

## Neighbor says illegal dump covered before inspection

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Personnel from the Department of Environmental Resources recently investigated a reported illegal dump in Lake Township and have filed a notice of violation with its owner.

According to Mark Carmon of DER's regional office in Wilkes-Barre, the complaint was turned in Saturday, June 6, and investigated Saturday, June 13.

Richard Wascalus, who lives near the site, located on property rented by Red's Subs along Route 29, told the Lake Township supervisors at their last meeting that he had found 55-gallon drums, old paint cans, tires, discarded roofing material and empty bottles of Liquid Sevin, a pesticide, at the site while he was walking through the woods.

After videotaping the site, he filed a complaint with DER. "They

never contacted me and never saw the videotape," Wascalus said. "Six days later, on Friday, June 12, someone bulldozed approximately 40 tons of dirt over the site, covering most of the material."

Wascalus said that the property belongs to Edward Cassaldi, who keeps a camper and a storage trailer behind the restaurant and pool hall.

The buried trash is several hundred yards from the nearest creek, Wascalus said. He noted that properties adjoining the dump site all have their own wells.

Carmon said that DER's normal procedure involves filing a field inspection report, which is then reviewed by a compliance specialist and an attorney before a notice of violation is sent to the property owner. "We'll be keeping an eye on this site, so that if future violations occur, we can take further action," he said.

## Jackson Township municipal building may open in two weeks

The new Jackson Township municipal building may finally be opened within the next two weeks.

The work on the building, long delayed by problems with the contractor, Tri-City of Allentown, will be finished by the performance bonding company USF&G, said supervisor Joseph Stager. Tri-City has gone bankrupt, according to Stager.

Stager said that he expects to

receive a letter from the bonding company within the next two weeks authorizing the township to move into the building even while the unfinished work on the building is being completed.

The work remaining to be done includes some painting, door adjustment, and testing the heating and air conditioning system, Stager said.

## Municipal notes

### Dallas Township

SUPERVISORS MEETING — Tuesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the municipal building.

### Franklin Township

SUPERVISORS MEETING — Monday, July 6, at 8 p.m.

### Jackson Township

SUPERVISORS MEETING — Monday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the township firehall.

### Kingston Township

SUPERVISORS MEETING — Wednesday, July 8, at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING — Tuesday, July 7, at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

### Dallas School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING — Committee of the Whole Meeting, Monday, July 6, at 7 p.m. in the administration building.

## Police report

### Dallas Borough

#### OUT OF CONTROL CAR HITS THREE OTHERS

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1979 Ford Fairmont operated by Lloyd H. Weber, 74, of RR 2 Dallas was involved in an accident Tuesday afternoon, June 23, with a 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra, a 1984 Ford Escort and a 1985 Buick Century, all owned by Arrowhead Used Car Lot, Route 415, Dallas. Weber stated to police that he was traveling north on Route 415 when traffic stopped suddenly in front of him and he panicked. His vehicle swerved to the right, skidded 93 feet, striking the Oldsmobile, and skidded an additional 11 feet, striking the Ford and pushing it into the Buick, police said. All three vehicles were parked at Arrowhead Used Car Lot, police said.

Patrolman William Norris investigated the accident.

#### MAN ARRESTED FOR D.U.I. IN ACCIDENT

According to Dallas Borough police, a 1985 Honda operated by Mark Zelinske, 25, of Wilkes-Barre, was involved in a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Route 415 and Lake Street Saturday morning, June 20, shortly after 2:30 a.m. Police said that the Zelinske vehicle was traveling north on Route 415 when it swerved to the right, striking a steel traffic light pole, pushing it back 6' from its base. Zelinske was arrested for driving while under the influence and cited for driving while his license is suspended for D.U.I., driving without a valid vehicle registration and driving an uninsured vehicle, police said. He was transported by the Dallas ambulance to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Patrolman Don Gavigan investigated the accident.



LET IT FLY - Katie Cavanaugh, 9, learned the correct way to let a red-eyed vireo fly at a program held recently at Frances Slocum Park. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

## Youngsters learn about birds at Slocum park

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What kinds of birds are the best mimics? What do warblers eat? Do woodpeckers kill trees? What does a woodpecker's tongue look like?

