

## Dump

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place and the supervisors want to know why. "This is ridiculous," said Supervisor David Sutton. "If I spilled some gasoline on the roadway they would be out in a matter of minutes."

Supervisor Paul Goodwin agrees that it is taking the state too long to respond. "We think this is important and they aren't doing anything about it," said Goodwin.

DER personnel say that the backlog of complaints and the way the complaint was made may have caused the delay.

Spokesman Marc Carmon said that if the complaint was made with the department of water quality then it would take some time to get to the department that will investigate it. "They (water quality) will take the complaint and then go through some channels to get it to waste management where it will be assigned to a field officer," said Carmon.

The field officer looking into the matter is Rich Mieszkowski, who said he has not seen a written complaint. "We have some information but it is not complete," said Mieszkowski.

"We have a backlog of complaints and we must prioritize them so it could take another week or two until I can get out there," he added.

Township solicitor Peter Savage said he contacted DER and filed the complaint but said he would hand deliver another complaint to make sure action was taken as soon as possible.

The supervisors expressed concern over the dump, which some estimate is nearly 50 yards long and 20 yards wide. They also say the materials being dumped must be looked into.

Hozempa, who lives along Outlet Road, admits there is a dump on his land but argues that there is no danger because he is disposing of garbage from his home and his tavern, the Hozey-K Town Tavern in Dallas.

Hozempa said that the complaint was brought about as a result of politics. He is currently the Republican candidate for supervisor and will not face a challenger on the November ballot.

Besides DER, the supervisors also contacted other agencies about the dump. Claude Neifert, a waterways conservation officer from the state Fish Commission, has reportedly investigated the site. Repeated calls to his office for more information were unreturned.

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, which owns land next to Hozempa's, also did a study of the stream which runs from Hozempa's land into its property.

Guy Beh, a spokesman for P&W, said that the stream is tested quite often but was done again after the complaint was filed against the dump. The results of that test should be received by the end of the week.

The township supervisors say they will continue to push for an investigation of the dump. "This is something that may be a potential hazard and DER has to realize this," said Goodwin. "We will keep contacting them until something is done."

## This week's road repairs

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Luzerne County Maintenance Manager, Matthew R. Collura, has announced the following road work scheduled for the week of June 24:

**POTHOLE PATCHING** - Various state routes in Plains Twp. and the Back Mountain area.

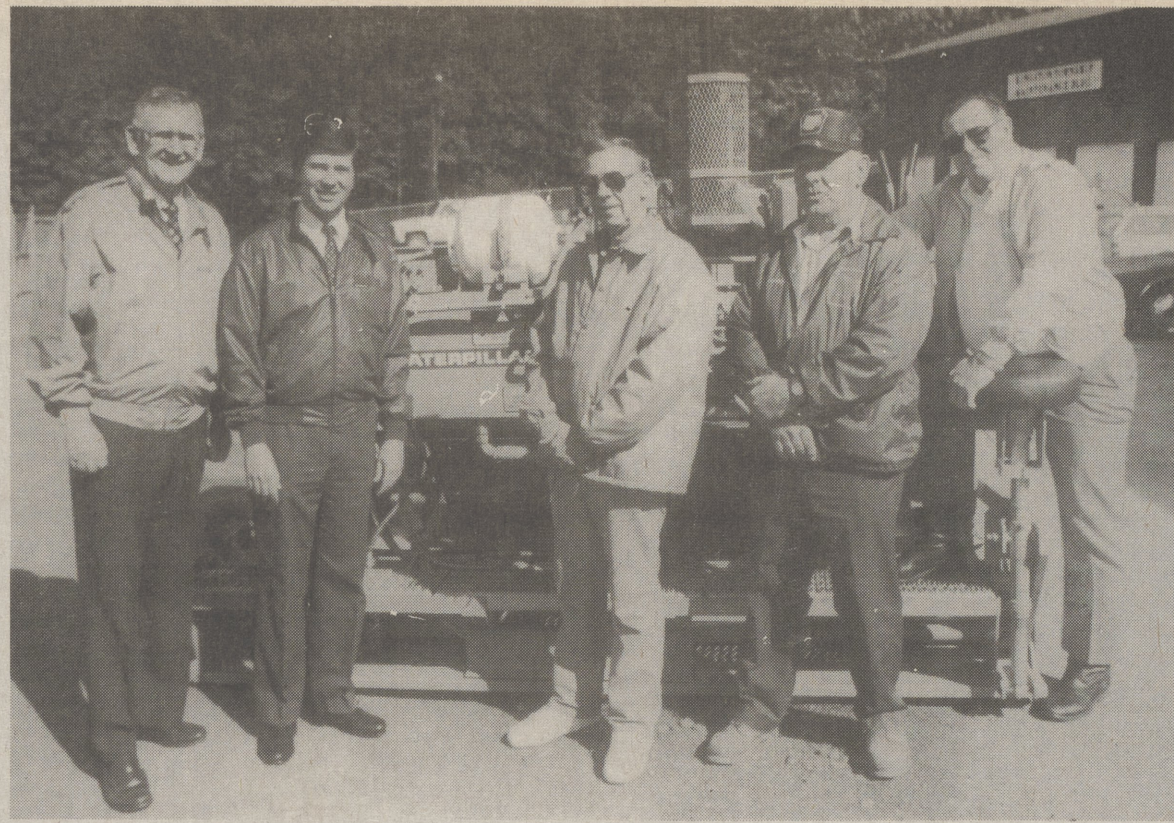
**SHOULDER REPAIR/UPGRADE** - TR 118 in Lehman Twp. **SURFACE TREATMENT** contract work will include bituminous paving of TR 118 from the Red Barn Road to TR 29 in Lehman and Lake Twps.

