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Navy reservist Christopher Ross embraced his oldest son Christopher on arriving at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport Wednesday night. His wife Judi hugged the Trucksville couple's other son, Jacob, as Ann Galanda, Judi's mother, held back tears.

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never thought something like this would happen," she said recently.

"I never thought for one day he would be injured and maybe not come back."

Judi and Chris Ross live in Trucksville with their two sons. Chris, an employee of Commonwealth Telephone, was called up and went off to war in the Middle East in February. While in Iraq in June, he was the victim of an electrical explosion that burned 60 percent of his body.

Judi said although it was in the back of her mind that Chris could sustain injury while on duty, it certainly wasn't her focus. She said when the officers came to her door that night to tell her the news, it was a complete shock.

"The first thing that went through my mind was that he was dead," she said, recalling that night. "I didn't know they came for accidents, dressed in full uniforms and holding a folder."

One day later she was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, at Brooke Army Medical Center, where Chris had been transported after the accident.

A Navy construction electrician, Chris had been working on an electrical panel with a fellow seabee, when a freak accident occurred.

The seabee working with Chris told Judi "he heard a wrench drop (on a transformer) and that he knew something terrible had happened. He heard the explosion and then saw that he (Chris) was on fire. He immediately tried to put Chris out," she said.

The next call she received was from Germany where Chris had been taken. She said from there, a burn team was flown in from San Antonio to move Chris to the burn unit at Brooke Army Medical Center.

"He was morbidly ill," said Judi. "There were times when he (the doctor) said he would not make it."

Chris sustained burns on 60 percent of his body and that his physician told Judi with burns that extensive, there were a va-

riety of things that could go wrong.

Judi said the support of their friends and family has been tremendous throughout the ordeal. Chris's brother has been in Texas since the beginning and Judi's mother and father have also spent a great deal of time there.

Judi said her family has been overwhelmed with cards and offers of financial help, so much

so that the family has set up the Chris Ross Burn Fund at Cross Valley Federal Credit Union.

Once he was moved out of the intensive care unit, Chris began to comprehend his injuries.

"When you're in I.C.U. you're not really aware. He's been through multiple surgeries and is coming to grips with what happened and how extensive

the burn was."

The hardest thing for both of them was being away from their children. "To just be reunited with the kids — that's the main focus."

Even now, there is a long road to recovery ahead.

"With a burn it's a very long process, there's good days and bad days," Judi said. "It's definitely an up and down roller coaster ride."

Friction surfaces over Ag Security Area land

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JACKSON TWP. — When questioned about the Agriculture Security Act, at the August 13 Jackson Township Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor and Chairman of the Agriculture Security Council Andrew Kasko didn't have many answers. The document has yet to be submitted correctly, even though it was passed, with a few changes, a month ago.

Supervisor Al Fox questioned whether or not names had been removed from the list, as voted on last meeting. Kasko said he "didn't know nothing about removing names."

Later in the meeting Fox commented to Kasko, "it's a shame that we have to tell you what's going on after 12 years."

Fox requested that the Agriculture Security Act be submitted properly to solicitor Jeffrey Malak to be submitted for public review.

In other news, the township has never seen revenues as high as they have been since Andrew Sholtis became the zoning officer, Fox said. He requested that the board advertise for a part-time zoning officer to work

with Sholtis, when needed. Kasko objected, saying that if Sholtis needed help he would have requested it. Fox said the part-time help would be on an as needed basis. In a 2-1 vote, the board decided to advertise for one month for an assistant zoning officer.

Richard Malak of Salansky Rd., requested that the board review his road, and send a letter to the Lake-Lehman School District. The district has decided to not send a school bus down Salansky Rd. since Jackson Township sent a letter saying the road was unsafe for a school bus. Malak asked the board to investigate that further, suggesting that if the road is unsafe for a school bus, then is it possible that it is also unsafe for emergency vehicles.

Ed Chesnovitch asked that the board look into getting Jackson Township its own zip code. The confusion of having multiple town names and zip codes could lead to serious problems for 911 dispatchers, which has already been a problem in the past, added Chairman Wilkes.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be Sept. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Dallas Harvest Festival scheduled

Dallas Borough and the Dallas Community Harvest Festival Task Force announce the Dallas Community Harvest Festival, scheduled for Sunday, September 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. The event will take place, rain or shine, on Main St., Dallas, between the Route 415 intersection and Huntsville Road.

The festival will showcase the Back Mountain's agricultural heritage with a farmer's market. An apple-pie baking contest, Master Gardener consultations and 4-H activities and displays. In addition, entertainment, crafts and food vendors are scheduled, and a trolley route will be designated to facilitate parking.

Participation by area merchants is anticipated to feature special sale events and sidewalk sales, and a judging will take place for the Main Street Flower Box Contest. The contest is open to all Main Street businesses.

For more information about the festival or vendor participation, contact the Dallas Borough Municipal Building office at 675-1389. Farmer's market inquiries should be directed to Mike McDavid, Penn State Cooperative Extension at 675-9274.

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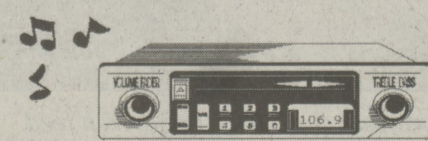
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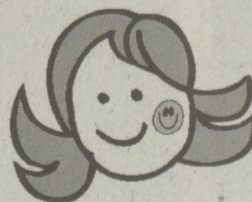


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Noxen Historical Ass'n open house

The Noxen Historical Community Association will hold an open house Sunday, August 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Noxen School House on School Street. Refreshments will be provided.

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