

Jackson supervisors vote to study recycling plans

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Confronted by a threat which they are concerned might place undue financial hardship on township residents, the Jackson Township supervisors decided at their regular December 6 meeting to study all aspects of the recycling law before implementing the mandatory curbside recycling program which it calls for.

Because the 1990 Census says that the 2,765-inmate State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID) has pushed the township's population over 5,000 and its population density over 300 persons per square mile, the supervisors received word from the Department of Environmental Resources that they must begin curbside recycling.

"We'll study our responsibilities and limitations before making a decision," said chairman Joseph Stager. "These programs cost money to start up. We don't want to place undue financial hardship on our residents."

Walter Glogowski commended road foreman Rich Manta and the road crew for their work on the dirt roads, especially during the past two weeks' heavy rains.

Stager, who chaired his last meeting, thanked his colleagues and township secretary Henry Zbiek for their assistance during

his six years on the board of supervisors. He will be succeeded in January by Carl Aston.

In other business, the supervisors voted to:

- Hire Benjamin Vincent Bigus as part-time patrolman, to work approximately 24 hours per week at a salary of \$6 per hour, contingent upon his passing the mandatory physical and psychological examinations.

Police chief Donald Jones noted that in addition to being certified in police work, Bigus also holds a brown belt in karate.

- Adopt its 1994 budget with no millage increase.

- Advertise for a part-time cleaning person to do light housekeeping in the township building three hours per week at \$5 per hour.

The supervisors noted that although this person will clean the offices and the police station, the road crew will still be responsible for cleaning its own bathroom.

- Appoint Wayne Hughes and Robert Mitkus to the recreation board.

- Approve taking an income survey as required by Luzerne County for a grant to build the township recreation park behind the municipal building.

- Send two people to a seminar sponsored by the Department of Community Affairs on computerized municipal systems, at a cost of \$35 per person.

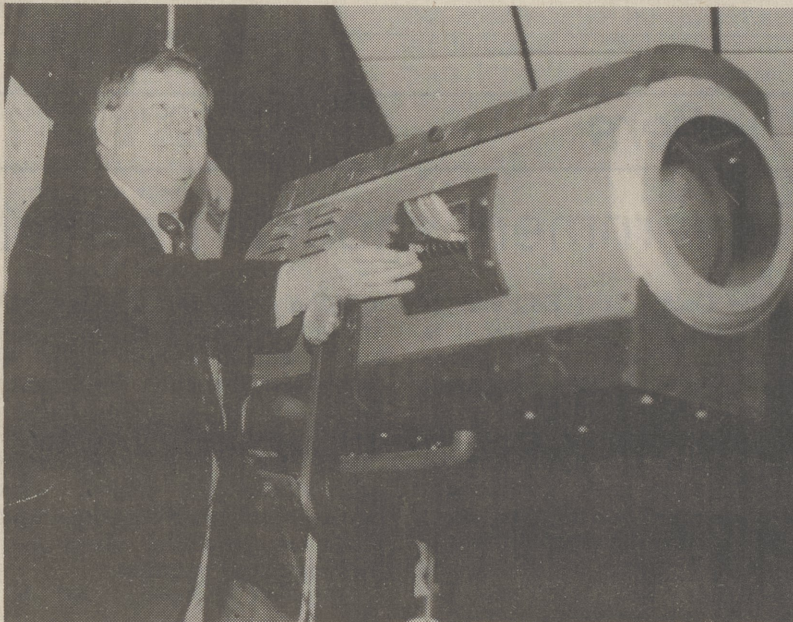


YE LORDS AND LADIES - A trio of performers curtsied to guests during the annual Madrigal Dinner held last week at College Misericordia. The event features songs, merriment and food from the days of "Merrie Olde England."

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Madrigal

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BEHIND THE SCENES - Walter "Rusty" Anderson made his last appearance as lighting director for the College Misericordia Madrigal Dinner last week. Anderson will retire from the college in the spring.

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banners which they hadn't previously noticed."

Sister Mary Sharon said that she got all of the banner designs from a book on English heraldry. "I didn't realize until much later that the large lion over the head table is from the coat of arms of the Gallagher family," she laughed.

Sister Mary Carmel McGarigle, who began the holiday tradition at the college, has also decided to give it up, although she, too, will continue to work at the college.

The genius behind the massive spotlights, Walter "Rusty" Anderson, made his final appearance as lighting coordinator. He plans to retire from his duties teaching English and speech in the spring.

Although some families, such as Sue and George Schrlau and good friend Ellen Meeker, have attended the Madrigal Dinner for several years, other guests experienced it for the first time.

LuAnn and Joel Winemiller and their daughter, Nichole, came in from York to see their older daughter, Renee, perform as one of "Ye hosts of the Feaste."

During intermission, Renee, wearing a red velvet high-waisted dress and matching cap and veil, came to her parents' table for hugs all around and to introduce her friend, Jon Dameron.

