

Dallas Borough Christmas tree pickup

Due to the recent winter conditions, many of Dallas Borough's residents Christmas trees have not been collected. Because of the snow and icy conditions the trees are now frozen and snow covered. In order to facilitate collection, the borough is asking residents to uncover the trees and free them from the frozen areas. The road department will collect trees that are uncovered and placed at the curb. Trees remaining beneath the snow will need to be left until early spring. Residents may call 674-5362 with questions.

OBITUARIES

BEVERLY GERRITY

Fourth generation grocery store owner

Beverly A. Gerrity, 64, of Hunlock Creek, died February 3, 2005 at home.

She was born in Kingston, June 11, 1940, and was a daughter of the late Charles and Helen (Frankenfield) Gosart. She was a 1958 graduate of Dallas High School. Beverly will be remembered for her smile, positive attitude and great sense of humor. She was an animal lover who always had a dog.

Beverly was a fourth-generation Pennsylvania grocery store owner. She worked as a young adult for her parents at Gosart's Store in Dallas. From 1968 to her retirement in 1999, she was co-owner of Jerry's Market in Hunlock Creek. Beverly was the proud and loving grandmother to 19-year-old Jan Louise and 17-year-old Johnny Gerrity. She was a positive influence who always had time for whatever they needed. She helped them with homework, cooked them dinner and loved their every move. She taught them both to swim and how to enjoy the water. Her love for them was shown until her death and they were able to say how much they loved one another before she passed.

Beverly was blessed with one son, John, who was with her at the time of her death.

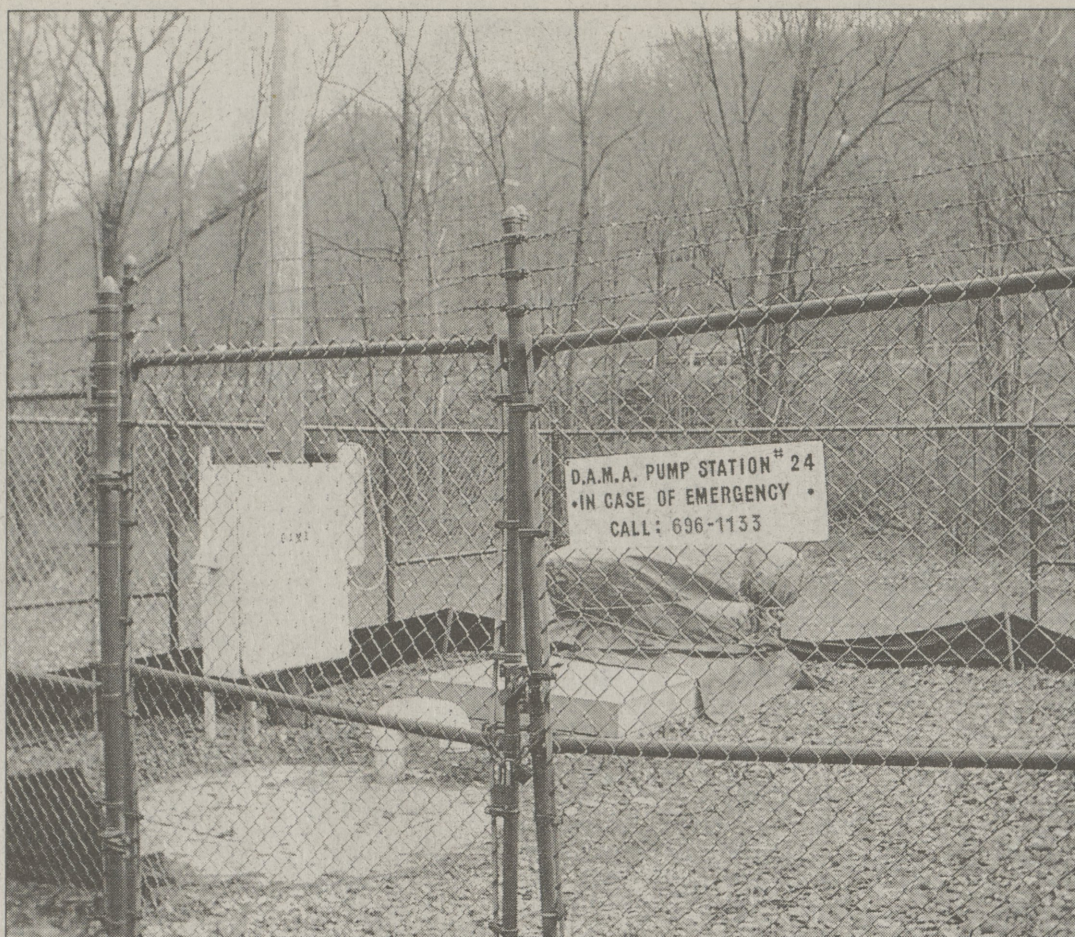
Thank you, Bev-Gram-mom, for all you have taught us and the love you gave us. We will miss you.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Gerald J. Gerrity Sr.; son Gerald John Gerrity Jr. and his wife, Joann Sprout Gerrity, Hunlock Creek; grandchildren Jan Louise and Gerald Johnny Gerrity III, Hunlock Creek; and Uncle Wally Gosart, Shavertown.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Hunlock Creek United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 153, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621, or Hospice Community Care, 385 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, PA 18704.

