles Bartlett.

- Princeton Tower Development Company submitted an application to the zoning officer proposing construction of a 250-foot communication tower. Bartlett said he does not have the authority as zoning officer to issue such a permit and referred the company to the Zoning Hearing Board. Bartlett said there is a wireless communication dead zone along Routes 29 and 118 stretching from Lehman Center to Ricketts Glen and Benton A second tower in Lehman is needed also. Each tower is capable of handling up to eight servers.

- Resident Jack Hanish reminded the supervisors about posting a road sign at Lakeside Drive and a no outlet sign on the private road near it. Supervisor Ide promised to take have the signs posted.

- Lake Silkworth resident Christine Hillard requested the township look into the depth of the swale in front of her property. Ide will contact Hillard to resolve her complaint.

## Kingston Twp.

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system if one is available. Halving's only other alternative was to install 44 individual wells in the development — one for each proposed home.

The board also voted unanimously to initiate the amending of the township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, regarding water supply.

Board vice-chairman J. Carl Goodwin said the decision was based on issues that arose during hearings concerning Windsor Farms.

In other business:
 

- The board voted unanimously to authorize township solicitor Benjamin Jones III to draft a township ordinance authorizing

the township to take over responsibility and maintenance of the roads in the Sleepy Hollow subdivision.

- The purchase of an emergency monitoring system and an alarm at the administrative desk at the municipal building were approved unanimously, but a motion to install lighting at the upper lot at the municipal building was unanimously turned down.

- The board authorized township manager Ed O'Neill to look into purchasing a new police vehicle using a Department of Community and Economic Development grant.

## Kingston Twp. offers compost site

Kingston Township reminds residents that Open Burning Permits are required for all open fires and that Township Ordinance states that only wood, paper, tree branches, tree leaves and yard trimmings may be burned. The ordinance further states that no hazardous or other objectionable condition will be created by such burning.

The Township encourages residents to utilize other methods of disposal of these items, such as the Township compost area at the Center Street Public Works Facility. Residents may haul leaves, branches, and yard trimmings to this site instead of burning.

The compost site hours are: April through November 30 of each year: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to dark; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

December 1 through March 30 of each year: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 a.m. to dark; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents with questions about open burning or the compost site may call the Township Administrative Office at 696-3809, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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