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## HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

### Concern continues over police move

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Residents of Harveys Lake Borough expressed their concerns about the possible moving and renovating of the police station at the monthly council meeting on Oct. 16.

The station was not on the agenda, but council did inform the public that the current building will be assessed by an engineer, as was discussed at the previous meeting.

Resident Judi Williams Spagnuolo addressed council, concerned because the police station issue is persistent. She said the first bids on renovating the recreation center to accommodate the police station came in over budget and that she can't afford to have her taxes raised.

She also stated she had statistics from months ago, claiming the number of police calls from the beach encompassed almost 70 percent of all calls made to the police and questioned what percentage of police calls come from the

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Gerald Kovaleski  
Harveys Lake resident

beach now. Council members were unsure of that percentage.

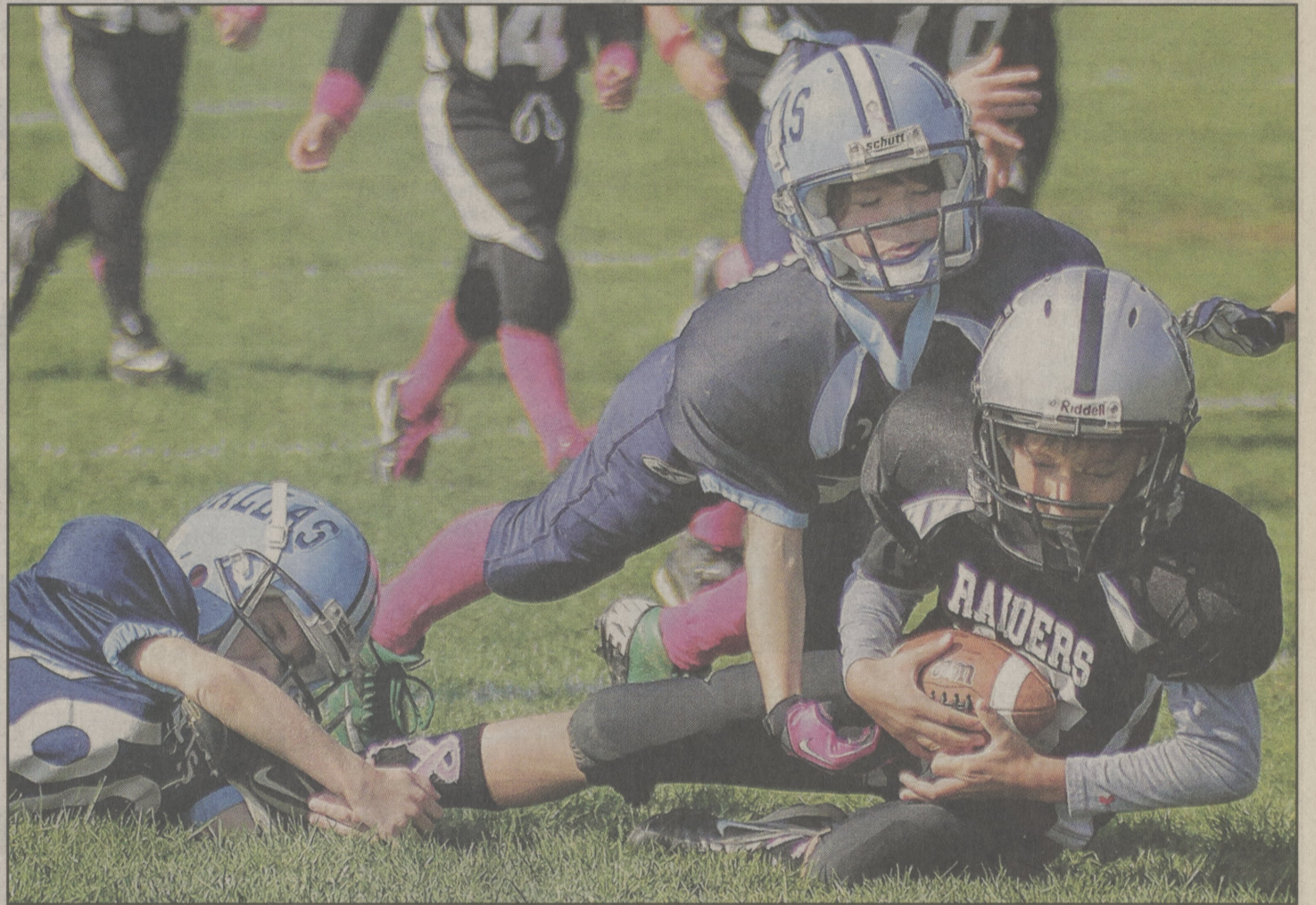
Spagnuolo also asked what percentage of last month's police calls regarded break-ins. Mayor Clarence Hogan stated that none of the calls were from burglaries.

