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Hand-made quilt raffle is highlight of St. Paul's festival. Pg 16.

## Clearcutting trees blamed for excessive runoff

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
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**DALLAS BOROUGH** — A resident of Woodlawn Avenue said since clearcutting on Sago Street began, her property has become the route for vast amounts of muddy runoff.

Amy Zeiss said a little runoff from Sago Street (which runs directly behind Woodlawn) has always come through her back yard, run through a foot-wide ditch and then exited out the front.

But for about the last month, around the same time the clearcutting began, the mi-

nor runoff has turned into something altogether different.

"The volume is unbelievable; it looks like there's a river coming through our yard," said Zeiss.

On Tuesday, a day after the last heavy storm, remnants of the flow still remained, puddles and mud covering much of her once grassy yard.

She said on Monday, she watched the water come down Sago Street, turn toward the township park and enter her property. The water then flowed out and flooded Woodlawn Avenue and Foster Street.

"We never had muddy water like the

mighty Mississippi coming through," Zeiss remarked.

She said the water was flowing about a foot deep. Leftover mud and water showed evidence of a flow approximately 50-foot wide at some points. She said she was surprised the water didn't make its way into her basement, since it was up against the foundation.

The developer of the Sago Street property, Tom Dombroski, has been found in violation of the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law by the Luzerne County Conservation

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## Land owner cited for cut

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
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**DALLAS TWP.** — The Luzerne County Conservation District has found the owner of clearcut land on Sago Street in violation of four aspects of the Clean Streams Law.

An inspection report filed August 7 details Tom Dombroski had land from Sago Street to an unnamed Toby's Creek tributary cleared without first gaining an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. The report states See CITED, pg 8 he failed to protect a nearby stream.

## Burn ban vote put off for month

By VICKI KEIPER  
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**KINGSTON TWP.** — Fire and war dominated discussions at the Kingston Township Supervisors work session Monday night. Residents filled the meeting room to express concerns over a proposed burning ban as well as problems with storm runoff in several neighborhoods near Dug Road.

After listening to over a dozen opinions on the proposed burning ban, the supervisors voted 4-1 to table the topic until next month's meeting. Supervisor Christopher Yankovich suggested more discussion before giving the first reading and Supervisor John Versari agreed, stating that they want "to get it right."

The ordinance, which would ban open fires except for campfires, cooking food, or agricultural use, will not be passed right away, said Supervisor Chairman Paul Sabol. Each reading must be voted on and published before the creation of any bans, he said.

Rosaria Shaver, whose petition campaign against the ban garnered 350 signatures, gave each supervisor a copy of the petition before reading a letter explaining her stand on the issue.

She said that she understood that many people don't like burning but stated that burning "makes life convenient." Shaver pointed out that the

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## Culture clash

The old Huntsville met the new this weekend when a horse-drawn wagon and minivan reached the five corners intersection at Huntsville Reservoir. Story, more photos from Huntsville Days on page 4.

## A soldier returns

# Seabee Chris Ross delighted to be home

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
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**TRUCKSVILLE** — Christopher Ross finally made it home from war Wednesday, a bit the worse for wear but nevertheless happy to gingerly wrap his arms around sons Christopher, 6, and Jacob, 5.

A crowd of family members, friends and co-workers greeted Ross, a Naval Reserve seabee, when he arrived at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport Wednesday evening. He had spent more than a month in a military hospital after suffering life-threatening injuries in an accident in Iraq.

It has been a long journey home.

Judi Ross said from the time two Navy officers knocked on her door at 1 a.m. one late June day until she flew to the hospital in Texas, all she could think about was getting herself to her husband as soon as possible.

"I knew it was war, but honestly, I

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## Board, business manager clash on finances

By TARA BENNINGER  
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**LEHMAN TWP.** — Tensions were high at the Lake-Lehman School Board meeting, as Angelo DeCesaris once again questioned Business Manager Kathleen Williams about the district's financial status. In response, Williams simply told DeCesaris that she could not come up with his numbers.

