



Chief Robert Jolley, left, of the Dallas Township Police Department, is shown here with Turbo the Turtle and Dave Carruth, a performer in the 'Officer Phil' program.

'Officer Phil' visits students

The "Officer Phil and Pals Child Safety Program" was recently presented at the Dallas Elementary School and additional performances have been scheduled for Wycallis Elementary School.

The presentation this school year is entitled "On the Road to Responsibility" and is designed to help children find their way towards fulfilling dreams and goals as VIP members of the community.

The annual "Officer Phil and Pals" program is co-sponsored by Chief Robert Jolley and the Dallas Township Police Department and Chief James Drury and the Dallas Borough Police Department.

Each 30-minute assembly is a

guide of practical strategies for area children learning how to navigate away from such places as "Stranger Street" and "Bully Boulevard" in search of that special destination known as "Responsibility Road."

Officer Phil encourages the students to make healthy choices regarding personal safety and civic responsibility by engaging in a "Group-Think" dynamic with their classmates and local police officers.

After meeting a few of Officer Phil's pals like Turbo the Turtle, Mac the Mouse and Rockin' Robin, the children quickly become motivated to solve such problems as bullying, vandalism and home alone emergencies.

The Officer Phil team also en-

gages the students in magical and musical activities that promote accident prevention, stranger awareness and Internet safety.

As a post assembly-project, teachers and parents are invited to help students send an e-mail to Officer Phil, requesting a colorful poster about bully prevention and a trading card collection of the animated characters to share with family and friends.

In addition to the assembly, students receive an informative "Officer Phil and Pals" activity booklet provided by local merchants. The workbooks are designed to show everyone the value of community in dealing with personal safety and crime prevention issues.

DALLAS BOROUGH

Water runoff answers sought

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Residents pressed council for answers to water runoff and storm drainage issues at a meeting Wednesday evening.

Borough Manager Tracey Carr said officials have been busy trying to assess damage sustained in the borough after two tropical storms that occurred in late August and early September and recent heavy rains that occurred in late September.

Resident Cathy Casey, who brought a water drainage issue on her property to council's attention last month, asked for further advice on how to deal with damage sustained from heavy rains.

Lori Leggio, owner of Leggio's Italian Ristorante in Dallas, told council the parking lot of the restaurant along Center Hill Road is a "flood plain" because nearby Toby Creek cannot handle copious amounts of rain and becomes inundated with water quickly.

She said it's a difficult situation to deal with because customers have to leave the restaurant whenever it rains to move their cars.

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not do by law to help solve these problems. He said any issues with Toby Creek may need to be dealt with on the state level.

If the creek runs on private property, borough officials could not perform work to correct the problem because the borough would then be liable for damages.

Malak continued that it's important for residents to address the board with these issues as a first step to help in this determination.

Carr told residents that the borough engineer, Brent Berger of Quad 3 Engineering Group, has been working diligently to address various water runoff and storm drainage issues throughout the borough.

Council approved a declaration of a state of emergency for heavy rain that occurred on September 27. Carr will gather information and apply for funding assistance from the federal and state emergency management agencies to recoup expenses for damage sustained during tropical storms Irene and Lee and the recent heavy rains.

Resident Linda Kane also told

council that, due to heavy rains eroding a borough-owned property near her home, debris from the property is washing out onto her property.

Council member Robert Edgerton said the borough owns a piece of property near Kane's home acquired through foreclosure and believes people may be dumping garbage and other materials in the area.

Carr said she will investigate the matter to resolve the issue.

In other news, council...

- Approved the 2012 renewal of medical, dental and vision benefits for eligible full-time borough employees through Bencon Benefits and Consulting Group through the state Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative and the Northeast Pennsylvania Municipal Insurance Cooperative.

- Authorized the purchase of a laptop computer and insurance at a cost not to exceed \$400 as part of the operation of a radar speed trailer purchased jointly with Dallas, Kingston, Jackson and Lehman townships through

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CHURCH BRIEFS

'Trunk or treat' at SUMC

The Shavertown United Methodist Church will hold "trunk or treating" without the door knocking from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 23 in the church parking lot. Rain date is October 30.

Participants should dress in costumes and collect treats from decorated trunks.

Pastie sale set

The monthly beef pastie sale will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, 1011 Mountain View Dr., Lehman. Orders are due by Monday, Oct. 24 to Bob VanGorder at 477-5219. Cost is \$5 each.

Ham dinner slated

A ham dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Harveys Lake.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children with takeouts available. For tickets, call 333-4218 or 639-5688.

Light the Night set for October 30

Over 300 children and their parents will take part in the second annual Light the Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30 at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Carverton Road, Trucksville.

This free event will feature inflatable amusements along with free food, candy, games and a chili cook-off.

For more information, call 696-1128 or log on to bmha.org.

Trunk or Treat

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event scheduled

A Trunk of Treat Halloween event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30 at the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, 1011 Mountain View Dr., Lehman. A pizza party for the church's new youth group will be held following the event.

Decorate your trunk, wear a costume and come to treat the children. All children of the community are welcome.

Program addresses memory changes

Clay Jacobs from the Alzheimer's Association will present a program entitled "Aging and Memory Changes" at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas.

The free presentation, which runs approximately an hour, will be followed by a question and answer period.

Election Day Café planned

Members of Trucksville United Methodist Church will operate an Election Day Café from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the church, 40 Knob Hill Rd.

The menu will include hot and cold beverages; donuts, sticky buns, brownies and coo-

pies; sandwiches, homemade soups and chili; hot dogs and wimpies. A freshly-prepared Lunch-to-Go can be ready in just minutes any time during the day.

Proceeds will benefit Mother Teresa's Haven, previously known as V.I.S.I.O.N.

Election Days meals benefit youth group

Election Day meals will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Center Moreland Untied Methodist Church.

Breakfast and lunch will be made to order and dinner will be chicken and biscuits with dessert.

All proceeds will benefit the "Soldiers of Christ" youth group.

A bake sale will also be held at the Northmoreland Township Fire Hall to benefit Christmas Mission projects.

Soup sale planned

A Harvest Soup Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13 at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 585 Mt. Olivet Rd., Carverton.

A vegetable beef soup can be ordered at \$7 per quart and fresh baked bread for \$3.50 a loaf. A bake sale will also be held after all weekend masses.

Orders must be placed by November 6 by calling 696-2382.

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