

# Wall

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business's parking lot with it.

"Water gets under there and all it takes is a little to undermine it and then it really goes to town," said Barbose, adding that water under the footers caused the damage.

He said the age of the wall also factored into the loss of its integrity. He estimated the wall was built in the early 1960s.

According to Barbose, no decision has been made about what method the funeral home will choose to repair the fallen wall. American Asphalt has provided Snowden with several options, from completely replacing the wall with concrete, to metal-enclosed stone similar to the system used at Dr. Francis Collini's office nearby, to eliminating the wall altogether and creating a slope.

The funeral home was asked to comment for this story, but did not reply.

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**Bill Eck**  
Kingston Township Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Barbose said the length of the project will depend on the repair option Snowden chooses. The simplest repair could take several weeks, while others could take up to two months.

Bill Eck, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for Kingston Township, said because the wall belongs to Snowden, there is no specific timeline they have to follow to make repairs to the wall.

"It's his property; he has secured the area as well as possible," said Eck.

The business has put an orange snow fence around the area and 2 by 4 wood boards to block the collapsed area from traffic.

Mark Carmon, Community Relations Coordinator with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said because the wall is along a waterway, all replacement plans will have to be reviewed by the agency.

He said the portions of the wall that fell into the creek do not pose a pollution threat, but the material would need to be removed because it could cause a flooding hazard.

Carmon said certain permits may be required to do the work and that the scope of the work would determine which ones, if any, would be necessary.

"If they have to get in there, or alongside the creek, they will need to apply for an encroachment permit," said Carmon.

"We are aware of the problem and will be working with the consultant," he said.

## Lake-Lehman School Board meetings for April

The regular monthly committee-of-the-whole meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, April 8 in the Music Room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, Lehman. The regular monthly meeting for general purpose will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. also in the Music Room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

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Dallas High School FBLA members who are going to state competition. From left, seated: Chelsea Calhoun, Jon Baker, Jillian Libenson. Standing: Peter Van Loon (club president), Nick Stredny, Jered Weinstock, Alan Snider, Justin Singer, Dave Shultz, Steve Losh. Absent from photo, Andrew Van Loon.

## Toby's Creek

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Highway, under Fino's Pharmacy and Main Street and then crosses under the highway three times before it exits the borough. The idea to enhance the creek's visibility and viability has been discussed regularly at visioning meetings.

"It's turning your mindset," said Joe Moskovitz, Borough Manager. "I think it's wonderful to have a stream running through the middle of the downtown."

Mark Carmon, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said highlighting waterways, no matter what the size, is a trend being done throughout the state.

"Allentown, Philly, Pittsburgh are all doing work on their waterfronts," he said, but not it's "smaller" communities are putting in walking paths, picnic areas. It can be taking advantage of what you have — taking advantage of the natural beauty of the stream," said Carmon.

Moskovitz said he thinks the creek is one of the "many amenities" in the borough that haven't been taken advantage of. He said highlighting the creek is part of the overall improvement the borough has been working toward through the visioning process, to make the area a destination place, a "pleasant place to visit."

He said the plan to highlight the creek could include adding walking paths and benches to create a "quaint ambience."

In addition, he said all of the development in the area is another factor that can negatively affect the creek.

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**Mark Carmon**  
PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

"It's about adding greenery to the streetscape," said Moskovitz. Moskovitz said earlier in the year, two areas were identified for "greening" projects by Vinnie Cotrone, Urban Forester from the Penn State Cooperative Extension.

One of them is located on Main Street between Bufalino law office and White's Appliance Store.

The other, he said, is between 415 and Carr's Beverages.

The borough will not find out if it has been awarded the grant until summer. If it is, Carmon said startup funds are typically used to create an initial watershed survey to map the creek, any wetlands, feeder streams and negative environmental impacts. Other monies could go toward education.

He said ongoing water quality testing would be important.

"Over the years there have been underground storage leaks along the highway that would have a (negative) impact," Carmon said.

