

Dallas Township

Supervisors learn about Smart911 service

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Back Mountain Regional representative Chief Harry Vivian discussed the Smart911 service at the July 2 supervisors meeting.

The Luzerne County service is free and secure. Residents create a safety profile where they enter vital medical information on the Smart911.com website. The information will be immediately displayed to emergency responders in cases where the caller is unable to respond to questions regarding medications and medical

conditions.

The profile will also give immediate information on any residents or pets that may be trapped in a home in the event of a fire. Another feature of the service is that it shows photos and gives descriptions of children in cases of missing or runaway children.

The service is used by police departments, fire departments and ambulances and saves time in emergency situations. It is 100 percent private and secure and can be used in partnership with other counties throughout the United States who utilize the Smart911 service.

In other business:

The board of supervisors is moving forward with plans to purchase a 2012 Bobcat Skid Steer for \$43,187.36 from Costars. The vehicle has a universal front end for different attachments, including an asphalt grinder which will need to be rented on a monthly basis. The cost of the vehicle falls within the budget of \$50,000 allotted for the purchase. The supervisors were scheduled to take formal action on the matter at the end of the week.

There was a discussion regarding a track of vacant

land given to the Kunkle Fire Department which should have been put on the tax exempt rolls but wasn't. Supervisors have agreed to accept service from the fire department in order for it to claim tax exempt status. Solicitor Tom Brennan said the board will look into making the service agreement retroactive for the 2011 and 2012 tax years, giving the fire department tax exempt status beginning with the 2011 tax year and moving forward.

Also up for discussion was the requirement for the township to provide an impound lot for towed vehicles. Chairman

Frank Wagner suggested a location that is already partially fenced and has room for three to four vehicles. The entire lot would need to be fenced and given approval prior to being used.

Engineer Tom Doughton and the supervisors discussed the proposed 2013 OCD project - a foot bridge near the Kunkle Fire Station. Doughton stated the DEP permit for the project was submitted earlier in the day and added he thinks the bridge will cost less than the \$40,000 budgeted for it. The bridge will likely be five or six feet wide, accessible

for 2-way traffic, as well as for handicapped citizens' scooters. There was concern that, because the bridge is excessively wide, residents would use the bridge for quads and ATVs.

The previously scheduled public hearing to consider and solicit public input and comment on a proposed ordinance to amend the township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance has been re-scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, and will be followed by the board of supervisors meeting at 7 p.m.

Little People partners with ENX2 LLC



ENX2 LLC recently announced that it has come to an agreement with Dallas Little People to become a sponsor for R3 OPS - The Mud Run With Options, to be held Saturday, July 20, at Northeast Fairgrounds in Pittston Township. The first-ever mud run with options is open to men and women of all athletic abilities and offers a variety of choices for participants. From left, are Dallas Little People director Barbara Kohler and ENX2 CEO and R3 OPS race director Nicole Farber.

KT public works department gets new vehicle

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently accepted delivery of a new 2013 Ford F150 for the township's public works department. The vehicle was purchased through the states Co-Star's program and replaces a 1996 Chevy Blazer with well over 120,000 miles. The township will sell the used vehicle at an auction later this summer. From left, are Road Superintendent Donald Fritzes, Supervisor Chairman Jeffrey Box, Supervisor Vice-Chair Shirley Moyer and Supervisor Sam Barbose.



Kingston Township purchases two new police vehicles



The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently accepted delivery of two new police vehicles to add to the township police department's fleet. The township purchased a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Sedan and a 2013 AWD SUV. The vehicles were purchased through the states Co-Star's program and replace two older rear-wheel drive Ford Crown Victoria sedans with over 300,000 miles combined. The township will sell the used sedan at an auction in later this summer. From left, are Chief James Balavage, Supervisor Chairman Jeffrey Box, Supervisor Vice-Chair Shirley Moyer and Supervisor Sam Barbose.

