

Program is set for Zaleskas 'roast'

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General chairman Joseph "Red" Jones has announced the committee members who will work with him and his co-chairpersons Elizabeth Sichler and Robert Edwards in planning a dinner and roast for Lake-Lehman High School Principal Jay Zaleskas, who will retire June 30 after 37 years of service with the district.

Zaleskas began his teaching career in 1953 at Lake-Noxen High School and became assistant principal of the newly-formed jointure, Lake-Lehman High School in 1965. During this time Zaleskas coached basketball, baseball, football and wrestling. He also directed numerous class plays and class night performances.

He initiated the organization of a Rifle Club in 1956 and con-

structed an indoor rifle range in the Lake-Noxen gymnasium. He was certified as a 'Safe Hunter' by the State Game Commission and conducted classes for novice hunters for many years.

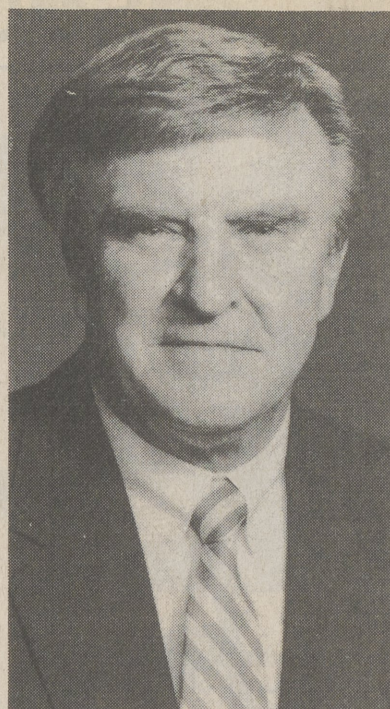
During his years of service, Zaleskas also taught English and social studies. He was appointed as high school principal in 1983, a position he has held since.

A native of Larksville, Zaleskas is the son of the late Martin and Anna Zaleskas. He graduated from Coughlin High School and after graduation from Coughlin, he entered the Army and was assigned to the Transportation Corps at Fort Eustus, Virginia. He served as operations sergeant until his discharge in 1948. He then entered King's College, where he was a running back on the varsity team for four years. He graduated from King's College in 1952 with a

major in economics and minors in English and social studies. He was presented with the 'Scholar-Athlete Award' at graduation.

Zaleskas was married to Irene Myers of Ashley in October 1952. She is a certified physician's assistant at the Rural Health Corporation. They have five children, JoAnn, a lawyer in California; Irene, in the art department at LCCC; Jayne, who with her husband operates a clothing business in Buffalo; Jack, a CPA for Jostens in Minneapolis, and Jean, program director at the Catholic Youth Center.

The Dinner-Roast will be June 30 at 7 p.m., at Irem Temple Country Club, with music from 9 to 12 p.m. A maximum of 350 tickets will be sold at \$15 each and may be obtained by calling Myra Davis at 639-5250 or 675-8530.



JAY ZALESKAS

Jackson Twp. residents buy out sewer permits

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Almost all Jackson Township residents who must connect to the community's new sewer project have purchased a permit to do the work and more than half have made the hook up, according to figures from the project's executive director.

Jack Ziegler of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority said that 97 percent of the residents have purchased the permit to connect to the \$3.75 million project.

"I never expected this," said Ziegler. "We are thrilled with the cooperation from the residents."

Ziegler said that approximately 280 residences in the township would have to connect to the project. He originally expected that only around 240 would actually buy the permits and make the connection but now he says figures show that almost all the households will connect.

"We only have a few more who need to buy the permit," said Ziegler, "and by now more than half of the residents have made the connection."

Ziegler said that the municipal authority paid for 104 inspections for households that made the

connection through April. Figures through May are not yet available, but Ziegler said he is sure that the figure has reached the halfway point.

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority is doing the inspection of the hookups. Residents who are connecting must first buy a permit from the township municipal authority and when the work is completed contact DAMA for an inspection.

Ziegler said that there have been no real problems associated with the hookups so far. "The people have been real cooperative throughout the construction," he said. "We are in the process of cleaning up some of the work, the roads are being paved and the rest of the restoration should be done by the end of June."

