

Harveys Lake recycling program lacks participation

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Harveys Lake borough is fighting an uphill battle to break even on the cost of recycling. So far the borough has been losing.

The borough makes money recycling, but not enough to pay for the cost of collecting the items. The problem: not enough households are participating, not quite even half of those that should.

With a state grant, in 1991 the borough purchased 1,800 recycling containers with wheels on them to make them easy to use. That's one for each household, but only about 900 of the containers have been picked up.

"I think there's a lot of local people who think this costs the borough money," said councilman David Abod at the borough council's February 18 meeting. "It costs the borough money because they aren't recycling."

For every ton the borough recycles, it receives a \$49.50 rebate from Waste Management, which collects trash in the borough, and a \$5 performance grant from the state for a total of \$54.50 a ton.

The borough pays Eagle Recycling in Nanticoke \$25 a ton to dispose of the recyclables. The fees recently increased from \$20 a ton for newspapers and \$13 a ton for other recyclables.

That still leaves the borough with a profit of \$29.50. But with only 8 tons being recycled a month, the borough makes only \$239, not enough to cover the cost of having two members of the road crew spend two days a week collecting the items.

At the February 18 council meeting, William Wilson made a motion that the borough discontinue collecting newspapers until the market improves. Wilson said that the dropping newspapers would mean the road crew would have to make only one trip to Nanticoke to drop off recyclables each week, instead of two.

Abod argued that to make the recycling program support itself,

the borough had to collect more tons of recyclables, not fewer.

Wilson's motion to stop collecting newspapers died without a second.

The council did vote to include a reminder to residents to begin recycling in either the tax or garbage bills.

The borough does have an ordinance requiring residents to recycle, calling for fines starting at \$10 for those who don't. While the council discussed the possibility of enforcing the ordinance, it was decided that no action would be taken until the summer, when part-time residents of the borough return.

Cable TV discussed

Donald Zagorski, manager of Tele-Media, which provides cable service to Harveys Lake, asked the council to hold a workshop meeting to discuss renewing the company's franchise agreement. The company's franchise to operate in the borough expires in 1993.

Tele-Media gave the council a sample agreement in May of 1991, which would grant the company a 15-year franchise in the borough. A term several councilmen felt was excessive. Harveys Lake customers pay \$17 a month for 32 basic channels, 50 cents of which is a 3% borough franchise fee. As of April 1, the monthly fee will rise to \$19 a month in the borough.

Zagorski said that the proposed agreement was only a starting point for negotiations. Federal Communication Commission regulations require that cable companies send proposed agreements to municipalities two and a half years in advance, and give the municipalities a year to reply.

During the summer, council held several sparsely attended public hearings to discuss the possibility of the borough starting its own cable system. Conrad Hislop, an independent cable television contractor, said that the borough could install a system of its own for \$400,000 and in the process extend service to people



RECYCLING CONTAINER OVERFLOW - Harveys Lake councilman David Abod stands in front of some of the hundreds of recycling containers the borough has. The borough is struggling to break even on the cost of recycling because not enough people participate. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

who can't get it now, reduce rates, and increase the number of channels available.

At the February 18 meeting, Zagorski said that a court ruled that Schuykill Haven could not start its own cable company.

Hislop had contended that there were towns in Pennsylvania which operated cable companies.

Interest in forming senior citizens group

Martin Noon, chairman of the recreation center announced that Clarence Baker was interested in forming a senior citizens group and using the borough's recreation center as a meeting place.

Anyone interested in forming a group can call Baker at 639-1305, or Arlene Forester at 639-1994.

"If we can get some people together and find out what they want, maybe we can get started on it," said Baker after the meeting. Baker will be visiting other senior citizens groups to get ideas from them.

Odds and ends

In other business:

The council received a letter from the Postal Service asking that "No Parking" signs be placed on Hillside Avenue because parked cars have interfered with mail delivery.

Nancy Wilson, councilman William Wilson's wife, asked if the borough could draft an ordinance banning Rottweiler and Pit Bull dogs from the borough. The Wilson's pet dog was fatally mauled by a Pit Bull and Rottweiler in January. The two dogs were destroyed and their owner charged with violating state law.

Council president Richard Boice said the council would consider both requests for the next meeting.

The council appointed Guy Giordano and Mike Daley to the Environmental Advisory Council to fill positions left open by the resignations of Martin Jones and Joseph Miscavage.

The borough has also recently taken delivery of a new police cruiser.

Dallas Boro will ask speed survey of Huntsville Road

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Dallas Borough Council appointed A. David Berman police training officer at its regular meeting Tuesday, February 18. An instructor with Defense Tactical Institute in Wilkes-Barre, Berman will teach several continuing education courses for police officers and also inform officers on training opportunities offered by other police departments.

In other business, Councilman Jay Pope reported that many residents along Huntsville Road had asked if the road's 35 mph speed limit could be reduced to 25 mph. due to several blind spots and the

close proximity of homes to the roadway. Since Huntsville Road is a county road, its speed limit is set by the county.

