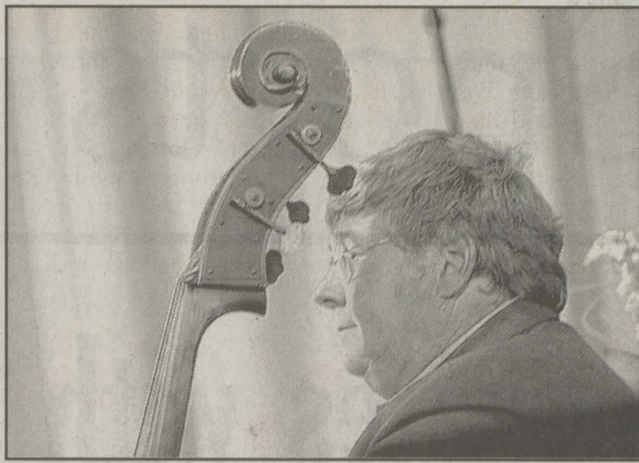




Christo Huntington plays a Beatles selection with his brother and some eighth-grade friends during the tribute.



Joe Lohin plays a base violin to accompany a vocal presentation during a musical tribute to his deceased wife, Ann Lohin.

# A show to REMEMBER



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Marilyn O'Connell, Fran Rismondo and Marcia Matthews, part of Changing Habits, a women's chorus from Gate of Heaven Church, perform a vocal presentation in tribute to the late Ann Lohin, a former member of the group and teacher.

Remembering their friend and colleague the late Anne Marie Lohin the best way they know how, members of the Gate of Heaven School and "Changing Habits" ministry presented a memorial talent show on May 1 in the Gate of Heaven School gymnasium.

Presenters at the show included Changing Habits, Cora Atrim, Joanna Smith, Jacob English, Molly Bridger and Gram, Melanie Selner, Shelby Jackloski, Sam and Suzy Andrew, Jonathan Wallace, Mary (Bavillage) Simmons, Antony Huntington, Christo Huntington, Michael Gatusky, Tommy Calpin and Kurtis Caricher, Shane Panagakos, Rebecca Darling and Cindy Brin.

Also, Classic Country Line Dancers, Molly Bridger Cantando Trio, John and Marcella Cantando, Bianca Cantando, Tony Kubasek, Christine Schuler, Julianna Pillets, Jonathan and Joanna Wallace, Gate of Heaven Bell Choir, Men II Boyz and Chuck Unice.

Proceeds from the show benefit a Gate of Heaven School scholarship and the "Changing Habits" ministry.

## Wilkes chosen for PSATS' committee

Members of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors have elected John "Jay" Wilkes Jr., chairman of the board of supervisors and roadmaster for Jackson Township, to a first three-year term on the association's Executive Committee.

The election took place during PSATS' 89th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show held April 17-20 in Hershey.

This is the largest municipal event of its kind in the state with close to 4,000 attendees.

The seven-member Executive Committee and the association's five officers make up the 12-member Executive Board, which is responsible for managing the affairs of the state association.

The board meets frequently throughout the year to oversee association business and plan new projects that will benefit member townships.

Wilkes is a member of the association's Grassroots Lobbying Network, which addresses legislative issues that affect ev-

ery Pennsylvanian who lives in a township of the second class.

He previously served as chairman of the association's Townships With Populations Greater Than 2,000 But Less Than 5,000 Committee and as a member of the Legislative and Annual Conference Planning committees. He has also served as a sergeant at arms during PSATS' Annual Educational Conference.

A firefighter apparatus operator for Edwarsville Borough, Wilkes also serves on Jackson Township's recreation board and planning commission and is deputy chief of the Back Mountain Regional Emergency Management Agency.

He is a past president and current vice president of the Luzerne County Association of Township Officials and also serves on that association's convention planning committee.

Wilkes is vice chairman of the Back Mountain Community Partnership and a member of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department and the Luzerne County Conservation District Board of Directors.

He is a member and past chairman of the State Correctional Institution-Dallas Municipal Advisory Committee and is a Pennsylvania state constable and the Jackson Township liaison for Boy Scout Troop #146.

## DALLAS TOWNSHIP CLASS OF 1951 PLANS REUNION



The Dallas Township High School Class of 1951 reunion planning committee has finalized plans for the 60th anniversary reunion at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 at the home of Alfred and Betty Hudak, Dallas. Classmates, spouses and friends are invited. Members of the planning committee are, from left, Louise Brzyski Kubasti, Alfred Hudak, Julia Updyke Scott and Dorothy Edwards Searfoss.

## KINGSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

# Supervisors table decision to switch EMS providers

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Kingston Township Board of Supervisors announced Wednesday it is considering a switch of its first-due emergency medical service providers.

A resolution to change the provider from Trans-Med ambulance and wheelchair van service of Forty Fort to the Wyoming Hose Company No. 1 of West Wyoming was tabled due to a lack of information.

Township Manager Kathleen Sebastian said the Trucksville Volunteer Emergency Medical Service, Fire and Rescue had recently spurred the switch, but supervisors were unaware of a specific reason for the change.

David Prohaska, community relations for Trans-Med, spoke out during a public hearing on the matter.

He said the for-profit organization was "blindsided" with news of the change earlier on Wednesday.

Prohaska also said representatives from the company were not invited to the board's work session on Monday night, when the proposed change was first discussed among supervisors.

He asked whether the township was displeased with the service the company has provided "for the last 10 to 12 years."

Chairman James Reino Jr. said he wasn't aware of any complaints about Trans-Med's service, but he and other supervisors took the opportunity to ask Prohaska more questions about aspects of the company, including issues of staffing and vehicle availability.

Prohaska said the company has 26 vehicles and more than 160 employees serving much of Luzerne County.

He maintained that a vehicle is always available in the Back Mountain area from a Dallas station.

He also said if the switch were made from Trans-Med to Wyoming Hose Company No. 1, response times would suffer for any calls made past the Burger King on Route 309.

Robert Smith of the Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue Association said the two facilities both face challenges to re-

### UP NEXT

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. May 22 to conduct the annual spring road inspection. The next work session will be held at 7 p.m. June 6 and the next regular meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 8 in the municipal building.

sponse time due to the geographic location of the township.

He said the Wyoming Hose Company No. 1 would be quicker to respond to calls made on Carverton Road because of its location on Eighth Street.

Smith also said the Trans-Med services cover a larger portion of the county including the West Side and Wilkes-Barre Township, making it difficult to guarantee consistent coverage in the Back Mountain.

"You can't guarantee you'll have a vehicle there 100 percent of the time," Prohaska said. "If anyone tells you that, it's just not possible."

Sebastian said the board will need more time to conduct further research before making a decision.

"We want to look into it a little more," Sebastian said. "We want to do what we feel is best and make sure our residents are taken care of if a call comes in."

The board also tabled a decision to transfer a liquor license to

the Valero gas station located on Route 309.

Resident Keith Murray, a longtime member of the state Liquor Control Board, said during a public hearing on the matter that selling liquor on a property where liquid fuels are contained is not permitted by the control board.

Solicitor Benjamin Jones III said there may need to be a subdivision of the property if Murray is correct, which would be a township matter.

"This could be a problem," he said. "I don't know if it could be caught here. If it involves land use, that would be here."

Sebastian announced a Route 309 corridor study will not be conducted by the state Department of Transportation for another two years.

Sebastian said this is because PennDOT is currently studying other intersections in the Back Mountain, including the five-corner area in Dallas and the intersection of Upper Demunds and Hildebrandt roads in Dallas

### Township.

Vice Chairman Jeffrey Box said the delay is "unacceptable," as the township has been pursuing a study on the road since 2004.

### In other news, the board:

- approved a state-mandated storm water ordinance that would require new dwellings to have stringent storm water management plans. Box and Supervisor Frank Natitus voted against the measure.

- approved a resolution to protest the increase rates of Pennsylvania American Water Co.

- revised inter-governmental cooperation agreement between four of the municipalities involved in the Back Mountain Community Partnership to purchase a shared speed trailer at a cost to the township of \$1,725 was approved. The purchase was approved last year, but the trailer's price increased before the partnership could purchase the equipment.

- approved a waiver of the pavement cut permits for the Aqua PA Sunrise Estate water main replacement project, but Box said the board should not consider similar requests in the future.

"With our budget restrictions, I

don't believe we need to do this anymore," said Reino. "Every dollar we get gives us the opportunity to do something."

- approved one more fire hydrant for a total of five to be installed on the Sunrise Estates project.

- approved the township manager to make revisions of its public exhibitions and amusement ordinance. Reino said this is because the ordinance, which hasn't been updated in a few years, does not adequately address larger events in the township including fireworks displays and events at Hillside Farms.

- opened bids for the summer recreation program transportation, but will not award them until May 22. Bidders included Kabata Transportation of Shickshinny, Parish Limousines of Jenkins Township, Student Transportation of America of Moosic, Starfursky Transportation, Inc. of Archbald, and White Transit School Buses of Nanticoke.

- granted permission to the American Red Cross to use the township's meeting room for a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 16.

- awarded a \$250 check to the Dallas High School Lock-In Committee.