The following roads will have oil and chip sealcoats applied: Outlet to Lehman Rd. in Lake and Lehman Twps.; Old Lake Rd. in Harveys Lake Borough; Tulip Rd. in Lake Twp.; Hartman Rd. in Hunlock, Plymouth and Lehman Twps.; Mooretown Rd. in Lake and Ross Twps.; Broadway RD. in Ross and Huntington Twps.; Sutliff Rd. in Ross Twp.

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## New paver

The Kingston Township Supervisors recently presented the road department with a new paver. The 35 horse power paver cost nearly \$34,000 and was purchased through the capital improvement program where the township attempts to keep the crews with updated equipment. Shown with the new paver are from left: Supervisor William Tippet, Township Manager Jeffrey Box, Supervisor Ben Franklin, Road Superintendent Robert Chamberlain, and Supervisor Donald Gavigan. (Post Photo/ Rich Johnson)

## Lehman to take five special ed teachers

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The Lake-Lehman School District has officially moved to take over special education from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit. At their regular meeting June 19, Lake-Lehman School Board members approved the transfer of five special education teachers from the unit to the school district. Effective September 2, 1991, the following teachers will be transferred in the order of their seniority as follows:

Mary Goode, MS, Step 13; Phillip Lipski BS+24 Step 13; Monica Shuritis MS, Step 12; Lee Long Sikora, M+18 Step 10; and Mary Ann Billis, BS Step 5.

The board also approved the continuance of the current contract for 1991-1992 with Karl B. Search, supervisor of building and grounds.

The board also appointed Peter

J. Savage as solicitor and general counsel to the board for the 1991-92 year at a salary of \$12,500 plus dental, vision, life and travel accident insurance. He will receive no other payment for services unless he should serve as chief negotiator in grievance arbitrations of formal complaints filed against the district for which a \$60 per hour fee will be paid.

In other business, the board:

- Approved unanimously a motion made by Liz Sichler and seconded by Kenneth Williams that beginning with the 1991-1992 school year children of the professional staff of the Lake-Lehman School District who are not residents of the district shall not be permitted to attend Lake-Lehman School District tuition free. An exception will be made for currently enrolled children who will be permitted to continue their education tuition free until the

earlier event of graduation, expulsion or voluntary withdrawal from the district.

- Approved Sandra Strickland, reading specialist at Ross School, as instructional support teacher beginning in the 1991-1992 school year.

- Honored Joan Oliver, secretary at Lake-Noxen School, who is retiring as of June 30, 1991.

- Presented awards to teachers, administrators and support staff who have served the district for from five to more than 35 years.

A special meeting for general purposes will be held Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

The next regular meeting of the board will be Tuesday, August 13, 8 p.m., in the multi-purpose room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary Building.

