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L-L district changing student trips

Traditional senior trip to Washington is still undecided

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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LEHMAN TWP. — The Lake-Lehman School District recently added itself to the list of districts not willing to send students to areas under high terror alert designations. The district is seeking out alternative destinations for four trips.

Bob Roberts, district Superintendent, said when he brought up the subject of possibly cancelling the trips at March's school board meeting, the board "looked at me like I had three heads."

Since then, Dallas School District, Wilkes-Barre Area and Wyoming Area have made similar decisions to cancel trips.

Roberts said after talking with school principals and class advisors, he has decided that trips to Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore will be changed.

"We're looking at how we can still provide an educational experience for kids while staying away from major metropolitan areas," said Roberts.

He said the decision will affect all of the district's schools with the exception of the middle school.

"I think Dr. Griffiths (Superintendent of Dallas School District) put it so well the other day," said Roberts. "It just doesn't make sense to send them into the city where there's protests and armored vehicles."

Among the trips being changed is an eighth grade trip to visit the Statue of Liberty and Rockefeller Center in New York.

Roberts said it is looking like it will be "tough" to identify alternative sites, and he does not want to send students

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Bringing history alive

Craig Thomas portrayed famed attorney Clarence Darrow in his individual performance at the Regional History Day competition, held March 29 on the campus of Penn State Wilkes-Barre. He won first place and a trip to the state level competition in May. List of local winners, more photos on page 8.

Merchants give warm reception to 'downtown' revitalization

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS — Downtown revitalization in Dallas Borough is coming closer to reality as business owners sign up to participate.

Business owners from the area met last week to learn more about revitalization plans for the downtown district. The visioning committee's downtown task force hosted the meeting, which included a virtual presentation of possible changes. More than 20 people, including some borough officials, attended.

Nancy Eckert, chairperson of the downtown task force, said her group

"Some of it was really good. We're excited about the flowers and the benches."

Maryanne Ochman
Ochman Coins and Jewelry

felt it was time to involve business owners.

"The downtown merchants are all part of what this thing is about. The committee felt that we were trying to do something nice for the downtown and we wanted their input and cooperation," said Eckert.

After the presentation, nine out of the 10 business owners present indicated

they would begin forming a downtown Dallas merchants association to help in securing revitalization funds. They plan to meet next month to start the process.

Some of the changes discussed at the meeting and seen in the presentation included the addition of flower boxes to buildings on Main Street and other downtown areas, the placement of pow-

er lines underground and the addition of decorative lamp posts.

Many of the changes the task force and the borough are interested in making to the downtown would require money from outside funding sources.

Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager, said Bill Fontana, executive director of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center, suggested last summer that businesses start a merchants' association to aid in acquiring the necessary funding.

Moskovitz said when reviewing requests for monies, funding agencies will look to see if there is a unified effort —

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Effort underway to focus on Toby's Creek

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS — Does anyone even know Toby's Creek runs through Dallas Borough's downtown? People forming a watershed association for the creek want to make it an integral part of the downtown.

Applying through the borough, the master plan task force of the visioning committee recently applied for a \$5,000 Growing Greener grant to help set up the association. The association, much like others in the region, will oversee the health and quality of the creek as well as provide a vehicle to obtain funding for aesthetic enhancements.

The creek begins in Dallas Township, then descends through parts of Dallas Borough and Kingston Township before it exits the Back Mountain and dumps into the Susquehanna River through Edwardsville.

