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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!



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Alie Morse, of Dallas, talks to Santa Claus at the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Christmas Party last weekend. Christians around the world will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Friday, Dec. 25, as children wait patiently for the jolly old man to drop by their houses with a sack full of presents for those who have been good. For more photos, see page 7.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Skyview Drive residents want township services

By REBECCA BRIA
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Several residents of Skyview Drive attended the supervisors meeting on Dec. 15 in hopes of convincing officials they live on a township road.

The residents at the bottom of Skyview Drive, located in New Goss Manor, say they don't receive leaf collection or snow plowing.

Supervisor chairman Phil Walter said the grade of the road is too steep and the section was never taken over by the township.

But resident Kerrie Anderson had documents from the county that she says show the road was taken over by the township on June 8, 1955. Anderson, who also had three maps with her, said she is able to receive trash collection and mail at her home.

Howard Grossman has lived at the bottom of Skyview Drive for 37 and said every time he would ask about the road, he was told it was private. However, Grossman believes the documents obtained by his neighbors show otherwise.

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Solicitor Thomas Brennan said he would investigate the documents and told the residents he will have an answer regarding the status of the road at either the reorganization meeting on Jan. 4 or the first regular meeting of the month.

Budget passes

The 2010 fiscal budget was unanimously approved.

Earlier this month, resident John Newman asked the supervisors to consider a tax reduction after he viewed the proposed budget. Newman also said Tuesday evening that there is "an over-inflated expense budget."

The budget passed with a tax rate of .52 mills. A mill is a \$1 tax for every \$1,000 in assessed property value.

New K-9 dog

Dallas Township Police Officer Brian Feeney and Chief of Police Robert Jolley introduced the township's new K-9 dog. Aron, a 2-year-old black German shepherd, is expected to be ready for patrol beginning the first or second week of January.

The township received its first K-9 dog, Macko, in 2005 with a

grant from the U.S. Office of Homeland Security. Macko was diagnosed with lymphoma this year at age 4 and was put down in September.

Township funds

Elizabeth Martin, a township resident, asked the supervisors how much money the township currently has in the bank. Supervisor Glenn Howell said he did not know exactly and would have to check.

Nancy Balutis, assistant township secretary, said she would provide Martin with a bank statement at the conclusion of the meeting.

Tax certification

Leonard Kozick, tax collector, was authorized to provide tax certification upon request by the public and collect a \$5 fee for providing the service.

PSATS conference

Approval was granted for supervisor Frank Wagner to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) 88th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show from April 18 through April 21, 2010 in Hershey.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN
Community, Culture & Commerce

Back Mountain community has its own official Web Site

The Back Mountain Economic Development Council (BM EDC) met with local officials and business owners at Misericordia University on December 10 to announce the launch of www.backmountain.org, the new official Web site of the Back Mountain.

First conceived by the Back Mountain Business Association, the BM EDC was recently tasked with providing the tools needed to both enhance the local business climate in the Back Mountain, as well as to entice new or expanding businesses to locate or relocate to the region.

A vital part of that process was the creation of a logo or brand - a graphic representation of the natural beauty of the Back Mountain, as well as the slogan, "Experience the Back Mountain."

The greater community will be challenged to submit information and/or articles to be posted regularly on the site.

Representatives of the BM EDC Communications Group, which is responsible for the site, will soon begin to visit service clubs and attend organization's meetings to present an overview of the Web site and initiative, including the future design and

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implementation of a sign to serve as a "welcome mat" to the Back Mountain.

Also planned as part of the initiative is "Experience the Back Mountain 2010," a local business expo set for 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, in Rooms 218 & 219 of Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University.



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