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This sewer pumping station, next to Hillside Road, will be upgraded and a new line driven below Route 309, in the background. It will connect with a DAMA line there.

SEWERS

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John Pieczynski, whose family company is developing the Heritage Hills subdivision in the Chase section of town, has asked for three of the new permits. "We should get them," he said last Tuesday. "What irritated me was how long it took."

One of those permits will at last allow construction to begin on Brian and Karen Miller's new home. The young couple had the bad luck to purchase a lot in Heritage Hills just a month before the moratorium was reinstated in August 2004. The ban had been lifted during 2003.

Brian Miller said he had been advised by lawyer friends to break the agreement with Premiere Homes, the Pieczynski family firm, and seek another place to build. He and his wife have been living with his parents while waiting for the situation to be resolved, and welcomed a new baby last month. He found a silver lining in the delay.

"It's been kind of nice having a little extra help," he said. "And I've been away for 11 years at school, so it hasn't been bad to have time to catch up."

Still, "It's a relief," he said when told the ban would soon be lifted.

LAST WEEK, DAMA pub-

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George Morgan Jr.
Chairman of the township sewer authority

lished advertisements seeking bids on the project, and will hold a pre-bid conference Thursday for interested firms. Final bids are due by March 10.

Under the settlement with DAMA, Jackson Township must pay \$18,000 for four years of remediation work. When the bid is awarded, the township must pay half the total, and DAMA will finance the balance over seven years.

The actual cost of the work is not yet known. "No one knows what it's going to cost until the bids come in," said George Morgan Jr., chairman of the township sewer authority, although he anticipated it would be several hundred thousand dollars. Morgan said the township had applied for a Growing Greener grant and would investigate a state low-interest loan program, if necessary.

The work includes driving a new 8-inch main under Route 309, just north of the former Gulf gas station. The new main will be located about 10 feet

from an existing 4-inch line. Berger said there should be no disruption in traffic during construction.

The system, which serviced 262 homes when it was installed more than a dozen years ago, now has 472 units connected. The total rose quickly and unexpectedly when the Sutton Hills development's 66 homes were connected shortly after the system was built.

Sewage flows by gravity to the station, located next to Hillside Road about 100 yards below the water plant, and is then pumped under pressure to a 30-inch DAMA line that runs down the eastern side of Route 309.

Berger's plan, which includes installing three pumps at the station in place of the present two, would meet the needs of 650 units, with a maximum future capacity of 1,000 with larger pumps.

"Even the flows we're getting now aren't sufficient to require an 8-inch line," Berger said, but it is better to plan ahead for future needs. The incoming line to the station also is 8 inches in diameter.

Quad Three has made an estimate of what it thinks the project should cost. A representative will be at the pre-bid conference to answer questions.

IDLE TALK

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Rosaria Shaver got right to the point. "That's silly," she said, to put such a restriction into the township's code book.

In the course of the discussion, it also came up that police cars are nearly always left idling for long periods of time while parked.

In the end, the supervisors voted 3-2 to pass the buck to the planning commission, which recommends new zoning ordinances to the supervisors.

THE SUPERVISORS have found a way to allay their concerns about liability for Back Mountain Area Council of Governments grant funds, by adopting a payment system that bypasses the council.

