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BACK MOUNTAIN FLOODING

In the wake: devastation, compassion



The Sportsman's Club of Noxen was pushed from its foundation during last week's flooding.

BY LAUREN COLLINI
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NOXEN - Lew Hackling and Judy Kraft Mead know all about the damage flood waters can do, having lived in Northeastern Pennsylvania during the devastation caused by Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972.

And what they saw last week in Noxen was just as bad - if not worse.

"There is more damage every-

where in Noxen due to this flood than anyone saw back in '72," said Hackling, the Noxen Volunteer Fire Co fire chief, who has lived in the township since 1962.

In 1972, rain and flooding from Agnes destroyed much of the U.S. eastern seaboard, especially parts of New York and Pennsylvania. The storm caused more than \$3 billion dol-

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"I hope everyone continues helping each other and taking pride in our town because these are the times to stick together."

Lew Hackling
Noxen fire chief

A look toward Island Road and down Main Street in Noxen shows some of the extensive damage.

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Personal trainer hired at Dallas

By DAVE KONOPKI
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DALLAS TWP. - Joe Masher says female athletes at Dallas High School no longer have to be intimidated when they walk through the doors of the weight room in the fieldhouse. Ted Jackson says he doesn't know why they would have been intimidated in the first place.

During its recent monthly meeting, the Dallas school board voted to hire Masher as a part-time personal trainer for the district at a cost of approximately \$700. The 43-year-old Plains resident says he'll be working with only female athletes from the district.

Later in the meeting, the school board also voted 7-2 to raise taxes in the district by 22 mills - an average increase of approximately \$125 per taxpayer. A story about the proposed increase appeared in the June 11 edition of The Post and a closer look at the increase will appear in the near future.

The weight room is open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for members of the student body to use. Masher will be giving personal training from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I want to give the girls a chance," he said. "The guys can go into the weight room any time they want and the girls are intimidated. They don't have to be intimidated in the weight room. I'm going to be able to guide them and show them the proper form."

School board member Karen Kyle says a personal trainer for female athletes gives them an equal opportunity under Title IX, a federal legislation that prohibits sex discrimination in schools for academics or athletics.

"When it was built, the weight room and fieldhouse were to be used by all students," she said. "We find that it's used mostly by male students, specifically football players. We pay (head coach) Ted Jackson to be a (weightlifting instructor) and he works with his players. Under Title IX, we wanted to offer the same opportunity to our female athletes."

But Jackson says the door has always been open to female athletes - including his daughter Jill - daily from 9 a.m. to noon. In fact, a push was made last summer to accommodate female athletes and Jackson has offered to help with their training program. "Last summer, the weight

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Faith and feeling UNFURLED



Isabella Von Schemling, visiting from Frankfurt Germany, enjoyed the ceremony with her cousin, Annastina and aunt Julie Von Schmeling of Harveys Lake.

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Tom Templin dug the hole for the flagpole with the help of nephew Fred Templin Jr.

By GENELLE HOBAN
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DALLAS TWP. - About 75 people, both young and old, gathered for a flagpole dedication ceremony at St. Paul's Lutheran Church after services Sunday morning.

The new flagpole, which took three years of planning, has been made to honor those who have or are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

"Some of our members who had served in World War II wanted to see a memorial flagpole on the property," said Carol Fett of Dallas. "We were able to do it from a lot of memorial donations

by different members of our parish."

One of the members who was a major advocate for the flagpole, unfortunately died before he could see the result of his hard work.

Fred Templin, a Korean War army veteran, passed away in February 2005. However, his family, including his wife, children and siblings, attended the ceremony to see the outcome of his efforts.

"This is something my dad would have been moved by," said Fred Templin, Jr., who was visiting from Washington for the occa-

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Paul Mehl, Shavertown, played the bagpipes during the dedication flag ceremony.

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