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Lehman taxpayers willing to foot bill

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Most Lake-Lehman School District taxpayers seem prepared to pay 14 percent higher taxes if the increase means better education for students in the district's schools.

In a special meeting held Tuesday, May 22, the Lake-Lehman School Board approved by a 7-1 vote an 18-mill increase in the proposed 1990-1991 school budget for a total of approximately \$11,200,000. Board member Kenneth Williams was the lone member to vote against the 18-mill increase and board member Marc Elgaway was absent.

Andrea Picchi of Harveys Lake said maintaining present services is important. "I can accept the 18-mills if it means not cutting the late bus and other programs for the kids. We fought too hard to get the late bus run and I don't want to see it taken away. That's all we have for the kids back here."

"The Board is between a rock and a hard place," said Charity

Marlatt of Timberlane Road, Lehman Township. "It's a no-win situation for them. I don't like to pay higher taxes any more than anyone else, but I don't want to see programs nor personnel cut. If it helps the quality education, we will have to tighten our belts and sacrifice something else because education is a priority."

"I don't like to see higher taxes," said Joyce Birty of Harveys Lake. "But I'll agree with the 18 mills rather than cutting teachers or educational programs and even the sports programs. We need the late run buses. If it needs to be slightly higher to provide these items, I'll have no problem."

Mrs. Brenda Nygren of Ross Township expressed a common complaint. "I am not happy with the increase, but I guess lack of sufficient funding from the state puts the burden on the local taxpayers. The directors have reduced it some from the original budget."

"We need quality education for the students but I hope they can

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Borchetta leaving district

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A member of the professional staff at Lake-Lehman School District told The Dallas Post Tuesday that Dr. Charles Borchetta announced to the administration that he had accepted a position with Upper Perkiomen Valley School District, effective the end of June.

Dr. Borchetta, who has been with the local district for the past three years, came to Lake-Lehman from the Smithport School District where he had been superintendent for three years.

Attempts to contact Borchetta Tuesday were unsuccessful, but other sources confirmed the report.

Sentence stay denied for Smith

By RICH JOHNSON
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A request for a stay in the sentence of a Lake-Lehman senior convicted of manslaughter was denied last week by a state Superior Court Judge.

According to a spokesperson from the Superior Court in Philadelphia, an application for a stay hearing for Chris Smith was denied on May 24. The request was made to postpone the start of the sentence of Smith, who was to report to a reform school outside of Philadelphia late last week.

Earlier this year, Smith was sentenced to three years in the reform school after he was charged and convicted of manslaughter following the shooting death of 18-year-old Richard Hillman last June. The sentence also prohibited Smith from taking part in graduation ceremonies at Lake-Lehman High School, where he is president of the senior class.

The spokesperson for the Superior Court also noted that an appeal has been filed in connection to the recent denial. A hearing has been scheduled for June 7 in Philadelphia for that appeal.

Local court officials, family members and others dealing directly with the case have declined comment on the sentencing because Judge O'Malley imposed a gag order with the case.

A gag order prohibits anyone dealing with the case from publicly discussing its details.

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Memorial Day veteran

Sgt. Paul Kutzer is shown above as he poses at the memorial next to the Harveys Lake American Legion Post #967. Kutzer, a former post commander of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans, took part in Monday's memorial service at Harveys Lake. More Memorial Day photos on page 11. (Photo by Rich Johnson)

Post Office salutes Rattlesnake Roundup

The United States Postal Service has authorized a subject (pictorial) cancellation saluting the Annual Rattlesnake Roundup held in Noxen, May 31 to June 3. The cancellation features the winning snake design from a contest sponsored by the Noxen Post Office.

Lee Hockenberry, a ninth grade student from Dallas Middle School, won the contest with his snake drawing. The cancellation also features two small hearts and the words "Love at First Bite". The cancellation will be available during the roundup. Other winners of the contest were Elizabeth Hubbel of Noxen, Scott Kocher of Harveys Lake and John Burilla of Dallas.

A commemorative postcard was designed by artist Richard Johnson, co-owner of the Book-makers, Wilkes-Barre. It is a two color card and will be available at the Rattlesnake Roundup for \$1.25

with postage and the special cancellation. The Noxen Postal Service will have a philatelic station at the Roundup. Hours will be 6-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday night, Saturday and Sunday 11-7 p.m.

In addition to the cancellation and postal cards, philatelic collector kits, Postal design T-shirts, mugs, pins and a variety of stamps and plate blocks will be available. On Thursday and Friday evenings, the Postal Service will be having drawings for free T-shirts and posters.

The cancellation and postcards will also be available by mail. For cancellation and/or postcards, send to Postmaster, "Love at First Bite Station", Noxen, PA 18636-9998 and make check payable to Postmaster. Postcards are \$1.25 each. For cancellation, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope (limit 50) and specify dates.

Sewer manager disputes charges

By RICH JOHNSON
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Residents of the Hemlock Gardens section of Harveys Lake have again voiced complaints about the borough's sewer authority and its decision to put a sewer line in that area of the borough. But the borough's sewer manager says that most of the complaints are unwarranted.

At last week's meeting of the Harveys Lake Council, residents of Hemlock Gardens approached the council about the sewer line that is currently being installed in that section. The residents said that they have many concerns dealing with the project and their concerns are not being addressed by officials of the borough.

The residents had a list of questions they posed to the council but they were told most of those questions would have to be addressed to the sewer authority.

Ed Spera, a property owner at Hemlock Gardens, told the council that the group had been to the sewer authority with no success.

Dallas Middle School students are on the air

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Back Mountain residents won't see it on their home television sets, but there's a morning news show produced by and for students at the Dallas Middle School. Middle School students have produced Sunrise News, on WSDS, Channel 7, for the past 15 years.

Seventh, eighth and ninth grade students work on the program every morning. During the sports seasons, they have also had occasion to view various sports features which have been put on the air as specials by students who volunteer their time for these feature programs.

The news program is presented every Monday through Friday and is gathered by a team of three reporters, written by them, edited by advisor Paul Warchal, then presented on the air by the team of three. The anchor gives the school news; the sportscaster broadcasts the special athletic events, scores, etc. and the third gives the weather and library news such as books

coming in, books that are due. "I started when I was in seventh grade," said Nina Mathers, now a ninth grade student. "I was looking for something to do and became interested in the program. It's been a lot of fun, it makes me feel like I'm more of the school. It's a great opportunity to get the feeling of communication. The teachers are very good and I've learned a lot from them. I'm thinking about making it a career, but it's hard to get jobs in television."

There are approximately 40 students who work on the newscast or act as reporters. They work in teams of three, each team a week at a time, rotating from gathering news, writing and broadcasting. After one team's week, another team takes over. The students are under the direction of Paul Warchal.

"I started in seventh grade," said Karen Wisniewski. "Mr. Warchal asked if I was interested so with some of the others we got a group together and that's how we started

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CAMERA MEN - Joe LaNunziata and Bill Camp zoom in with the video cameras as they prepare to get ready for a morning program on the Dallas Middle School's WSDS, Channel 7, closed circuit channel. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

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Coming up:

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- FRANKLIN TWP. PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., June 4, 6:30 PM
- FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Mon., June 4, 8 PM
- JACKSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Mon., June 5, 7:30 PM, Jackson Fire Hall
- KINGSTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., June 4, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.