

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Luzerne County 911 officials to visit residents

Township undergoing changes for countywide addressing system.

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Township residents can expect a visit from Luzerne County 911 officials in the next week or so.

The township is one of several municipalities undergoing changes for the countywide addressing system contracted by GeoComm, a communications engineering and GIS mapping firm specializing in enhanced 911 systems for public safety

entities. The system will eliminate rural route addresses and replace them with street names and numbers.

Two teams of 911 officials are visiting Bear Creek, Dallas, Kingston, Jackson and Slocum townships and Harveys Lake, Dallas, Jeddo and Laurel Run boroughs. They will assign global positioning system coordinates to each home in the municipalities and are seeking the names and telephone number of people living in the homes. The information will assist responders in the event of an emergency.

Fred Rosencrans, of Luzerne County 911, estimates that

about 30 percent of the township is still using rural route addresses and will likely be affected by the change. It will be up to the township to adopt an ordinance naming new roads. The project will be coordinated with the United States Postal Service.

"Some areas of the township I know are OK," Rosencrans said. "I know just off of the top of my head that Elmcrest is going to be done."

Rosencrans expects officials to be in the township in about one to one-and-a-half weeks. They will be in a marked, white Chevy Equinox and will not ask to go inside of homes. Resi-

dents who miss the officials will find a survey left behind for them to fill out.

The county received \$480,000, or about 50 percent of the funds needed for the project, from the state wireless program. The other half of the costs will be paid for by the county.

Dust control

Patrick McGough, of Fern Street, asked for dust control on his dirt road. McGough says quads and dirt bikes are also a problem on the street.

Supervisor Frank Wagner said the road crew has been slow on dirt control because it's

been wet, but mostly because they are busy with piping work.

"You don't even take a street over today unless there's five houses on it," Wagner said of Fern Street, which has three homes. "Consider yourself lucky it's plowed."

Burning ordinance

Wagner said he has been seeing a lot of burning in the township lately despite an ordinance that prohibits burning township-wide. Wagner suggested sending more press releases to the media publicizing the ban.

Township Chief of Police Bob Jolley encouraged Wagner to

call the police to report burning.

Release of financial security

A motion was passed based on the recommendation of township engineer Tom Doughton to release financial security in the amount of \$74,014.30 to the Masonic Village of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The security was for a senior living apartment project that was completed last fall.

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Credit card fraud cases reported

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Three cases of credit card fraud were reported in Jackson Township over the last month.

The circumstances surrounding each case vary greatly but have one common theme - hundreds of dollars of unauthorized charges posted to accounts.

Police Officer Robert Spencer said one case involves an adult daughter who lifted a credit card from her mother's purse and charged about \$1,000 worth of merchandise at the Wyoming Valley Mall in Wilkes-Barre Township.

In another case, a cardholder was shopping in Tannersville. When the cardholder's statement arrived, "a couple of hundred dollars of charges had posted from Europe," Police

Chief Jerry Leedock said.

The third case is still open but involves a cardholder receiving an undisclosed amount of fraudulent charges posted to his account. Since this case is still under investigation, Police Officer Ken Kugler cannot release further details.

Even a careful cardholder can become a victim to an unscrupulous credit card or debit card thief. There are ways to be vigilant and raise the red flag the minute something does not appear to be correct with your accounts.

Kugler advises the cardholder to notify the bank and the local police force the minute he or she notices a card is missing or fraudulent charges posted to an account.

"Contact the police ASAP to report the theft or loss," Kugler

said. "The sooner the police are notified, the quicker we can respond and begin to investigate."

Kugler also advises cardholders to cancel the card or place a stop status on the account to prevent further use. He said consumers should keep track of all credit cards in their name.

"Today, with credit card offers so prevalent, people sometimes lose track of how many cards they have," Spencer said.

Financial institutions do their part to help prevent credit card fraud. Many will call the cardholder if uncharacteristic charges begin to post to an account. Jim Baum, a Wachovia Bank Corporate Communications representative, said every banking institution handles fraud cases differently.

"Wachovia will assign a cus-

tommer to a loss management specialist who will work one-on-one with the customer until the problem is resolved," Baum said. "We will also close compromised accounts and reissue (new cards) as soon as the customer reports a suspected fraud or identity theft."

The Federal Trade Commission's website, www.ftc.gov, offers credit card/debit card fraud prevention tips: "sign cards as soon as they arrive; carry cards separately from wallet; keep a record of account numbers, the banks' phone numbers, and expiration dates in a secure place; watch the placement of the card during transactions and get it back quickly; destroy carbons; save receipts to compare to statements and review statements carefully."



A few jury members of the cast of "Twelve Angry Men" are, from left, seated, are Gary Sands, Ryan Phillips and Ron Whipple. Standing, Michael Chase, Shane Hirschler, Roger Mattes and Morgan Chase.

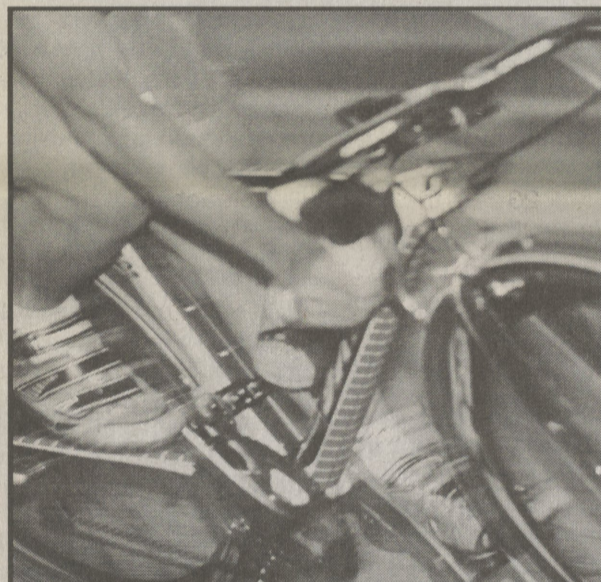
'Twelve Angry Men' in Tunkhannock

The Wyoming County Players will present "Twelve Angry Men," a classic play written by Reginald Rose and directed by Michael Chase.

Tunkhannock performances will be held in the main courtroom of the Wyoming County courthouse at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 13. A perform-

ance will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, at the Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce building, Main Street, Wyalusing.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the Whipple Performing Arts Studio or at the door. For more information, call 836-6986.



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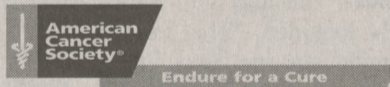
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Children's Cycling Skills and Safety Course at Kirby Park: 10:30 a.m.

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