Resident Gerald Kovaleski said, "We should be lucky we have a police force because there are many municipalities that are without. The council is doing the best they can."

Resident Diane Dwyer asked

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## JR. MOUNTS UNDEFEATED



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Dallas Jr. Mount Brendan Eggleston (No. 99) takes down Kingston Twp. Raider Jake Horetz (No. 13) in Wyoming Valley Conference Youth Football action on Oct. 14. The Jr. Mounts defeated the Raiders, 49-14, behind the scoring of seven different players and currently sport a 9-0 record. Dallas plays the West Pittston Rams today at Mountaineer Stadium. For a story and additional photos, please turn to page 9.

## Making life easier for the disabled

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Have you ever given any consideration to the height of the opening on a vending machine? Do you think twice when walking under an open stairwell?

Most of us do these things on auto-pilot.

Misericordia University professor Denis Anson thinks of nothing else. Anson is the director of research and development for the Assistive Technology Research Institute or ATRI, a program dedicated to teaching and applying the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Noxen resident has devised and brought to market the Americans with Disabilities Act-Compliance Assessment Toolkit or ADA-CAT, which measures whether public buildings are compliant with the federal laws.

The toolkit uses very basic instruments to measure every area of accessibility. Some of these instruments are everyday items such as a tape measure and a level but others, like the Key Torque Tool and the Story Stick, are custom designed by Anson to eliminate the math and decoding of the standards.

Anson explained that a lot of disabilities are things the general public doesn't think about. For example, people may consider wheelchair bound disabilities or blindness, but many don't consider deafness, low vision and limited mobility when determining accessibility options.

I had the opportunity to visit with Anson and experience some of these limitations first hand. I was fitted with thick suede gloves, making it nearly impossible to button my coat or even open a door. The gloves simulated serious arthritis or semi-paralytic mobility brought



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Phone numbers are largest on this sight limited phone but details and screen colors are still not acceptable for impaired sight.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The ATRI and the College of Professional Studies and Social Sciences at Misericordia University, with the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Institute, is hosting "Teaching Accessibility: Beyond the Classroom," from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. The all-day conference costs \$125 and the deadline to register is Oct. 23.

on by a stroke.

"Suddenly, very simple tasks become more complex," said Anson as I struggled.

Goggles smeared with paste made it difficult for me to see. Though it was not impossible and I could still make out a doorway and walk down the hall, I was unable to make out people's faces or dial a large numbered telephone. The goggles simulate how individuals with low vision experience everyday life.

I also had the opportunity to travel part of Misericordia's cam-



Trying to button your coat with hand disabilities can be troublesome.



Philadelphia University Provost Randy Swearer, Ph.D., places the Centennial Medal Award for Excellent in Education on Michael Novrocki as nominating student Sean Fertal looks on.

## LL teacher receives Medal of Excellence

Michael Novrocki, Social Studies teacher and National History Day Coordinator at Lake-Lehman High School, recently received the Centennial Medal Award for Excellence in Education from Philadelphia University. The award is presented to educators for their dedication in preparing their students for college.

Novrocki received the award at Philadelphia University's Academic Convocation held recently at the beginning of the academic year.

Award recipients are nominated by former students entering Philadelphia University's freshman class, who believe the educator they nominate had a special and distinct positive impact on their high school career.

Novrocki was nominated by Lake-Lehman graduate Sean

Fertal, a member of the Lake-Lehman High School Class of 2012 and a freshman at Philadelphia University. Fertal's essay nominating Novrocki for the award was one of four selected by the university out of 600 received from members of this year's incoming freshman class.

At the award ceremony, Fertal read portions of his nominating essay, after which Novrocki was presented with the Centennial Medal Award from Philadelphia University President Stephen Spinelli, Jr., Ph.D.

Novrocki has been a member of the Social Studies Department at Lake-Lehman High School for the past 10 years. Prior to that, he had been a member of the Social Studies Department at Abington Heights High School.

## And the winners are ...

The votes (more than 2,500 of them) have been tabulated and winners in The Dallas Post's 2012 Best of the Back Mountain Readers' Contest have been notified. An awards ceremony will be held on Oct. 30 at Fire & Ice on Toby Creek for winners and their guests. Winners in more than 80 categories will be announced publicly in a special section to be published in the Nov. 4 issue of The Dallas Post.



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