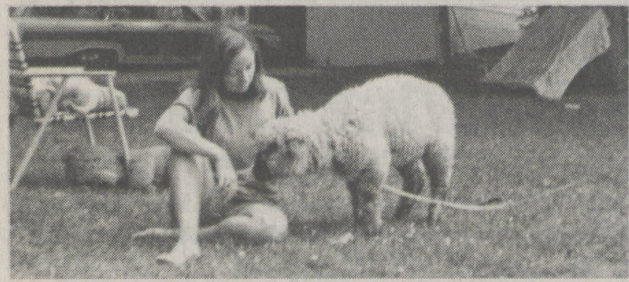
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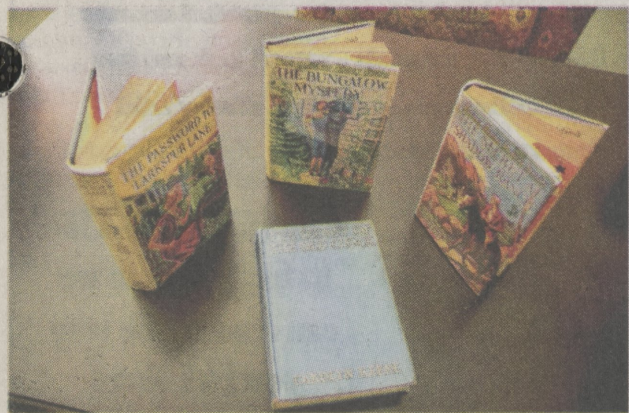
beautiful golf bag, a brand new wheeled suitcase (never even opened) in the Odds and Ends tent, a pitcher and a beloved family dog.

Who knows what treasures you will discover at this year's auction? Be prepared for surprises!

In other Auction/Library news, the Slightly Read Bookshop will not accept any used book donations as of Monday, July 1, in order to sort and prepare its inventory in time for the return of their popular Book Tent. Book donations will then be accepted after Aug. 1.



Jean Fleming is shown on the side lawn of the Fleming house in Dallas circa summer 1968 with Libby, a lamb that was sold to her father during a time that animals went across the auction block.



Charlotte Bartizek/for the Dallas Post
Lauren Hadsal bought this group of Nancy Drew books for a few bucks in the Odds and Ends booth. The blue book in the center is a first edition and worth about \$450, Hadsal estimates.

NEW GOODS ITEMS

For auction-goers seeking new goods, here is a list of some of the bigger-ticket items and the times they will go across the block:

Friday, July 12 - between 7 and 8 p.m., pizza for a year donated by Pizza Bella, \$550 value; set of four new tires donated by Jack Williams tire, over \$400 value

Saturday, July 13 - between 7 and 8 p.m., CoAire 9000 BTU ductless heat pump, first floor installed and wired donated by Monk Plumbing and Heating, \$2,200 value; 52 pairs of men's trousers or lady's slacks dry cleaned and pressed donated by Steven's Town and Country Cleaners

Sunday, July 14 - between 8 and 9 p.m., Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins box with 14 tickets, VIP parking passes, food and beverage, you pick the date, donated by Citizens Bank, \$800 value; authentic Coach purse and wristlet, donated by the New Goods committee, \$450 value



Bill Tarutis/for the Sunday Dispatch
Birder Bruce Troy, center, of West Wyoming, leads a group of 10 birders on a hike of Frances Slocum State Park.

They're into old-fashioned tweeting

It's billed as a leisurely walk to seek out songbirds.

And that's what it is, once a month on a Saturday morning at Frances Slocum State Park.

Those interested are welcome to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Environmental Education Center and Boat Rental, 565 Mount Olivet Road, Kingston Township. The event is free.

The events are hosted by Carol Sorber, of Wild Birds Unlimited, a franchise store located in the Dallas Shopping Center.

For more information, call 675-9900.



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Birder Gary Kostrobala, left, of Lake Township, talks with Frances Slocum State Park maintenance engineer Shawn Hillard.



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Group leader Bruce Troy, left, of West Wyoming, and fellow birder Jane Messenger, of Dallas, look for birds at Frances Slocum State Park.



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An American tree swallow finds a bird house at Frances Slocum State Park.



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A Baltimore Oriole sits on a branch among the leaves at Frances Slocum State Park.



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Bruce Troy, second from left, joins fellow birders at Frances Slocum State Park.