Ziegler added, "It has been a real pleasure to work with the residents of the township. We have not had any individual give us a lot of complaints."

The sewer project was built after the Department of Environmental Resources said the township had to replace its septic tanks with a public sewer project. DER made the demand after it was found the septic tanks were contaminating nearby waterways.

Residence

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Sulewski, testified that he was the person who did most of the work on the house and he agreed that the building could be seen as a multi-family unit. But Jenkins said the looks are deceiving. "We have no intention of using the home as anything other than a single family unit," said Jenkins. "It was the intention of my in-laws to have a property for their six daughters to use when they want to. My in-laws house is too small, so that is why we built the new place."

The building consists of five living areas. Each has a master bedroom and a bathroom. Each also has its own electrical meter, which is one of the concerns of the neighbors.

"We are concerned that this could be used as separate rental units," said Robert Monk. "Sometime down the road this place could be used as an apartment," he added.

However, Jenkins said that the family's intention is to keep the building in the family. "We want to use the place and have our grandchildren use the place and their grandchildren use the place," he said. Jenkins also said that separate meters were put on the building because each unit is heated separately. "We did this because it is such a big place and it is more practical. If a daughter used the place for a weekend she could just turn on the heat in the rooms

needed and then she would know how much she would owe for the time she spent there."

Another area of the case that caused some debate was the definition of a family in the building codes. Jenkins said that the building would be used by all the daughters and their families and they felt they fell under the definition of one family. However the neighbors felt that it was more than one family.

The definition in the building codes defines family as: "An individual, or two or more persons related by blood or marriage, or a group of not more than five persons, excluding servants, who are not related by blood or marriage, living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit."

Other neighbors who expressed opposition to the building were George Appel and Michael Shisko. Both testified that they were concerned with the future of the building. "You don't know," said Appel. "One sister might argue with another and there is a falling out and the next thing you know the place is being rented out."

Monk also testified that he felt the building could easily be turned into rental units.

After a short recess of the meeting, the two board members in attendance, William Zimmiski and Bruce Baker both voted to approve the application on three conditions. The first is that the building can be

used only by the Sulewskis. The second is that no part of the building can be leased or used by anyone not in the family. There can also be no structure or use changes without prior approval from the zoning board.

The neighbors accepted the decision but did note that they felt the conditions are not enforceable.

The board considered one other application at its meeting. A request made at last month's board meeting by Mr. David Perrego to purchase a piece of property on Pine St. in the borough. He planned to remove a trailer that currently stands on the lot and replace it with a new mobile home which

would be placed on a permanent foundation.

The board tabled the application last month as they needed more information dealing with mobile homes on permanent foundations.

No new testimony was given at last week's meeting and Zimmiski made a motion to approve the request. However, Baker would not second the motion and the request then died for lack of a second.

The board's solicitor, Donald Rogers, said that Perrego had a number of options to proceed on and suggested he talk with his attorney to find the best one.

Graduation

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introduce Atty. Ralphs. Ralphs, who first attended the Lake School, graduated from Lake-Lehman High School, received her B.S. in nursing from General Hospital and her M.S. in nursing from University of Miami. She then went to California where she received her doctorate in law from UCLA. JoAnn is married to Atty. Don Ralphs and both are members of the Haight, Brown and Boonsteel Law Firm in Los Angeles. They reside in Civic Palisade, California.

Honor orations will be given by Valedictorian Molly White and Salutatorian Nicole Gardner.

Ms. Sylvia Bator, Department chairperson, pupil personnel, will present the awards with the exception of the Del Giberson Scholarship, which will be presented by Walter Sorber.

High School principal John M. Zaleskas will present his final remarks to the seniors followed by the presentation of the seniors by Dr. Charles Borchetta, superintendent. Board president Jeffrey Fritzen will present the diplomas as assistant principal Roberts calls the roll of the seniors and says farewell.

Ambulance crew praised

The Jackson Township supervisors Monday night passed a resolution that publicly commended the Jackson Township ambulance crew. The resolution came after Police Chief Don Jones praised the efforts of the organization.

"Their is a younger group in there now and they are much improved," said Jones. "They have a quick response time and they really take care of the patient they are transporting. The community needs to know what a good job the group is doing."

