

Hozempa must clean up dump on his Lehman Twp. property

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A candidate for Lehman Township Supervisor will have to clean up an illegal dump located on his property. The state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) inspected the dump at the Ignatius Hozempa property, along Outlet Road, on July 16 and found that some of the materials being dumped were in violation of state guidelines.

Richard Mieszkowski, a waste specialist with DER, inspected the site and determined that solid waste was being dumped without a permit.

"We have found that there are violations at the site and will follow policy in getting the area cleaned up," said Mieszkowski.

The inspection occurred after township officials contacted DER about the dump. Officials took the action after receiving complaints from residents about the area, which is an estimated 150 feet long.

Many different materials have been dumped on the property and Mieszkowski said that is part of the problem. "He has some things

there that he could recycle but everything is just tossed together so it all has to be considered a violation," he said.

Hozempa said last month that he did not think there was a problem on the property but will do what is necessary to clean it up. "It is materials from my home and establishment but since they say it has to be cleaned up I will do it," said Hozempa.

He also called the complaint "political" saying it was made because of his recent victory in the primary election to become township supervisor. "I don't like nasty politics and I think that is what this is," he said. "My job is to the people of the community, I'm not trying to pull something over their eyes."

Mieszkowski said Hozempa cooperated with the investigation and will be notified by mail on what must be done to clean up the situation.

"He will receive a notice of violation," said Mieszkowski. "Then he will have 60-90 days to clean up the violation."

Mieszkowski added that DER will work with Hozempa to make sure the problem is corrected. "If

he wants to submit an alternative clean up plan, such as recycling some of the bottles, it will be given to my supervisor for consideration," he said.

Hozempa said he did not think he would be able to have the dump cleaned up by the deadline but would ask DER for an extension if it were necessary.

Right now no penalties have been assessed towards Hozempa and none are expected if the dump is cleaned up. "If he meets all deadlines I don't see any fines coming down," said Mieszkowski.

The township supervisors are pleased with the way the situation has turned out. "I'm pleased that DER finally came out to inspect the situation," said supervisor David Sutton. "We weren't totally sure what was in the dump or if it was a hazard and DER did their job in looking over the situation."

Sutton also gave credit to Hozempa in making an effort to solve the problem. "You have to give credit where it is due," said Sutton. "I understand (Hozempa) cooperated with the investigation and it looks like he will try to clean it up."



Dallas Rotary erects fair building

Members of the Dallas Rotary Club are shown in the process of erecting a new building at the Fair Grounds of the Luzerne County Fall Fair. The club will man the booth for the first time this Fall. Materials and labor have been donated by many civic minded businesses and individuals. Many thanks for their generosity.

The Back Mountain's own cookbook



COOKBOOKS READY - Maryan Daily, chairperson of the Library Cookbook, discusses the contents with a Dallas Post reporter. Those persons interested in purchasing one of the books may stop in the library and purchase one over the counter or order several. (Post Photo/ M. Denmon)

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Back Mountain Library cookbook, "Chefs and Arts," is off the presses and volunteers are busy collating and binding the unique

and special publication, the brain child of library board member Maryan Daily.

"The response has been unbelievable," said Maryan. "The book was a success before it was printed

and the orders keep coming in. The volunteers have been phenomenal in helping collate and bind the books. Some of them have been coming in during the morning, going for lunch and coming back to work in the afternoon. During the auction my husband worked on the books all day July 4. He has been great from the beginning, putting up with late meals and helping me every night.

"We are doing the first thousand books ourselves. That will save us money. From the cover done by artist Sue Hand to the back cover listing the auction chairmen from 1947 to 1991 under the artwork of the auction block, the book is a reflection of joy, love of cooking, sharing and memories," Daily said.

Maryan, who thought it would be wonderful to have a community cookbook—something that would be of interest to the entire community—presented the idea to the library board last August. The board suggested that she work through the Friends of the Library which she did.

"I talked to the Friends at their September meeting and they agreed to back the project. I went monthly to the meetings and reported the progress made. The cookbook has been nearly a year's project. I asked Carolyn Johnson to be my co-chairperson and she gave me great support," said Maryan.

Carolyn's daughter gave Maryan a copy of a cookbook that had been done in another area which gave Maryan some ideas how to get started.

"I started the day after the auction in 1990 and wrote to several companies about benefits that I saw listed in the cookbook Carolyn's daughter had given me. I also went to Pauline Kutz who gave me some advice."

When Maryan first started the project she said she worked at least four hours nightly for weeks and sometimes spent all day composing and writing letters to chefs of well-known restaurants, clubs, the President's wife, the Governor's wife, to special people, service organizations, and anyone different she could think of asking for recipes.

Maryan had a contest for school children of all ages divided into categories. She did the original draft of the cookbook and she and Carolyn went to the printer together with the draft and helped punch the holes in it.


The cookbook is dedicated to all its readers, young and old, large and small, but especially to Mrs. Florence T. Crump for her dedication to children and libraries.

It contains line drawings, many of the small ones by Maryan and each section is preceded by art done by local artists, some of them students, others teachers or professionals. The book contains prayers for children, the Moslem prayer, Catholic prayer, Hebrew Blessing, Welsh prayer and a traditional American prayer.

The book has a brief history of the library, greetings from State Sen. Charles Lemmond, the chef's best from area restaurants, recipes from Barbara Bush, Ellen Casey, Celebrity Chef Wolfgang Puck, the Dallas Post, prize-winning recipes, auction recipes, animal treats, bird treats, winning children's essays, tid-bits, salad bar ideas, Noon time, the birds, From the Seas, the might main dish, sweets and treats and many more.

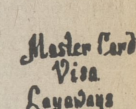
The 380 page cookbook sells for \$12.00 and is available from the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, PA 18612. For more information, or to arrange bulk purchases, call the library at 675-1182.

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