The issue came up over the past few months regarding a proposed study of traffic along Route 309 that is being added to a larger planning grant involving the council members; Kingston, Dallas and Lehman townships, and Dallas Borough.

"The funds would not be handled by any third party," said chairman Jeffrey Box in explaining the scheme, by which Kingston Township's portion of the cost would be sent directly to the firm conducting the study, and reimbursements would be sent directly to the township.

The Luzerne County Planning Commission is administering the grant, which ultimately is free to the council

members. But the payment protocol requires the municipalities to pay the planning firm, then get reimbursed by Luzerne County. The total value of the grant is \$37,500, 80 percent paid by the state and 20 percent by the county.

Dallas Borough had planned to set up a separate bank account to receive and disburse council funds. But Kingston Township supervisors questioned whether the account would be insured against misuse or misappropriation. Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz resigned Jan. 29 as unpaid administrator of the council in part because his integrity was questioned over the issue.

Supervisor Carl Goodwin, a supporter of the council, said the other three member municipalities, and all agreed to use the same method.

In other business at the Feb. 9 meeting, the supervisors:

- Voted unanimously to charge \$5 each for certifications of property taxes and duplicate bills. The documents are usually requested by mortgage companies and other financial institutions, said township Manager Eddie O'Neill. Based on 2004 records, he projected income of nearly \$6,000, about the same amount the township is losing as a result of lowered payments from Luzerne County for collection of county property taxes.

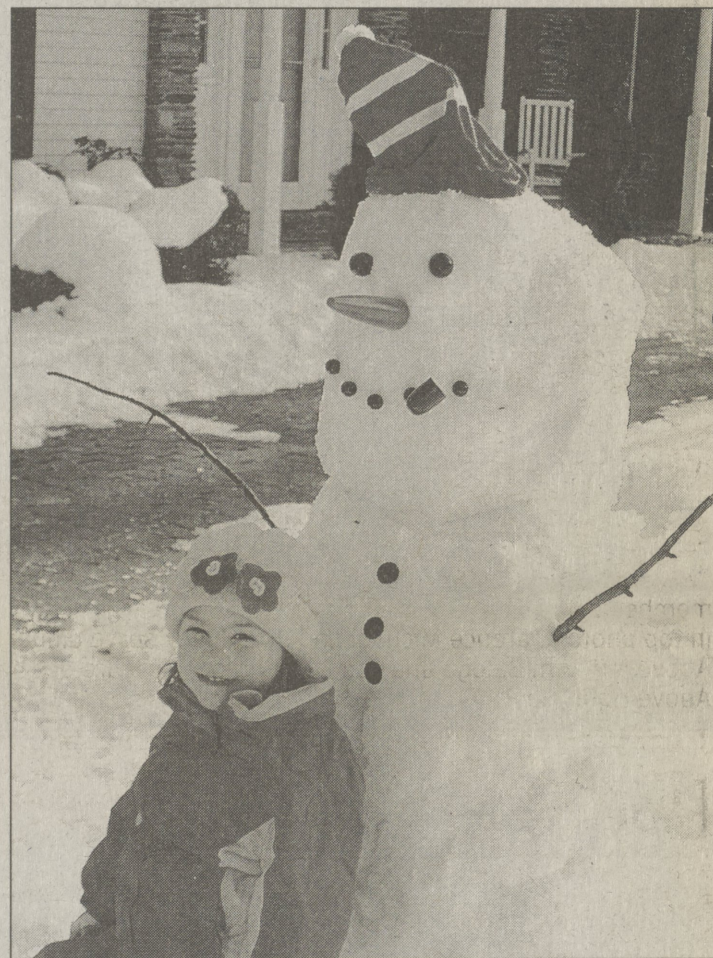


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Me and my snowman

Sami Pugh posed with her big snowman in the yard of her house on Shine View in Dallas Township. Both appear very happy with the white stuff that fell in enough quantity to make her silent friend.

JACKSON TWP.

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In other business:
• The board voted to abolish the township portion of the per capita tax. Currently, every resident of the township, whether they rent or own their homes, must pay at

total \$15 per year; \$5 to the township and \$10 to Lake-Lehman School District.

The board adopted the new Emergency and Municipal Services Tax, which replaces the Occupational Privilege

Tax. Individuals employed in the township, and who earn over \$12,000 per year, will now pay \$52 per year, retroactive to January 1. The occupational tax was \$10 per year.

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