These and many more questions were answered Sunday, June 21, as Dr. Jerry Skinner of Keystone Junior College presented a special program on bird banding at Frances Slocum State Park.

More than 20 visitors braved the cold, damp and drizzle to get a closer look at some of the many birds which inhabit the park.

Unfazed by the upset yellow warbler pecking at his finger, Skinner demonstrated how he holds birds without hurting them.

"It's a good thing that this little guy is an insect eater and has a small beak," he joked. "If he ate seeds, his jaw muscles would be strong enough to make a bite really hurt."

Earlier, Skinner and park naturalist Jerry Kozlanski had set up mist nets, special lightweight nets designed to catch and hold birds without harming them, along a flyway frequently used by park birds heading for their feeding grounds.

Carefully untangling two warblers from the net, Skinner gently slid them into small, soft cloth sacks to take them back to the visitors' center to be identified and banded.

"The lake and the different types

of plants are good places for insects to breed, making the park warbler heaven," he observed.

After identifying the breed, age and sex of each bird, recording the data and banding it, Skinner enlisted several children in the audience to help release his feathered guests.

"Don't just toss the bird up into the air and expect it to fly away like you see on television," he warned. "Sometimes they become disoriented and don't fly away immediately. Tossing them into the air could cause them to crash and hurt themselves."

Nine-year-old Katie Cavanaugh cupped her hands as Skinner gently placed a red-eyed vireo on its back there. A smile of wonder spread across her face as the bird blinked its eyes and looked around, taking several minutes to acclimate itself and fly off.

"He's so soft and warm," she whispered. "He won't bite, will he?"

Karen Kolstead, Ben Reardon and his brothers Jimmy and Mike each took turns releasing a vireo, a red-winged blackbird, a woodpecker and several yellow warblers, one of which barely missed crashing into the head of the president of the local chapter of the National Audubon Society as it took off.

And what does a woodpecker's tongue look like? Gently prying a woodpecker's beak open, Skinner pulled its bright red, elastic tongue to a length of several inches. "E-ew!" chorused the kids.

## Borough changes one zone, another hearing to be held

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Dallas Borough Council changed a few words in the proposed zoning ordinance and rezoned three streets at a work session Tuesday, June 23.

In the present draft of the ordinance, Rice Ave., the west side of Ridge Ave. and the upper part of Franklin Street to the intersection with Ridge Ave. were originally part of an area to be rezoned R-3, a high population density area containing multiple-family homes.

Council decided, at member William Roberts' request, to change the proposed zoning of these streets from R-3 to R-2, a medium-density housing area. The rest of the R-3 area, including Market St., Main St. and the rest of Franklin St. will keep its original designation.

In response to concerns over possible development in conservation areas voiced by several property owners, urban planner Marlene Pawlowski, author of the new ordinance, explained the difference between conditional uses and non-conforming uses of land parcels. Conditional uses are not easy to

obtain, she said. They must meet a strict set of criteria set out in the ordinance, include an engineering study and be approved by the planning and zoning commission. Final approval must be made by the borough council after a public hearing.

Approved conditional uses of land zoned "C" (conservation) include small home businesses and planned residential developments on the order of Newberry Estates.

On the other hand, non-conforming property uses, for example an auto-body repair shop in the middle of a residential district, were spot-zoned in before the current zoning ordinance went into effect.

"They're there and we can't do anything about them, other than noting that they don't conform to current zoning regulations and possibly placing limits on their expansion," Pawlowski said.

A copy of the new changes in the proposed zoning ordinance will be available for public inspection at the Dallas Borough office as soon as it is typed. Council also plans a public hearing on these changes within the near future.

### Dallas rec center closed July 3

The Dallas Recreation Center will be closed Friday, July 3, due to the Holiday Weekend. The center will reopen on Monday, July 6.

### Huntsville Golf Club to begin well pump test

The Huntsville Golf Club in Lehman Township will begin pump testing its well on Monday, July 6.

The test, lasting for 72 hours, is designed to determine whether or not water use at the golf course will affect neighboring wells.

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