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The intersection of Claude Street and East Center Hill Road is said to be a dangerous one, according to residents who live in the area.

Residents feel area is dangerous

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Several Dallas Township residents living in the area of Center Hill Road and Claude Street say the two roads are dangerous.

Gloria Spencer, a 13-year resident of Claude Street, feels that motorists speed and don't obey stop signs in the area.

"While I wait for the bus with my child in the morning, people don't slow down; they speed up," Spencer said. "They come out and go in Claude Street without coming to a complete stop. I get to a point where I'll walk out on the road to make sure everybody is going to stop for these kids."

Robert Kozlowski has lived on Claude Street for 20 years and says the traffic in the area has increased since he moved to the area.

"The traffic on Center Hill Road is heavy at times from trucks, college kids and high school kids," Kozlowski said. "That road gets more than its share of speeders. They should station a cop in that area all of the time, but that's not possible."

Kozlowski was in an accident on Center Hill Road where it meets Lake Street when, he says, another motorist ran right through the four-way stop and hit him.

According to Kozlowski, a man sideswiped a telephone pole on Kozlowski's property in February. According to Kozlowski, the police report stated the man was on medication and fainted at the wheel.

Dallas Township Police Chief Robert Jolley says accident statistics show that Center Hill Road does not experience more automobile accidents than any other roads in the township. According to Jolley, 2008 statistics indicate an 11 percent decrease in all township crashes for the year.

Jolley acknowledges that Center Hill Road is a busy roadway since it serves as a connector from Routes 415 and 309, as does Country Club Road. The chief says traffic volume has also increased on Lake Street and Upper Demunds and Lower Demunds roads.

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Dallas undergoing downtown revision

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In a spinoff of the ongoing downtown visioning plan, Dallas Borough is undergoing a downtown master plan and zoning ordinance revisions project.

"We're looking at the core of the borough and how to best support the businesses, bring new business and revitalize the downtown area," said Tracey Michael Carr, borough manager.

According to Carr, the project was started under former borough manager Joe Moskovitz. A \$50,000 grant was received from Luzerne County and an additional \$50,000 was made available by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The \$100,000 will be used to develop the downtown master plan and zoning ordinance. A steering committee has been selected to work on the project.

When Carr became manager, the committee began working on the published proposal and Kai-

ros Design Group, LLC was selected to design the plan.

Carr says recently the borough distributed a survey seeking feedback on the project to residents and area businesses. Borough representatives also met with Misericordia University students to find out what college students want in the downtown.

A public meeting on the project was held on March 23 at Misericordia University. Members of the public were presented with information regarding the project and had a chance to voice their opinions on it.

The five-way intersection road project in the downtown, which is being done by PennDOT, is separate from the downtown master plan and ordinance revisions project. However, the borough is keeping in touch with PennDOT so the master plan fits the new road design and vice versa.

"We're working hand-in-hand with them to make sure we both know what the other one is doing," Carr said of PennDOT.

DHS students present play on Friday and Saturday



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Lady Jessica (Ashley Zerfoss), right, tries to distract Sherlock Holmes (Brad Sherman) from his appointed duties in a classic play, "Sherlock Holmes' First Case" to be presented at Dallas Senior High School.

Sherlock's first case

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Those who don't know Ashley Zerfoss might think her English accent is authentic. The Dallas High School senior has perfected the accent for her role as Lady Jessica in the school's upcoming performance of "Sherlock Holmes: The First Case" by watching Harry Potter movies.

The Dallas High School Drama Club will present the production at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, in the school's auditorium.

"You really have to get acquainted with your character," said Zerfoss, who also viewed the Sherlock Holmes series and a movie of the play to help her prepare. Seventeen student characters are practicing two hours a day, five days a week for a total of 10 weeks to get ready for the show. An additional 15 students are assisting with technical aspects.

The school's drama club holds two performances a year with one in the fall and another in the spring. Dallas High School social studies teacher Harry McKeown has served as director for nine years. Audrey Ide, a family and consumer science teacher



Some of the cast members of "Sherlock Holmes' First Case" are, from left, first row, Rachel Alles, Hilary Hoover, Bree Bolton and Chelsea Fufaro. Second row, Janelle Marshall, Sarah Simonovich, Jonathan Wallace, Drew Clouse, Bryan Darling, Dave Martindale, Bethie Martindale, Angelina Hoidra and Ashley Williams. Reflected in the spy glass is the play's director Harry McKeown.

at the middle school, has been the assistant director for 20 years.

"It takes a large crew of students, including some cast members, to get a play ready for production," Ide said. "Some help build, some paint. Some do the lighting or sound. Some manage the props. Some design posters. A student stage manager assists the di-

rector during rehearsals and directs much of the action backstage during performances. Some will assist with costume changes and keep the costumes in order."

Brad Sherman, a junior, will play Sherlock Holmes. Sherman has never acted before

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PLUNGING IN THE LAKE TO FIGHT CANCER



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Tom Boyle, of Harveys Lake, seems to enjoy his time in the water during the Fifth Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Harveys Lake last weekend. Boyle stayed in the frigid water for 37 minutes, longer than any of the other participants, and helped raise nearly \$6,000 to help fight cancer. For more photos, please turn to page 3.

