

Response

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thing go behind our back." Frank Wagner, vice chairman of the board, assured Dodson nothing would be done without Dodson's knowledge.

Officers of the Dallas department described the new sequence to the supervisors at a meeting Thursday. They said only 20 hours on weekends are affected, and Kunkle would be the third department called out during that time.

Dodson said the Kunkle department has been the second call for emergencies in the township since 1992.

Responding to a question from the public, Wagner said a regional study planned by the Back Mountain Council of Governments had been put on hold.

"Right now we have to tread water," he said, since the state has offered no assurance that a hoped-for \$50,000 grant would come through. Wagner serves as president of the COG.

The supervisors also voted to enact an illegal-parking ordinance as soon as it can be drafted and advertised. It would ban illegal parking on township roadways between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., with fines set at \$15 for the first offense and \$25 for each violation thereafter.

Leaf pickup will take place the week of Nov. 17-21. Residents are asked to place bagged leaves near the curb, not to rake leaves onto road shoulders.

Ranger Rick

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across the nation on the advisory panel.

"You see what I'm saying here about why I wanted to be an advisor," Ezra pointed out, referring to the word balloon above his picture on the advisors' page of the September issue. "I like to learn about nature and share what I know with other people. I also like to get e-mail."

Advisors are asked their opinions about many different topics. "Sometimes it's a word or an expression" said Marie Frick. "What they're trying to do is to see if everyone in the nation uses the same expression, and is it going to make sense to all of the children that get their magazine if they put it in an article" she said.

"Mostly what they're looking for is a cross-section of everybody," said Ezra's dad. "What they'll do is, they'll send them a picture or article ideas with some of the text just to make sure that the kids understand what the picture says, the captions and that kind of thing."

Ezra gave an example. "Yeah, like the one they sent to me. There's this bear on a building (actually an outhouse, according to Marie) and I sent them my idea as to what the bear would be saying in the word balloon."

Ezra's contact person at Ranger Rick sends him e-mails every other week asking what he has seen in his backyard. He recently rounded up a garter snake that was slithering around his neighbor's swing set where her two children were playing. She was quite upset about it so "Ezra just calmly picked up the snake and let it

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Ezra Frick, 9, Dallas
Youth advisor to Ranger Rick magazine

go in the next yard" said Marie.

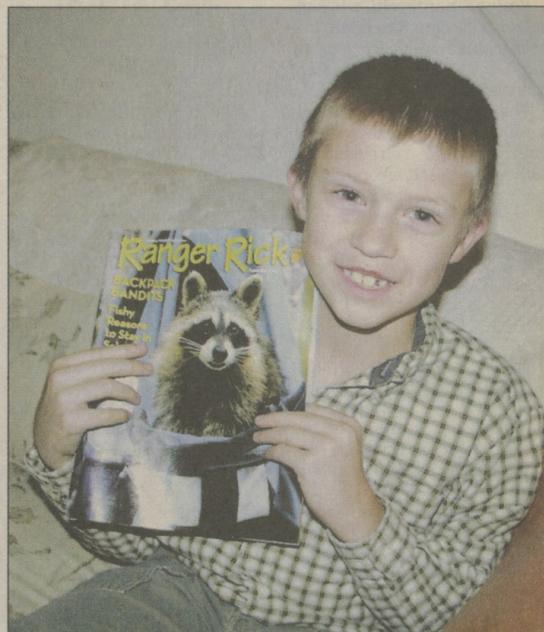
"And when he came back he explained to her that it (the snake) was just 'smelling', that's why he was sticking his tongue out."

Scott, who works building the levee, has brought home a variety of insects and amphibians that his field inspector has given him for Ezra, including a praying mantis, different kinds of frogs and a garter snake in a box.

The Dallas family enjoys hiking together and discovering wildlife along the way. Ezra's favorite animals are ducks and birds, so his mom and dad have taken him to many zoos and aquariums to observe them up close.

"He's always liked ducks," said Marie, "and he's liked penguins for the last four or five years. That's part of the reason we went to the New England Aquarium in Boston. When we found out that their central area is all penguins, we had to go!"

Scott added, "Usually when we go places we're explaining to him what's going on, but when we go to the aquariums where they have penguins, he's



Ezra Frick, 9, says he likes animals, but the riddle page is his favorite in Ranger Rick magazine.

telling me and Marie the names of the penguins, virtually all of them."

Ezra explained, "There's a couple of kinds of penguins you're most likely to see at the aquariums; Chin Strap, Adeline, Little Blue and the Rock Hopper; he looks like he has eye-brows."

A brief walk through the Fricks' finished basement proves to be an environment conducive to learning. Ezra, who is home-schooled, has ready access to a telescope and shelves upon shelves of National Geographic and Smithsonian

magazines. His mom incorporates what he learns from Ranger Rick into his science and reading curriculums. "We did a whole unit study on wolves. There was an article in Ranger Rick and a program on Nature about bringing the wolves back to Yellowstone," said Marie.

As much as Ezra loves being an advisor, and reading about animals, his favorite feature in the magazine is the riddle page. His favorite is, "What do you get when you cross a ghost cocker spaniel with a ghost poodle? Cock-a-poodle-boo!"

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The event will feature a festive atmosphere with spirited competition, including games

such as Pictionary, Family Feud, and, new this year, Celebrity. The evening will also include cocktails, food stations, music, and an awards ceremony at the end of the night.

Last year's event, the first of its kind, was a success, and this year promises to deliver even more fun and energy. At-

tendees can put together their own team of four players, join a team that night, or just enjoy the evening as a spectator.

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute is a nonprofit, community-based agency working to ease the burden of cancer in Northeast Pennsylvania. Focusing on research, education, support and survivor-

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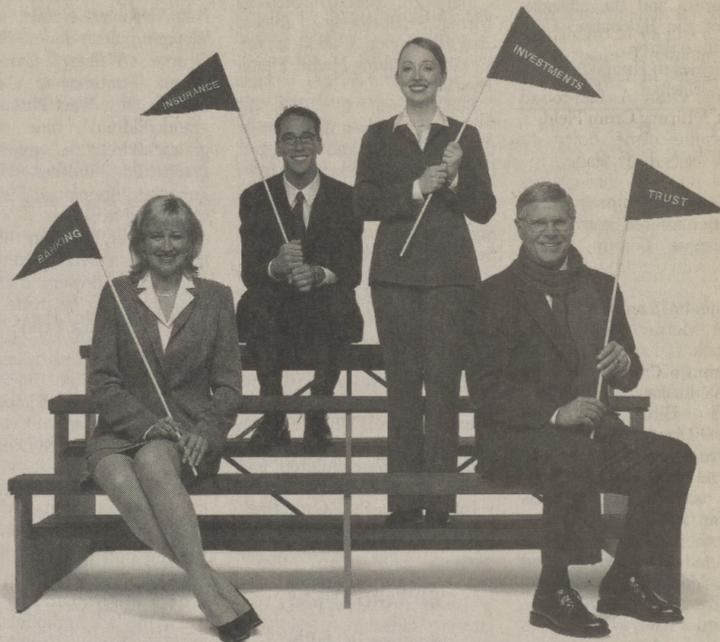
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