



**TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE** - Volunteers gathered Thursday, February 20, at Trucksville United Methodist Church to pack food boxes for needy families in Russia. Nancy Dukes and Bonnie Pajka were among those taking inventory of the many food items. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

**Food**

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With Love," hoping to fill 1,000 boxes with enough food in each to help feed a Russian family for a month.

Each 35-lb. "care package" contains staples such as flour, sugar, pasta, rice, powdered milk, tea and shortening. Food was collected at local churches the week of February 16-19. Volunteers from Back Mountain churches gathered at Trucksville United Methodist church to pack the boxes Thursday, February 20, for shipping to a central collection point in Maryland. The relief committee will combine the local food with collections from other areas to fill an overseas container and send it by ship to Russia.

"We concentrated on basic survival items," Mrs. Michael commented. "And we were thrilled by the response! In addition to all of the food items, we received more

than \$1,200 in cash donations, which we used to purchase additional food and special shipping boxes."

Mrs. Michael thanked Weis Market in Dallas for its generosity in donating a large amount of food, and St. Theresa's Church for its contribution of a substantial amount of cash raised through special collections at Masses.

Contributing churches included St. Therese's, Dallas Baptist and the United Methodist congregations of Trucksville, Dallas, Shavertown, Courtdale, Huntsville, Dymond Hollow and Centermoreland.

Dallas United Methodist Church plans to continue the food collection through mid-March, according to the church secretary. For further information, contact the church office at 675-0122.

**How you can still help hungry Russian families**

Dallas United Methodist Church plans to continue its food collection for Russian families through mid-March. For more information, call 675-0122.

These are the specific food items requested:

- 5-pound packages of flour, sugar, pasta, rice and powdered milk.
  - 6-ounce cans of canned meat (approximately 12 equals 5 lbs.)
  - 1-pound packages of tea bags, dehydrated soups, solid chocolate bars and dehydrated Vitamin C-enriched fruit juice drink.
  - 2-pound cans of shortening.
- No plastic or glass containers will be accepted for shipping. Cash donations are also welcome.

**Jackson Twp.**

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know how many tons of soil were removed Tuesday afternoon.

"It's extensive, but it didn't travel that far," said Fitch of the gasoline contamination.

Fitch said that the soil type, which he described as a sandy loam and clay, may have inhibited the gasoline from spreading.

"The one thing we have to be concerned about is the ground water," said Fitch.

The nearest well besides the well for the municipal building is 500 feet away, according to Fitch. He said that water samples will be taken at a nearby pond and stream, and four test wells will be drilled to

monitor the water quality. If the water is shown to be contaminated, Fitch said that the source may not be the tanks which were in front of the municipal building, but an underground oil tank which has been long abandoned on an adjacent property.

At their work session Monday, February 24, supervisors Andrew Kasko and Walter Glogowski couldn't provide much detailed information about the contamination other than it had occurred. Kasko said supervisor Joseph Stager was overseeing the project, but was out of town for a few days.

**Golf course**

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the water 350 typical homes would use.

"We've got a major problem within half a mile of here with wells being contaminated with gasoline," Sutton said.

Supervisor Douglas Ide, who was in the audience, said that at least 20 wells have been contaminated by gasoline which leaked from the Sunoco Station along Route 118 at Lehman Center.

"Picture yourself living in a house and your well is contaminated with gasoline. There's a lot of people living between Lehman center and where you're going to put the well," said Sutton, expressing concern that a large draw on the water table would pull the contamination to other wells.

Evans, the engineer for the proposed course, said that a 240 to 260 foot well has been drilled, and during an eight-hour test it delivered about 100 gallons of water per minute.

Supervisor Raymond Iwanowski asked about how much water the course could get from other sources.

"We're going to supplement whatever water we need with ponds, springs, and streams on the property," said Evans. Together, Evans estimated that the other sources could deliver 100 gallons a minute.

Attorney Richard Caputo of Dallas, who is representing the club, said that they have a verbal agreement with Pennsylvania Gas and Water to use untreated water from the nearby Huntsville Reservoir. The verbal agreement would allow Pennsylvania Gas and Water to interrupt the water, said Caputo.

Larry Georgetti, who lives on

Market Street, asked how the township would know how much water the club was using.

"We have no authority over the water people use," said Sutton, who noted that the township can only be sure that the wells meet the township's planning specifications. "If they passed the test, they passed the ordinance. We're lucky we have a rather strict ordinance."

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the only agency which would regulate the club's water use, and could restrict the club to 20,000 gallons a day in times of emergency.

Bernie Chiégo, who lives on Market Street near the proposed entrance to the course, felt that Market Street couldn't handle the extra traffic the course would generate.

Mary Bogart, a traffic consultant for the club, said the course would draw an extra 150 vehicles a day to the area.

"In terms of traffic, it's not intense traffic," said Bogart, who added that 15 homes would generate as much traffic.

The planning commission is the last local government body which will have to review the plans for the course. The Department of Environmental Resources, Luzerne County Soil Conservation District, Luzerne County Planning Commission, and the township engineer will all review the plan and give their recommendations to the township.

The Lehman Township Zoning Hearing Board accepted the plan to build the private golf club in an area zoned residential at its meeting last November 25.



LYNN PATRICE WATCHULONIS AND ANTHONY ANTONITIS

**Lynn Patrice Watchulonis to wed Anthony Antonitis**

Mr. and Mrs. William Watchulonis Jr., Shavertown, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lynn Patrice to Anthony J. Antonitis Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Antonitis Sr., Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Watchulonis is also the granddaughter of the late Patrick and Catherine Bilbow, Kingston, and Josephine Watchulonis, Dallas and the late William Watchulonis Sr.

Antonitis is the grandson of the late John and Bertha Golightly, Wilkes-Barre and the late George and Anna Antonitis, Inkerman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Dallas High School, attended Wilkes College and Luzerne County Community College. She is employed in the pharmacy department of GPS Health Services, Wilkes-Barre.

Antonitis is a graduate of Meyers High School and served in the U.S. Army. He is employed at Januzzi's Pizza as a baker.

A September wedding is planned.

**Back Mountain Churches will observe World Prayer Day March 5**

The 105th Celebration of World Day of Prayer services will be held on Friday, Mar. 6. The theme of this year's celebration, "Living Wisely with Creation" is a carefully designed service by the women of Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Bringing together four Biblical texts, some of their experiences in rebuilding their countries after

World War II and the present ecological crisis compromise a beautiful and powerful service, which is rich in opportunities for study, growth and service.

The services will be held at Dallas Baptist Church at 1 p.m. and St. Luke's Reformed Lutheran Church, Harveys Lake at 7:30 p.m.



**Candy bars for monkey bars**

Jessie Callahan, 4, of Lehman was selling candy during the benefit basketball game last week at the Lehman-Jackson School. Parent-teacher organizations are raising money to build a playground. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

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