

BMT Seniors meet at Windsor Park

The Back Mountain Senior Citizens will meet Thursday, July 1 at 1 p.m. at Windsor Park in Dallas. Bring own beverage and snack if desired. Celebrating July birthdays will be Janette Grieves and Florence Dennis. Members are reminded to save "Pulltabs for Dialysis" and cancelled postage stamps for Veterans hospitals.

Club members should make reservations for the Project HEAD annual picnic at the Plains Municipal Park pavilion, August 6. The cost is \$12 per person.

For picnic reservations or other information, call Lillian at 696-1828 or Marie at 696-3095.

Sacred Heart reunion

Sacred Heart Elementary School, Luzerne is planning an All Class Reunion on Saturday, September 25 from 5. to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, Luzerne. Anyone who ever attended Sacred Heart or is a friend of a former or current Sacred Heart student is welcome to attend. The cost is \$40 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, family style dinner, open bar and music of all varieties.

Plans are also made for retired teachers to attend. The final date for reservations is August 30.

For more information, contact Joe Palmentere at 288-5512, Jay Frantz at (301) 733-1234, Dan Wisniewski at 675-0528, Bud (Tom) Wisniewski at 696-1559 or mail checks to: Bud Wisniewski, 348 Howell Rd., Shavertown, PA 18708.

Correction

The t-ball player pictured on page 1 last week was Robert Wagner.



Scouts landscape Habitat home

Members of Cub Scout Pack 232, Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas, participated in conjunction with The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club in landscaping the newest Habitat for Humanity house in Plains Township. The boys planted a tree, shrubs, perennials and seeded the lawn.

From left, first row: Matthew Gardner, Sean Williams, Kurtis Carichner, Olivia Carichner, Anthony Huntington, Christopher Huntington, Ryan Marshall and Matthew Lyons. Second row: Christopher Hodakowski, Tyler Nulton, Eric Stamer, Karl Carichner, Ian Williams and Donnie Stephens. Third row: Cubmaster Owen Williams.

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"The extra cost is not because of the township," said BIU Code Official Ken Naugle. "It's because of the state mandate for safety inspections." The various inspection rates would be posted at the town-

ship building. Supervisor Vice-Chairman Raymond Iwanowski said that a special public meeting explaining the UCC will be held immediately after the board's July 19 meeting.

Dallas Borough tax bills due

The last day for Dallas Borough property owners to pay municipal and county real estate taxes without penalty is July 10.

Dallas Borough Tax Collector Mark VanEtten will have office hours at the Dallas Borough Building located at 25 Main Street, Dallas on Wednesday, July 7 from 6-8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. If you mail your payments, send to: Mark W. Van Etten, Jr., Dallas Borough Tax Collector, P.O. Box 447, Dallas PA 18612.

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Taxes stay same in Lake-Lehman district

By BONNIE ADAMS
For The Post

LEHMAN TWP. — The \$21.6 million final Lake-Lehman School District budget leaves the millage rate at 221 for Luzerne County property owners and 42 mills for Wyoming County. One mill is a \$1 tax on every \$1,000 of assessed value.

But School Board President Jim Mahon said that members have no idea what the real budget numbers will be.

He has repeatedly expressed doubt about the figures that district business manager Kathleen Williams provided to the board. "We have no confidence in any numbers," he said.

Williams' figures show revenues will fall short of spending by about \$1.2 million. But Mahon said a tax increase is not needed based on experience. He said the "gloom and doom" Williams had predicted in past budgets had not occurred.

He said the district plans to advertise for a new business

manager and he wants finances examined from the past six or seven years. "I do plan to bring in an auditor."

In other business, the board hired teacher Thomas Williams as the child accounting officer at a salary of \$66,000 and as athletic director at a stipend of \$6,433.

The board, at its work session earlier this month, had noted its intent to hire Williams at a salary of \$61,068. Mahon on Wednesday said the figure of \$66,000 reflects what Williams would make in the coming school year if he had remained a teacher.

The child accounting officer's duties include serving as truant officer and handling the paperwork involved in accounting for student attendance. Mahon said it is not a new position and that it is critical due to the federal No Child Left Behind requirements.

Williams, who had served as assistant athletic director, will replace retiring athletic director Richard Gorgone. The assistant's position that paid \$3,500 will be eliminated.

New board member sworn in

By MARK GUYDISH
For The Post

DALLAS TWP. — New Dallas School Board member Dan Nulton was sworn in at the Luzerne Courthouse June 24 rather than waiting for the next board meeting.

"We'd like to get him sworn in," said President Dave Usavage. "There's no other reason than that, why not do it now?"

The board appointed Nulton near the end of a marathon meeting June 14 to fill a seat vacated when Deborah Morgantini resigned.

The 5-2 vote, with one abstention, sparked rebuke from board members Maureen Matiska and James Richardson. They complained there was no notice the vote was coming and that no one interviewed any of the candidates.

They also noted a possible conflict of interest because Nulton is the chief executive officer of Landmark Community Bank, where the district deposited

roughly \$6 million in February.

The day before Nulton's swearing in, Matiska said she didn't know about it until told by a reporter. She said the board could have been told June 21 when they met to interview teacher candidates.

Usavage conceded that, traditionally, new members sworn in during public board meetings, but said that it is not legally required. He said it makes no difference when or where the swearing in is held, as long as the appointment was done at a public meeting.

The school board will meet Tuesday, June 29 at 7 p.m., with the main topic being adoption of a final budget for the 2004-05 school year. The preliminary budget adopted in May calls for a 7.6 percent property tax increase to 213 mills. It also reduces the fund balance by using about \$1 million for operating expenses.

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SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of June 28-July 2. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets

with honey mustard sauce, baked potato, seasoned broccoli, orange.

TUESDAY: Quarter-pound hot dog, hash brown potatoes, baked beans, mixed fruit.

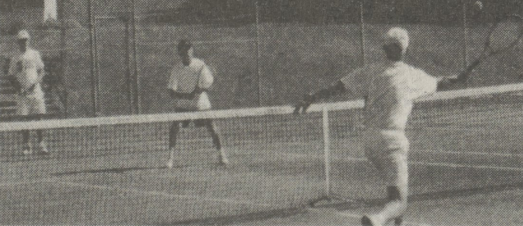
WEDNESDAY: Swiss steak, parsley carrots, vanilla pudding.

THURSDAY: Baked meat and cheese lasagna, seasoned spinach, tossed salad with Italian dressing, gelatin.

FRIDAY: Chopped steak with cheese on roll, oven brown potatoes, baked beans, strawberry sundae.

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