

Lake-Lehman taxpayers offer cost-saving steps

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Post Staff

Mrs. Pat Gold, spokesperson for the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers Association, presented the school board with a list of cost-saving suggestions at its regular meeting Thursday, June 18. The Taxpayers' Association says that these measures will cut 10-12 mills from the district's original budget without the need to levy the controversial 10% amusement tax.

The suggested measures, with projected savings, include:

- Reduce the current \$150 per student cost of all co-curricular activities to \$100 per student, saving \$115,000.
- Eliminate all unnecessary staff trips, seminars, conferences, etc., saving \$10,000-\$20,000.
- Reduce the operating fund balance by 15%, saving \$30,000.
- Eliminate the positions of truant officer (duties to be assumed by the high school vice principal) and curriculum coordinator (duties to be divided among the superintendent and the building principals), saving \$45,000.
- Freeze all administrative salaries for one year as contracts become due, saving \$10,000.
- Require teachers living outside the district whose children attend school at Lake-Lehman and were enrolled before 1990-91 to pay tuition for their schooling, generating \$70,000 in income for 1992-93.
- Impose a 1% non-resident tax on all employees living outside the district, generating approximately \$40,000 in income. According to Mrs. Gold, this tax would affect 60% of the teachers and 80% of the administrators.

Using these figures, Mrs. Gold estimates that the district would save between 10 and 12 mills, or \$330,000.

The taxpayers' association also urged the board to:

- Freeze all professional staff hirings and use actual student enrollments, not projected figures, to determine future staff needs.
- Reduce the teaching staff through attrition by not replacing teachers who retire or resign.
- Institute no new programs for 1992-93, including the pre-first grade.

Painting

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Swirly doodles, flames, smiley faces and pastel peace signs magically appeared on doors and fenders, as a muscle man grunting, "Fear me!" took shape on the front hood.

Busy artists created Snoopy and a ying/yang sign on the fenders, "Keep on truckin'" on the rear bumper, roses (for Mrs. Roesse) on a quarter panel and a spatter painted abstract design on the trunk. Only the roof survived intact.

After taking photos of her students with their creation, Mrs. Roesse promised to keep the art-

work on the car until the rain washed it off.

Class 6-B members included Kelly Spencer, Darby Wolfe, Michael Sudal, Erica May, Angela Hoyson, Desiree Saraka, Preston Hoyt, Kevin Richards, Shaun Norconk, Danny Dulebohn, Jim Pitcavage, John Fielding, Joanne Nociasta, Haneen Shwendt, Jennifer Klaipts, Nicki Fallon, Jackie Burke, Carrie Race, Jeff Kupstas, Mike Rosencrans, Matthew Chipego, Tom Johnson, Steven Perrego, Jarrett Frankovich, Joe Tamagnini and Ryan Mahle.

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Yonkowski, who delivered a petition with more than 200 signatures requesting that the track team not be dropped in September.

• Mrs. Pat Gold, spokesman for the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association: "I am very pleased that tiered busing will not be a reality. And I am concerned that implementing the amusement tax will hurt business. If we can't manage what we have already, it is ridiculous for us to try to take on anything new."

• Michelle Boice: "The amphitheater has the same potential to bring quality shows to the Back Mountain that the Kirby Center has downtown. I don't think it's fair to tax it."

• Damien Kaye, co-owner of Damien's Restaurant: "Although the very visible homes on Lakeside Drive are very expensive, up in the hills live veterans, single mothers and older people who depend on Harveys Lake businesses for their livelihood. An amusement tax could harm these businesses. What

has this school board invested in Harveys Lake that gives them the moral right to take from us?"

• Guy Giordano, who started Sunset Marine: "Why do some Harveys Lake residents pay high school taxes and still send their children to private schools? Why don't these children attend Lake-Lehman? We should check on the quality of education in our district."

• Ruth Eaton, co-owner of Damien's Restaurant: "The school board is trying to take away any chance of our businesses succeeding. No one has this right."