Council authorized borough manager Milt Lutsey to contact Luzerne County Road and Bridge Department, requesting a traffic study on Huntsville Road between Main and Joseph Streets to determine if a speed limit reduction is appropriate.

Council authorized the following donations: \$100 to the Back Mountain Memorial Library, \$50 to the Luzerne County SPCA, \$25 to the Luzerne County All-services Military Ball and \$100 to the Charlot.Denmon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Two more Lehman teachers nominated to Who's Who

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Two more Lake-Lehman teachers were notified this week that they have been named to *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

Sandra Goodwin and Catherine Edwards, teachers at Lake-Noxen Elementary School, were recognized by former students as having made a significant impact on their lives.

"I was very surprised," Ms. Goodwin commented. "Too often the public focuses only on teachers' shortcomings, never on our successes. I'm very proud to have been honored in this way."

In twenty years of teaching, Ms. Goodwin has taught kindergarten, third grade, remedial reading and grades 4-6 math. She currently teaches grades 4-6 English.

Catherine Edwards, a math teacher in grades 4-6, has also taught third and fourth grade, grades 4-6 reading and gifted students in her 17-year career.

Both teachers have based their teaching philosophies on encouraging students to master the basics, to set and achieve realistic goals and to relate basic schoolwork to real-life situations, such as using percentages to figure interest rates on loans.

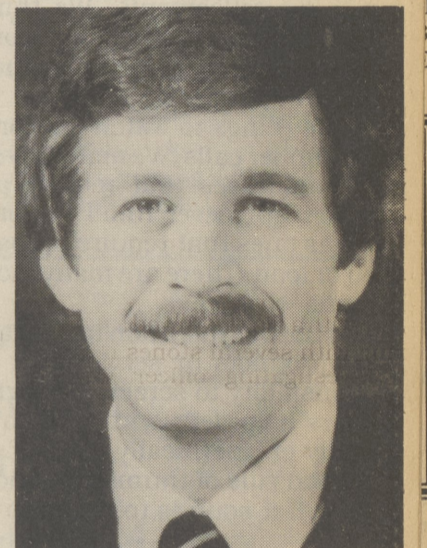
Former students still return during open house to visit. "Some are already married. I guess in a few years I might be teaching their children," Ms. Edwards laughed.

"It's great to see former students working wherever I go in the Back Mountain," Ms. Edwards concluded. "I'm glad to have made such a lasting impression on young people's lives."

Dr. Katlic recertified in surgery

Mark R. Katlic, M.D., was recently notified by The American Board of Surgery that he passed the Recertification Examination in Surgery. Dr. Katlic's score was ranked in the 96th percentile of all surgeons across the country.

Dr. Katlic is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Washington & Jefferson College and an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He completed residencies in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Katlic is the author of over 20 medical papers and chapters as well as the textbook, *Geriatric Surgery*. He is a partner in Surgical Specialists of Wyoming Valley and resides in Lehman Township with his wife and son.



MARK R. KATLIC, M.D.

Correction

Due to incorrect information given to a reporter, the parents of Walter Zimmerman, who was married to Juanita Ricker on Valentine's Day, were named incorrectly in an article in last week's issue of The Post.

Mr. Zimmerman's parents are Helen and Harry Zimmerman of Jacksonville, N.C.

Squeeze

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tary for the school board. "It's too early to speculate on what these problems are going to be and the magnitude of them."

"Never before has there been a decrease in state funding," Bowersox continued. "I've seen minimal increases, but never before a decrease."

For Dallas, the reduction is funding is about 1% of the total \$14.2 million budget, while for Lake-Lehman, the reduction is a little less than 1% of the total \$13.2 million budget.

"It's early in the budgeting process right now, the state subsidy is just one aspect of it," said Williams.

Other sources of revenue for the districts include earned income tax, real estate transfer tax, state subsidies for transportation and special education, and income on the revenue which is invested until it is needed.

State subsidies for Back Mountain school districts

	1991-92	Anticipated for 1992-93	Proposed for 1992-93	Decrease from 1991-92	Total budget for 1991-92
Dallas	\$3,958,620	\$4,037,792	\$3,807,184	-\$151,436	\$14.2 million
Lake-Lehman	\$4,349,063	\$4,517,500	\$4,259,495	-\$89,568	\$13.2 million

Property tax is the last thing the district looks at when preparing a budget, said Williams, whose task in preparing the budget is made more difficult because the district still does not have a contract with its teachers, who have been working since the beginning of the year without one.

"It's real tough to budget salaries for next year when I don't know what they are for this year," said Williams.

Dallas may be able to keep extra funds

A Commonwealth Court ruling on a lawsuit brought on by the Pennsylvania School Board's Association should mean that the Dallas School District will be allowed to keep \$132,000 in extra state funds received last year.

The judge ruled on February 7 that the local share of contributions to the employees retirement

fund should not be included when determining the criteria for whether the district should keep the funds, or return them to the taxpayers.

In Dallas \$58,000 were retirement funds, which would bring the total extra funds to below the \$100,000 limit set by the state on what must be returned.

Williams said however, the district has received no official notification on its appeal to keep the funds.

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