In addition, he said all of the development in the area is another factor that can negatively affect the creek.

Through the association, Carmon said "they'll be able to do whatever they feel is important to protect the watershed."

According to Carmon, the group could apply for additional Growing Greener grants for a variety of projects from stream bank restoration to ongoing water quality testing.

To achieve the park-like setting the borough wants, Carmon said officials could apply for grants through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as well as the Department of Community and Economic Development.

"I think it's key to the future development in the borough that we highlight the creek," said Moskovitz.

"When tying it into the Back Mountain visioning process that's all quality of life issues," said Carmon.

"I've lived in the Back Mountain almost all my life and that would be a big improvement."

# 11 DHS business club students make states

By NICOLE PUGLIESE  
Dallas Post Intern

DALLAS TWP. — The Dallas High School FBLA (Future Business Leadership Association) is sending 11 students to state competition next week, its largest contingent ever.

The FBLA Region 16, of which Dallas is a member, is the largest region in the state. Students earn a trip to states by taking tests on a variety of business topics they have chosen to focus on.

The Dallas High club has 65 members. Mrs. Linda Shrader has been the advisor for the past five years. "I enjoy working with the students," she said. "I am looking for a student to win and go to nationals in Dallas, Texas."

The idea of establishing FBLA at Dallas High School was brought up by Principal Frank Galicki.

Students earned invitations to states at a competition February 10 at West Side Vo-Tech.

Adam Snider (Who is the first region officer and also treasurer), Jon Baker (Sgt. at Arms) and

Nick Stredny (secretary) are in the top 10 in the state for Business Plan. Chelsea Calhoun received first place in Introduction to Business Communications. Jillian Libenson received fifth place in International Business. Andrew Van Loon placed second in Business Math, and Jered Weinstock was fifth place. Justin Singer and Dave Shultz placed second in Network Design.

Peter Van Loon, who is the president this year, has been part of FBLA for three years. "I joined the club because of my friends, and I thought it would be quite an experience," he said. "It has been a lot of fun." Peter received third place in Business Calculations.

Steve Losh, who has been in FBLA for four years and has been to states three times, won first place in C++. "I felt pretty good, I was pretty nervous competing," he said.

The state competition will be held near Pittsburgh April 7-9.

"This year is going very well the enrollment is very high," said Mrs. Shrader proudly.

## Legion collecting items for troops

Dallas American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 672 is preparing to send packages to our troops overseas. They are sending donations to help fill the packages. Anyone who would like to donate may drop off a donation at the Dallas American Legion Post lobby from March 25 to April 25. A box will be set up to take donations in. Non-perishables only will be accepted. Some suggestions are: heavy black socks, eye drops, lip balm, sunscreen, baby wipes, stationary, pens, envelopes, stamps, calling cards, tissues, tooth brushes-paste, deodorant, hard candy-jelly beans. If any questions please call 674-4908, 477-2611 or 287-9946.

## Harveys Lake Crime Watch meeting

The Harveys Lake Crime Watch Program is reorganizing and the public is invited to take part.

The meeting will be held at the Harveys Lake Recreation Center on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

## Frances Slocum Earth Day cleanup

There will be an Earth Day cleanup at Frances Slocum State Park on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. - noon. Volunteers are needed to help with litter pick up, leaf raking, etc. Groups of 8 or more should call to register. Meet at the Visitor Center for assignments. For information call 696-9105.

## Meadows offers AARP Driving Program

The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, has joined with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to offer a "55 Alive/Mature Driving" Course. AARP developed the program to help drivers 50 years of age or older to improve their driving skills. Participants receive a state mandated 5 percent discount on their auto insurance for three years.

The sessions will be held Friday, May 9 and Friday May 16, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the center. Pre-registration and enrollment is required.

Course fee is \$10 and participants must attend both sessions. To register, call volunteer department at 675-8600, Ext 195.

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