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Water companies work to secure supply

In Dallas, a new well. In Trucksville, a tank and connections among small systems are planned.

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN — Besides sunshine, this summer has lacked the restrictions on water use that have become

common in recent years, as more homes — each with sinks, toilets and showers — have sprung up in the region.

Water companies are not waiting for the next drought, though, and the two largest utilities in the region are in the midst of projects they say will assure an adequate, reliable supply.

United Water Pennsylvania, which serves more than 8,000 customers in its Dallas and Shavertown zones, is awaiting approval to put into service a new well

that a company official says will meet future needs.

"The drilling's been done," said Kirby Pack, Operations Director of the company. Now, the company is finalizing purchase of the land where the well sits, and applications are pending with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and the state Department of Environmental Protection. If all goes as planned,

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Fire hydrants like this one in Cedar Lane will be usable once the water company installs a storage tank

Old plan made new may cover middle school assistant post

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

DALLAS TWP. — Under a plan being considered by the Dallas School Board, it would be *deja vu* all over again for middle school principal Anthony Martinelli and superintendent Gil Griffiths.

The proposal, presented by board member Frank Natitus prior to the Aug. 2 work session, would place an "administrative intern" with Martinelli to take on some of the functions performed by assistant principal Paul Reinert, who has transferred to be principal at Dallas Elementary School.

Griffiths said 13 years ago, that's how Martinelli got his start in administration.

"They're looking at reviving that model," Griffiths said. He was the middle school principal when Martinelli served as administrative intern for about one and one-half years. At that point, Martinelli was appointed principal and Griffiths moved up to be assistant superintendent.

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Solicitor gets an earful for missed zoning hearing

By CAMILLE FIOTI Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. — Township solicitor Michael Melnick fielded questions at the Aug. 3 meeting of supervisors from chairman Phil Walter and angry residents as to why he was a no-show at the previous night's zoning hearing.

The second round of testimony between Pulverman Enterprises and Dallas Township continued without the solicitor. In May, Pulverman was found in violation of the noise ordinance by township engineer Tom Doughton because of continuous thumping sounds coming from the plant.

Doughton said a new noise study was performed on July 26 by Vibra-Tech of Hazleton. It concluded that Pulverman is still in violation of the ordinance. Doughton said

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Slow pace of paving brings questions

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK Post Correspondent

JACKSON TWP. — Supervisor John Wilkes explained at the August 2 meeting why some roads have been left unpaved or partially paved.

"The town spends money on plastic swans and other stuff ... so why are these roads left partly paved?" asked Fred Murray.

Wilkes answered that the roads were paved in a phased process which is expected to be completed next year. He also noted that six or seven roads have been denied federal paving funds because they did not qualify.

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KUBIS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



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Back Mountain's Travis DeBona threw to first to complete a double play after forcing Northwest Runner Justin Cornell at second during a game last week in the Kubis Memorial Tournament, played at the Dallas Little League field. More photos and a youth sports roundup on page 7.

Improvements in store for softball field

By CHRIS BELL Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. — W.W. Kubis Memorial Field has been the crown jewel of Back Mountain Baseball for decades.

If league officials have their way, they'll soon have a softball field to match.

According to league president Jack Snyder, the softball field located on the upper level of the Back Mountain Baseball complex is in need of repairs and he hopes to upgrade the facility.

"We'd like to make several of improvements to the softball field," said Snyder. "We have a short-term plan and a long-range plan."

The short-term goal is to improve the drainage system. "We've had some serious drainage problems on the softball field for a couple of years," said Snyder. "It drains worse than any of our other fields and our softball teams are losing too many games to the weather."

Snyder hopes to get to work on the project immediately and have the field ready for use again next spring.

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Farmers' Market off to a good start

By M.B. GILLIGAN Post Correspondent

DALLAS — Much anticipated, the Dallas Farmers' Market was greeted with appreciation during its debut day.

"I've been reading about it in the paper and I've been waiting for it," said Donna Werkheiser, one of the early birds July 31.

Dallas Farmers' Market

Back Mountain Memorial Library 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday until Oct. 2

to raise some money for the library," said Joe Stager, president of the library board of directors. "We had to increase the insurance coverage so there is some expense, but we should make some money and it seems like a lot of people were interested in it."

The Post ran a survey several weeks ago and more than 300 positive responses were received.

"We've had a wonderful response from local growers who were very interested in coming to a local market," said Mary Manzoni, a community volunteer with the Penn State Extension program. "We were concerned that they may be too busy with other markets by the time we set this up."

Mark Field of Noxen knows all about that. "I got here a little bit late today because I had

"It's on Saturday, too, which is just great. I can stop here while I'm out doing my other errands."

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is sponsoring the market on the library grounds. "It was brought up at a board meeting as a way



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Libby Sutton, Dallas, picked out plenty of fresh vegetables with help from Stanley Szustak from Golomb's Farm.

to set up my other stand in Tunkhannock first," he said.

Four other area growers also set up booths the first day, and there is room for more. Any farmers interested in participating can call the library at 675-1182 for more information.

There was a wonderful selection of fresh fruit, vegetables, and plants available, includ-

ing corn, green beans, peppers, onions, potatoes, apple cider, peaches, plums and, of course, tomatoes.

"We start our tomatoes in April so we usually have tomatoes three to four weeks before everyone else," said Vinnie Cotrone of Yost's

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