"They are not my numbers, they are your numbers," DeCesaris responded.

Williams told the board she had mistakenly added a number when she

should have subtracted, and this made a \$175,000 positive difference.

Trying to get to the bottom of the situation, DeCesaris asked Williams, "Do you still anticipate a \$400,000 operational deficit?"

Williams's response was, "I don't have those numbers and I didn't bring those notes with me." Williams also informed the board that she hadn't

*"They are not my numbers, they are your numbers."*

Angelo DeCesaris

School director "Mrs. Williams, I

would think that you'd be concerned about that since we canceled projects, waiting to decide based on the numbers," said DeCesaris, maintaining his composure.

Board member Jim Mahon then spoke up. "There have been questions

worked on those numbers and she hadn't been in her office in a week.

Williams informed the board that she could not have solid numbers to them until the September meeting. She said the problem for her is that there are still change orders coming through on the middle school construction project.

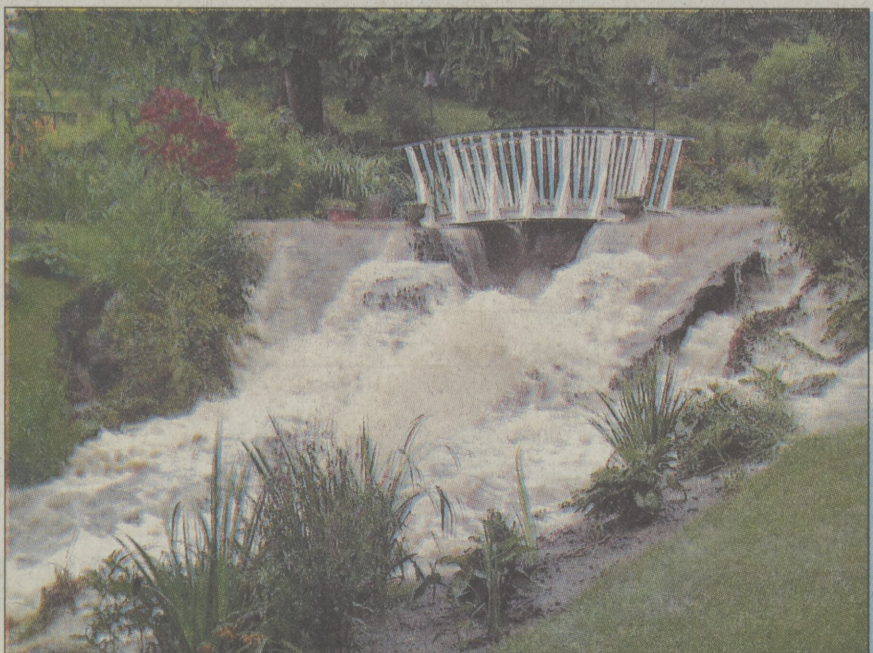
"Maybe we need to bring in somebody who can look at our numbers, so

about numbers the past few meetings, and I'm voting based on those numbers. I'd like to know, as a board member, what they really are."

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## Flash flood

A deluge on Monday quickly filled streams and ponds, creating problems on highways and in back yards. This was the scene near the intersection of Pioneer and Overbrook avenues in Dallas. More photos on page 8.



POST PHOTO/ ERIN YOUNGMAN

## Dallas parent questions safety of bus stop

By ERIN YOUNGMAN  
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**DALLAS** — A new resident of the Ondish Hills development in Dallas Township told the board of directors Monday, he doesn't think the walk to the closest bus stop is safe for students.

Al Kornak said for his children and others from his development to get to their assigned bus stop on Roosevelt Street, they have to walk along the windy

Ondish Road that has no sidewalks. Kornak said visibility on the road is poor, especially during inclement weather such as rain and or fog.

"I was just wondering if you guys think it's a safe thing for the elementary school kids to walk along that road to catch the bus early in the morning and in inclement weather?" asked Kornak rhetorically.

Kornak said although 45 See BUS STOP, pg 2

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