

## Strobe lights

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taining the lights for the district took on new urgency a year and a half ago when two girls from North Pocono were killed while driving when they became blinded by sun glare and ran into the back of a school bus. The overwhelming sentiment between the three was if the strobe lights, which can overcome sun glare, had been on the buses then, the accident could possibly have been averted.

"In mountainous areas espe-

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**Jeff Emanuel**  
Emanuel's Bus Lines

cially, with all of the fog we get, we definitely need them" said Griffiths. The lights can be seen in a variety of situations that traditional lights cannot, such as in fog and sun glare. Currently, strobe lights are on emergency vehicles as well as some Amtrak passenger trains.

After coming to a dead end with grant money, a fund was started to collect donations for The Dallas School Bus Safety Project. Several local groups, business owners and private persons have donated money towards the project. Emanuel volunteered to donate the time and labor toward the project by offering to install the lights at no cost.

The strobe light is the third safety measure to be added to the buses in the Dallas area school district since the early 1990s. Although the amendment to the vehicle code was never passed in its entirety, portions of the 1992 amendment were passed throughout the 1990s. The school bus stop arm for the front of the bus was passed into law in 1992, the front bumper arm was passed into law in 1998, and the strobe light was passed into law in



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**Tom Dombroski** who spearheaded the project and members of the community who donated time and money to help secure the school bus strobe lights. From left to right: Joyce Dombroski-Gebhardt, Ernest Ashbridge, Tom Dombroski, Tom Reese-aid to senator Lemmond, Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Jeff Emanuel, Larry Hildert, Bob Nause.

2001, but is not mandated. The rear stop safety arm is the last item in the amendment that remains currently unpassed.

According to Dombroski, who said he polled districts in our area, Dallas will be the only district to have strobe lights on all of its buses, with the exception of North Pocono.

"It drives some of the people nuts, but it does make them aware. Anything that will keep the kids safe is our top priority," said Emanuel about his reasons for donating his company's time and labor to the project.

### How you can help

Because the strobe lights are not mandated by state law, the school district cannot use its funds to pay for them.

The following businesses and individuals have donated funds to purchase and install = lights on Dallas buses.

American Asphalt, Dallas Kiwanis, Rotary, Excell Commercial Fund, Tom Dombroski, Top Value Kitchens, Basic Business Forms, Michael Dombroski Construction, Dallas Lions Club, Jack Barbose

If you would like to join the list of donors that have contributed to this project, send check or money order to:

The Dallas School Bus Safety Project  
First National Community Bank  
169 North Memorial Highway  
Shavertown PA 18708  
The cost of each light is \$65.

## Alert, nearby cop foils robbery at gas station

By **JOLYN RESNICK**  
Special to The Dallas Post

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Bob Jones says the stroke of luck that had a township police officer in the area of Lehman Center, near his Sunoco station Sunday, provided him with some relief.

Officer Damian Hoover said he saw the front glass door smashed and alarm sounding at the service station at 3:49 a.m. A short time after the burglary occurred, a vehicle leaving the area was stopped and two suspects taken into custody at Route 415 and 42nd Street.

"There were two guys in the car," Jones said. Both were in their mid to early 20s. In the trunk, police found the unopened cash drawer from the Sunoco station — and the \$230 that was inside.

Jones also said police found gloves in the car that might match the glove prints left behind when \$250, eight packs of cigarettes and 14 Lotto tickets were stolen last Sunday.

One suspect, Scot Michael

Rose, 30, of Ashley, was charged with two charges of burglary, theft, receiving stolen property, criminal trespass, criminal conspiracy, and possession of instruments of crime, and criminal attempt, Hoover said.

Rose is in the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for lack of \$40,000 cash bail.

"I'm glad he's in jail," Jones said. "There's a sense of relief."

The other man had a broken leg and probably didn't get out of the car, Jones said. Hoover said the other man, Thomas Chaffman, Wilkes-Barre, will be charged with criminal conspiracy.

Hoover said Dallas Borough and Dallas Township police and state police at Wyoming assisted.

Jones's Sunoco station was one of a string of township homes and businesses burglarized in the past few weeks. Police said last week they believe the house and the business burglaries are not related.

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## Virus

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set all over the county, including throughout the Back Mountain.

Heffron explained that even if one of the birds from the Back Mountain tested positive for the virus, because of the distance the birds typically cover, there would be no way to tell if the virus was contracted in our area or somewhere up to 30 miles away.

Heffron suggested that safety

precautions are always a good idea. If outside after 6 p.m., she suggested people wear long sleeves and pants. If a bug repellent is to be used, for it to be effective, it needs to contain DEET.

For children the repellent should contain no more than 10 percent DEET while adults should use a repellent that contains 25 percent DEET.

### Prison run to aid Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Prison inmates at the Chase Prison will be running inside their prison walls on September 28 to raise money for Big Brother/Big Sister type organizations. The Pennsylvania Prison Runathon is recognized as the largest inmate volunteer effort in the world. To sponsor the event contact CentrePeace at 814-353-9081.

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