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TASTE OF WINTER

Surprise snow cuts power, closes highways



A pickup truck makes its way along a snow-covered Shawnee Trail in Shawnee Lake, Jefferson, on Tuesday after a surprise snowstorm dumped 3 inches of snow and ice on roads in western Morris County. **JOHN BELL / DAILY RECORD**

2 Morris school districts keep kids late because of unsafe roads

BY MEGHAN VAN DYK AND JAKE REMALY
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Washington Township school cafeterias served dinner to many of its 3,000 students Tuesday night, some of whom were held past 6 p.m. School officials waited to release students until roads were deemed safe after an early season nor'easter blanketed western Morris County with 3 inches of snow and ice throughout the morning, downing numerous branches and leaving many roads impassable late into the evening. "Our kids are looking at it as an adventure, but it's also



State troopers block Route 80 westbound at the exit for Route 15 North on Tuesday. The highway was reopened just before the start of the evening rush hour.

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good practice for a more serious situation," said Leslie Schwartz, the district's assistant superintendent. "There have been on-and-off power

outages in the schools, but it's much safer here than on the roads, no matter how late we have to keep them."

The first storm of the season left more than 10,000 Morris residents without power and stranded hundreds of motorists who were met with slick, unplowed roads. The highest number of

power outages were reported in Chester, Mount Olive and Washington Township, but they extended throughout Hunterdon and Sussex counties, according to Jersey Central Power & Light. More than 60,000 JCP&L customers in the state were

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Towns: Let us decide on PSE&G power line

Say going through BPU lets utility ignore local concerns

BY ABBOTT KOLOFF
DAILY RECORD

MONTVILLE — Officials from three towns and several environmental groups on Tuesday claimed Public Service Electric & Gas is trying to circumvent local planning boards by seeking state approval for a power line that would cut a 45-mile swath through New Jersey.

The mayors of Montville and East Hanover, along with a Byram councilman and officials with various groups, held a press conference to call on the state Board of Public Utilities to force PSE&G to get its approvals from local governments.

"We have a number of concerns that have not adequately been addressed by PSE&G," Montville Mayor Deborah Nielson said.

Karen Johnson, a spokeswoman for PSE&G, acknowledged that her company was considering going to the BPU for approval, and said so to state officials at a recent meeting, but added it had not filed an application.

"We have evaluated that option," Johnson said. "We have not announced a decision. Going to the BPU is always an option we have."

PSE&G plans to install a 500 kilovolt electric power line along a route that goes through 15 New Jersey towns from the Pennsylvania border to Roseland. It has been holding public meetings to talk about those plans, which include replacing existing towers with 190-foot towers, which are twice as tall.

Even if PSE&G seeks BPU approval instead of going to municipal planning boards, Johnson said it plans to work with municipal officials and to hold additional public meetings to address local concerns.

Nielson and others at the press conference alleged that PSE&G has failed to ade-



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East Hanover Mayor Joseph Pannulo is part of a coalition questioning PSE&G's power-line plans.



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