As "Ye hosts" left the Feaste in the final procession, Renee and Jon paused to bow to the guests at her family's table, her eyes meeting theirs. Warm smiles flooded everyone's faces.

Reflecting on the massive amount of work needed to produce nearly a quarter century of Madrigal Dinners, Sister Mary Sharon described a woman who had stepped out into the hall during the dinner one year.

"I asked if she felt all right or needed help. She replied, 'Thank you, no. I'm so filled with emotion that I just need a few quiet moments by myself.' That alone made all the hard work worthwhile."

Fire companies slate Santa visits

In addition to providing round-the-clock fire protection and ambulance service to Back Mountain residents, area volunteer fire companies give their respective communities another gift: Christmas parties for the children.

Usually including refreshments and small gifts, the parties are highlighted by a special visit from Santa, arriving on a shiny fire engine complete with flashing lights and sirens.

These fire companies have scheduled Christmas parties at their fire halls for the children residing in their respective communities:

- Shavertown: December 11, 1-3 p.m.
- Trucksville: December 18, 12-2 p.m.
- Jackson Township: December 19, 2 p.m.
- Franklin Township: December 19, 2 p.m.

Nagy elected president of Dallas board

At its annual reorganization meeting December 6, the Dallas School Board elected the following officers for 1994:

- President: Ellen Nagy.
- Vice-president: Dr. Richard Coslett.
- Representative to West Side Tech (three-year term): Thomas Landon, alternate Clarence Michael.
- Representative to Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 (three-year term): Ernest Ashbridge.

Luzerne County Judge Hugh Mundy administered the oath of office to the new officers.

New board members Joseph Kunec and Maureen Banks, and re-elected members James Richardson and Thomas Landon also were sworn in.

Rep. Hasay's aides to visit area

Representative George C. Hasay will have a field aide from his office at the Municipal Building, Harveys Lake, on December 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The purpose is to assist the constituents in the 117th Legislative District.

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Rudolph

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whereabouts.

"What makes you think Rudolph has been kidnapped?" Holly asked.

"He's always been so reliable. It's not like Rudolph just to take off like this," Santa said. "And last night, of all nights!" He dropped his bearded chin into his hand with a moan.

Holly asked the last of her questions, then put her hand on Santa's shoulder.

"I'm sorry, Santa," she said. "There's nothing for me to go on. That doesn't mean I'll give up - I'll never give up until we find Rudolph - but there's not much chance

you'll have him back in time for tonight's ride."

Santa nodded sadly and patted Holly's hand. He understood she was doing all she could.

Unfortunately, given the lack of clues, that wasn't much.

Santa moved slowly, as if he was carrying a heavy load on his back, as he stood up and went to the workshop. Rudolph or no Rudolph, he had a job to do, a job he hadn't neglected in almost 2,000 years. And Rudolph or no Rudolph, this was not the year he was going to start neglecting it.

Next week: Despair

Wyoming Sem Christmas concert Dec. 12

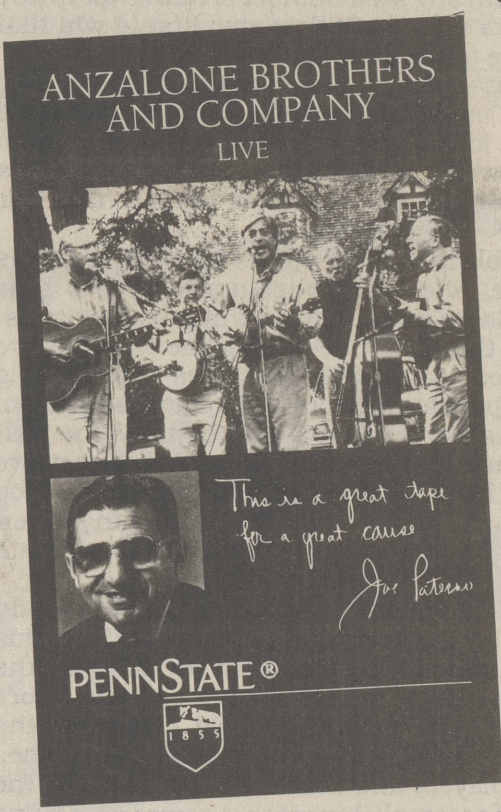
Wyoming Seminary's Music Department presents a glorious Christmas Concert of Handel's classic *Messiah* on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Church of Christ Uniting, Market Street and Sprague Avenue, Kingston. The performance spotlights the school's Sesquicentennial Choir which was formed to help celebrate Wyoming Seminary's 150th anniversary this

year.

Also featured are the Madrigal Singers and the Chorale, as well as faculty, alumni and staff. A complete concert orchestra accompanies the singers.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. and is free and open to the public. For more information, call 283-6017.

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