## Slocum agency retained as borough insurer

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Dallas Borough Council at its June 18 meeting voted to retain Slocum Insurance Company as carrier of all the borough's liability insurance for the new fiscal year. The council also approved a resolution to increase all liability insurance from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Dallas resident William Roberts questioned the trash removal and recycling billing by Danella Environmental Technology stating there was some confusion about the pre-billing rate. Council explained that residents would soon receive the first three month billing which would be payable each quarter in advance.

Councilman Robert Brown made a motion to hire Carl Chase as treasurer to replace William Baker, who resigned effective June 30. If Chase accepts the position Baker will assist Chase in becoming

familiar with the borough's books.

Borough manager Milton Lutsey announced that the council had hired a new secretary, Barbara Zimniski of Crane's Landing Road, Kingston Township. He also reported that a bid for storm drainage work on Franklin Street was awarded to Contractors Group Inc. of Luzerne.

"After the completion of the storm drains, American Asphalt will do the paving of the entire street," Lutsey said.

Lutsey also reported that the opening of the Dallas Borough playground Monday, June 17, was a great success.

"Everything ran smoothly," he said.

## Leadership alumni schedule reunion cookout for Aug. 17

The Leadership Wilkes-Barre Alumni Association has scheduled its annual cookout/reunion for Saturday, Aug. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Ruckno's Pond, Dallas.

Members of the current graduating class, as well as graduates of the Leadership and Executive Leadership series program are

invited. A full menu as well as activities will be featured throughout the afternoon. Cost is \$5 per member and \$10 per guest. De-

tails and reservation forms will be sent by mail to the membership. For more information, call Joe Kauczka at 287-6934.

## Crowd

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would result in some furloughs of teachers and the cutback of some non-essential programs. At a June 3 meeting of the board, a contingent of teachers, their families and friends urged the board to raise taxes 22 mills, which would preserve all existing personnel and programs. That meeting was followed by one on June 10, at which an overflow crowd included a

substantial number of taxpayers opposed to anything more than a 15 mill increase, with some suggesting no more taxes were needed.

The most vocal opponents of higher taxes brought petitions with them on June 10, but were told to continue gathering signatures for presentation at the meeting June 28.

## Comparison of property tax rates in Dallas School District

The taxes paid by property owners within the Dallas School District are determined by the assessed valuation of a taxpayer's real property. During the past year, taxes to support schools were 141 mills. One mill is equivalent to \$1.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

In Dallas Township, the lowest assessed valuation is on trailers, which are usually valued at \$1200-\$2000. Since there are three trailer parks in the township this brings the average assessed valuation down. In Kingston Township there is only one trailer park and in Dallas Borough no trailer parks which indicates a higher average.

Below is an example of property taxes according to assessed valuation for the present school tax rate and the two main options that have been discussed for next year.

| Assessed Valuation | 1991 tax | 1992 @ 156 mills | 1992 @ 163 mills |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| \$ 5,000           | \$705    | \$780            | \$815            |
| \$10,000           | 1410     | 1560             | 1630             |
| \$11,000           | 1551     | 1716             | 1793             |
| \$12,000           | 1692     | 1872             | 1956             |
| \$13,000           | 1833     | 1928             | 2119             |
| \$14,000           | 1974     | 2184             | 2282             |
| \$15,000           | 2115     | 2340             | 2445             |
| \$20,000           | 2820     | 3120             | 3260             |

In addition to the above taxes due according to the school millage rate, property owners must also pay the County property taxes of 54.2 mills which brings the total millage to 141+54.2 or 165.2; 156+54.2 or 210.2 mills; 163+54.2 or 217.2 mills. Also add to your tax bill \$30 per capita tax. This gives a property owner the total amount due on your second of the two tax bills received annually.

## Dr. Hozempa participates in annual vision seminar

Local optometrist, Dr. Stanley Hozempa of Shavertown participated in the 26th annual Reading Seminar of Advanced Behavioral Vision held at Pocono Manor Inn recently. This is an invitational seminar designed for doctors with special interest in vision therapy, sports vision and learning related vision problems.

The speaker for this year's 16 hour program was Dr. Claude Valenti of La Jolla, California. An internationally recognized speaker, Dr. Valenti has just returned from Sweden where he was the featured

speaker at a European conference on Vision and Learning. Dr. Valenti is also a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development.

During the seminar Dr. Hozempa participated in various workshops and an exchange program where each participant described individual work being done in his or her office. The role of vision in both sports and school work was an area emphasized during this three day program. The impact of work such as protracted computer viewing was also discussed.

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