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Two to be cited in crash

Lehman Township Police Chief Howard Kocher said both drivers will be cited after an accident Wednesday morning at the intersection of Old Route 115 and Mountain View Drive, near Lake-Lehman High School. Kocher said a Pontiac Bonneville driven by Chad Casterline, 16, pulled onto Old Route 115 in the path of a Ford pickup truck driven by Gerald Vitale, 24, or Edwardsville. Kocher said witnesses said the pickup was traveling at a high rate of speed before impact.

In photo, emergency medical officials lifted Angela Wagner, 14, onto a stretcher. She was a passenger in the Pontiac. The car's air bag inflated, but she was not wearing a seat belt, and was thrown into the windshield.

Erosion

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bales had been added. The notice states two main issues still remain. Dombroski has failed to submit an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. The plan was originally due prior to the clearcutting. It was requested on August 7 to be turned in to the Luzerne County Conservation District by August 21. Moss said Wednesday it still had not been received.

In addition, the report states a 10 foot wide, 400 foot long disturbed area along the creek still requires stabilization. Until it is attended to, the creek is in danger of being polluted, said Moss, who conducted the follow-up inspection.

"He's still in violation because there is still a potential for pollution. If it rains hard there will be pollution," he said.

Dombroski is required to submit the Erosion and Sedi-



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Hay bales, mulch and grass seed now cover some of the ground where trees were cut down.

mentation Plan by September 1. Until one is submitted and approved,

work at the site is not permitted. No other penalties ap-

ply at this point.

Dombroski has said he intends to fill the area and make home lots. The property is divided into nine lots.

Roundabout

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not set in stone." One issue that has been hanging on the roundabout vote is the possible "big box" retail development in Dallas Township at the old Yalick farm property. The developer has been prevented from moving forward until the borough council approved some sort of plan to ease traffic in the five-points area.

The roundabout idea came up as an alternative to the developer's proposed solution of turning Lake Street one-way, an option, council opposes. It has been understood that with the roundabout plan approved, the developer will be granted a highway occupancy permit and be able to move forward with his development.

However, the way the resolution was written, the developer will have to wait for a permit until PennDOT gains funding for the roundabout or "another mitigation project" and has a traffic improvement project definitely planned.

Two other stipulations that were written into the resolution require that Lake Street remain two-way and that any traffic circle or roundabout be constructed to accommodate all types of pedestrian traffic.

Some members of the local business community voiced concern about the impact of such a traffic pattern on their trade. They said they were unsure about whether the roundabout would make it difficult for patrons to enter and exit their establishments.

"How's the turnaround (roundabout) going to affect Fino's Pharmacy?" asked Dominic Fino.

Kathy Kupstas, Council President, responded, "Our other concern, aside from pedestrians, are the businesses." She added she wouldn't know how

"It's just one thing being considered, it's definitely not set in stone."

Dave Krisanda
PennDOT spokesperson

the businesses would be affected until planning got underway.

"Myself, as a business owner, would I have a say — if it's going to do something harmful to my business, do I have a voice?" asked Fino.

"Yes you do. I certainly agree with you. I don't want to see anything negative happen to any business at all," Kupstas answered.

Henry Steuben told council he had concerns about how a roundabout would accommodate pedestrians. "I don't think it's very pedestrian friendly," he said. "PennDOT doesn't allow pedestrian traffic across or

through a roundabout, which would make it very difficult for someone to get from Fino's to the Post Office."

Later, Michael MacDowell, President of College Misericordia, who has taken an active role in the discussions between PennDOT and the borough, addressed concerns about pedestrian traffic. "We all worry about the pedestrians, but we have to ask ourselves what are the alternatives?" questioned MacDowell. "The alternatives were making Lake Street one-way, which people involved in the visioning said was untenable and, or running a four-lane highway right in the middle of our town, which people have also said is untenable. So I think it's incumbent upon those who might disagree with the roundabout to come up with an alternative."

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Council places conditions on roundabout plan

Here are excerpts from the Dallas Borough Council resolution asking that PennDOT place a roundabout study on its agenda:

"Whereas the borough recognizes the potential future development both within its boundaries and neighboring communities will likely further degrade the level of service at said intersections and one proposed measure that has been suggested to alleviate is the construction of a circle or roundabout at said intersection."

The council placed three stipulations on its resolution:

"Permitted on the following, that PennDOT will not issue any highway occupancy permit for any use that will degrade the current level of service at the intersection until the traffic circle or other mitigation project is approved funded and calendared for fast track implementation."

"Any proposed mitigation project will permit Lake Street to remain a two way street."

"That if a traffic circle or roundabout is ultimately approved and constructed that it accommodate the needs of all types of pedestrian traffic."

Bartoo released on bail

WILKES-BARRE — The former girlfriend of Hugo Selenski was released from prison Wednesday after her stepfather posted \$500 bail.

The posting will allow Carey Bartoo to remain free pending her trial on drug charges and other charges.

Bartoo is the mother of one of Selenski's three children. She has been questioned in connec-

tion with a homicide investigation that began in June, when the bodies of five people were uncovered at the Kingston Township home Selenski shared with another woman.

Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Peter Paul Olszewski Jr. ordered Bartoo to obtain full-time employment within 10 days as part of the conditions of her release.

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