In the borough, the creek runs along Memorial

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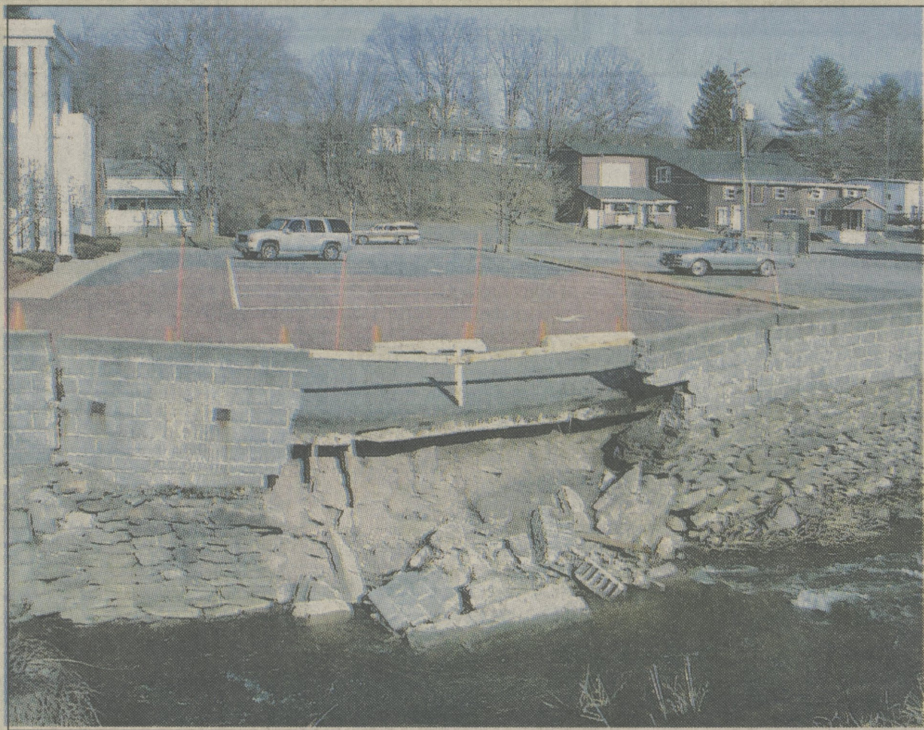


PHOTO BY JAMES YOUNGMAN

A portion of the wall that supports the parking lot at the Snowden Funeral Home in Shavertown has collapsed into Toby's Creek.

Piece of wall falls into creek

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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SHAVERTOWN — Severe weather is being blamed for the collapse a week ago of a section of wall along Toby's Creek behind Snowden Funeral Home.

Repair plans for the wall may include eliminating the 40-year-old structure altogether.

Days of swollen water levels in the creek, due to snowmelt and rain, caused the wall to break away from its foundation, said Tony Barbose, project manager for American Asphalt, the company hired to make repairs. The wall fell into the creek, taking part of the

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Lots of choices in elections

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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BACK MOUNTAIN — With more than twice the number of candidates than there are seats available in several

Contested races in both school districts, many towns

Back Mountain communities, this year's primary elections have shaped up to be the most competitive in years.

Some communities could see entirely new majorities. Harveys Lake Borough and

Kingston and Franklin townships lead the way in contested elections.

Four vacancies at Harveys Lake means a majority of the seven seat council is up for grabs. There are a total of nine candidates, five of which are Republican.

Republicans on the ballot are Maryellen Prescott, Francis Kopko, George Andrews and Sandra Serhan. Democrats running are Bernie Ozovek, Diane Dwyer, Daniel Blaine, Clarence Hogan and Robert Prescott.

Three supervisor seats are open in Kingston Township in a community that has a total of five seats on the board. Jeffrey Box, former township manager is among the list of eight candidates vying for the positions.

Beside Box, the other Republicans are Christopher Yankovich, David Jenkins, Neil Allen, John Versari, Gerald Fritzges and Sean McAndrew. Christopher Concert is running as a Democrat.

Allen, Versari and Yankovich were appointed to the board a year ago following the deaths of long-time supervisors William Tippett and Herbert Hill, and the resignation of Randall Glidden, who moved from the township.

There is one seat open in Franklin Township where three Republicans are trying to capture the republican nomination, Edward Kraynak, Martin Murray and Robert Zeb Redmond. Democrat Robert Wineman is also running.

Dallas Borough has an unusually high number of seats open, one of them

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