• Frank Lasoda, owner of the Marina Cafe: "I think that we should hire an efficiency expert and get rid of the dead wood in the district."

After the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m., Harveys Lake Borough Council president Rich Boice commented, "I hope that the school board rescinds the tax so that business will be encouraged in the district, not chased away."

Savage wishes Greco well

Lake-Lehman School District solicitor Peter Savage and music promoter Thom Greco publicly buried the hatchet at the school board's regular meeting Thursday, June 11.

"Erroneous statements about me have been made in the media and I would like to correct them," Savage said.

"I've spent my life at Harveys Lake and fondly remember all the activity during the summer. I welcome Mr. Greco's enterprise. I am pleased with all the careful arrangements that he has made and the reasonable manner in the timing of the concerts."

Savage, who lives a mile away from Hanson's, detailed his complaints which he said have now been resolved, against last summer's loud music which he said went on sometimes until 1 or 2 a.m. After contacting Mrs. Shirley Hanson and the Harveys Lake Borough Council, Savage contacted the Liquor Control Board, since the noise from the dance hall was associated with alcohol sales at the dance hall.

"My problem with Hanson's is not what is happening now," Savage said. "I hope that all of Mr. Greco's concerts are as successful as the first one was. I would like to publicly thank Mr. Greco for his good concerts."

Judy Fitch

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show off her great vocal range and versatility.

Coached by Gina Major DeMichael, Judy won the swimsuit competition, also competing in the evening gown and personal interview categories.

Mrs. Fitch said that Judy's next three months will be "unreal" as she intensively prepares for the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City and makes many guest appearances.

Judy's pageant titles include Miss Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in 1988 and 1992, first place in the talent division of the 1988 Miss Pennsylvania pageant, Luzerne County's Junior Miss in 1983 and first place in the photographic division of the 1983 Miss Pennsylvania National Teen-ager pageant.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fitch, Jr., of Dallas, Judy is a 1985 graduate of Dallas High School and a 1992 graduate of Wilkes University.

Kingston Twp. building plan gets first approval

By ERIC FOSTER
Post Staff

The Kingston Township supervisors granted preliminary plan approval to the Hillbrook Farms subdivision at their meeting June 10.

The approval for the subdivision, located along Schooley Hill Road and Ondish Road, was granted, provided the subdivision meets township storm water runoff regulations and is approved by the Department of Environmental Resources.

Thirty-one lots are planned for

the subdivision, with an average lot size of 4 1/2 acres on a total of 133 acres of land zoned agricultural. No new roads are called for in the subdivision, but Ondish Road, now unpaved, would be paved.

The property, formerly the Schooley Farm, is owned by the Hillbrook Farms Corporation, formed by Dr. William Burak of Hollow Road, Kingston Township, and Leonard Romanowski, of Hilltop Drive, Kingston Township.

The homes would be connected to the sewers, but would have individual wells.

Old pub

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businesses could also be destroyed.

Police have found evidence of illegal occupancy and possible drug activity in the boarded-up building on several occasions. Photographs of this evidence have been filed with court documents at the county courthouse.

For several years, Dallas Borough firefighters have been under standing orders not to enter the

building if a fire breaks out because they could endanger their own lives. All firefighting efforts would be concentrated on saving adjoining structures.

But there isn't enough money in Dallas Borough's budget to raze the dilapidated structure. Demolition costs have been estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

Strawberry fest at Alderson June 27

Alderson UM Church, Pole 108, Harveys Lake, will be having a Strawberry and Ice Cream Festival on June 27, 4 - 7 p.m. The menu will include: Hillside Farms ice cream, fresh strawberries, shortcakes, Sloppy Joes, potato salad, baked beans and hot and cold beverages. For more information call the church at 639-5401.

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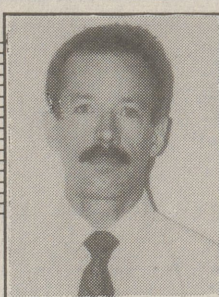
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