John Wilkes, Jr., the secretary and a chief attendant for the ambulance crew said after the meeting that he was pleased that the board and police praised their work.

Wilkes said he also felt the ambulance crews are getting better. "We have younger people getting involved and getting a lot of training," said Wilkes. "We have people who are now continuing with their training and we are working as a better crew because of this. We have cut some of our response times in half," he added.

Wilkes also said that one of the reasons for the success of the ambulance crew is the Back Mountain Communications Center. "With help from the center our crew is assisting the police department better and we are working in a more cooperative manner," he said.

Former homeless mom helps others

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Colleen Pinkerton of Winneport, Maine, says she has a great deal of compassion for the homeless because she and her young daughter, Janel, were among the homeless in the past.

"I lost my job and then my mother, and in the grief suffered by others in the family, they didn't realize what my daughter and I were going through," Colleen said Wednesday, afternoon as she walked around a pond on the Kochan property in Kunkle. "We lived like the other homeless street people until an elderly gentleman offered us room in his home if I would cook his meals. I accepted his offer and Janel and I had a place to stay. Since living there gave me a permanent address, I was soon able to get a job restoring furniture."

"My family got in touch with me and after I had saved some money I decided to build my own home. It isn't very big, only 16x28, but it is comfortable and keeps us warm. My family and friends came to our aid and helped build the house. It was then I vowed that when I could I would do something to help other homeless people," Colleen said.

Having gone to school with Neal Pinkerton, now her husband, she got in touch with him when she was building her house. Neal came to help with the others and soon they were married.

"Neal knew how I felt about the homeless and my vow to help raise money for them," Colleen said. "He was the one who came up with the idea of riding horseback across the country, to Delmar, California."

Neal had never ridden a horse until last year when Colleen taught him, but after that they began to plan their "Pennies for the Homeless" project. Colleen explained there are numerous projects and programs being conducted by people throughout the country raising money for 'Habitat for Humanity', but they wanted to do something different.

"We wrote to the Habitat Headquarters in Americus, Georgia," said Neal. "We wanted to get permission from them and to let them know what we were doing. We hand out pledge cards in the areas we pass through and ask the people to send any donations to 'Penny Express, Habitat for Humanity, Americus, GA. 31709' All money is sent to the community from where the pledges were made to help the homeless in that area."



RIDING FOR THE HOMELESS — Neil Pinkerton gets ready to saddle up for the next leg of his family's ride across America. Colleen Pinkerton and her daughter were homeless for a time, and she vowed to help others when she could. Pledges taken along the way will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, a group working to provide homes for the homeless. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Pinkerton and her daughter lived on the streets after she lost her job and her mother died

The Pinkerton's daughter Janel is living with the pastor of their church while her parents are riding horseback across the country. When school is out, she will join them on their trip for seven weeks.

Neal and Colleen left from Belfast, Maine April 7, with their three horses, Joshua, Cindy Lou and Delmar, their pack horse. The first 10 days of the trip they had three days of snow and three days of rain. They average approximately 20 miles per day five days a week. They stay over two days, one to rest the horses and one day to attend church. They plan to reach Delmar, California in February, 1991.

They travel rural routes whenever possible to keep the horses away from heavy traffic, and came to Kochan's property in Kunkle from Lake Winola after the owner of the property at which they stayed

at Lake Winola brought Neal down to the Kunkle area to look for a site to pitch their tent. Seeing the Kochan property, Neal requested permission to stay there until Thursday when the Pinkertons would travel to Sweet Valley, try to find a place to stay, then after Sweet Valley they would go to Bendertown and then to Washingtonville.

"We have to find our own places to stop over at night," Neal explained. "We are fortunate that Agway has offered to provide us with the grain for our horses throughout the entire trip. That is a big help to us."

Colleen said she keeps in touch with home in Maine by calling Belfast every Wednesday and Sunday.

"I call Wednesday right after prayer meeting is over and talk to the people at the church and again Sunday after church at home is over. That is how we keep in contact with our folks back there."

It's a long trek to Delmar, California but the Pinkertons are positive they will make it and they urge all people to send their pledges to Penny Express, Habitat for Humanity, Americus, GA 31709.

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