

Recycling

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mingled recyclables in 1993, for which it received a \$2,250 performance grant from DER, according to borough secretary Carole Samson.

Records for 1994 haven't been completed yet, Samson said.

"We want to get the interest in recycling back," Abod said. "Participation in the program was down last year. People got disgusted when equipment problems and the weather disrupted the schedule."

Lake Township presently operates a voluntary recycling program the second Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon at the municipal building and accepts aluminum and bimetal cans, clear and colored glass and plastic #1 and #2.

Abod said Harveys Lake is continuing to explore markets for recyclables. The borough's hauler, Waste Management of Northeast Pennsylvania, pays the borough \$49.05 per ton of recyclables, while DER pays an additional \$5 per ton.

It costs an average of \$20 per ton to dispose of the recyclables, he added. Recyclers now accept newsprint for free but still charge to take glass.

Area recyclers have seen the market fluctuate widely in the past four to six months, especially with aluminum and newsprint.

Louis Cohen and Sons in Wilkes-Barre pays between 50¢ and 60¢ per pound of aluminum cans, an increase of 25 percent over last year, according to general manager Angelo Medico. His company pays between \$25 and \$75 per ton for corrugated cardboard from industrial accounts and doesn't accept plastics or glass.

The company recycles more than 1,000 tons of steel, more than 200 tons of aluminum, copper and brass and more than 75 tons of corrugated cardboard every month.

Allen Industries in Wilkes-Barre Township, recycles metals and pays 50¢ per pound for aluminum cans or 60¢ per pound of other aluminum items, according to manager John Allen.

Allen Industries recycles an average of 2,000 tons of aluminum, copper, brass and stainless steel and 2,000 tons of steel per month.

Markets for these items can vary widely from week to week, Medico said.



Library offers parents program

Family Service Association and the Back Mountain Memorial Library are collaborating to present "Parents of Preschoolers" programs for parents while their children attend Story Hour. The series, led by Family Service's Elyse Gold, will accompany each story hour beginning February 22 and continue for four consecutive weeks. Topics covered include developmental stages, communication, positive discipline, and talking to preschoolers about sensitive issues, such as sex and health. For further information, parents may call the library at 675-1182. Planning the series are Elyse Gold, LSW, ACSW and Marily Rudolph, children's librarian.

Old school district authorities live on

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

They are anachronisms from the old days when school boards weren't allowed to go into debt to buy land or build or repair their own buildings.

School district authorities exist for only one reason - to pay the debts for acquisition of properties or construction of district buildings. They hold the deeds until the debts have been paid off, then transfer them to the school district.

Members are appointed by the school board. When the debt is paid off, the authority disbands. Authorities are audited every year and must make annual reports to the state Department of Community Affairs.

The authorities were replaced by school general obligation bond issues during the 1980's, when the law was changed and school districts were allowed to incur debts.

Into the next millennium

The Dallas School District Authority once owned all of the district's buildings and properties and leased them back to the

district in return for a yearly payment against the debt.

The present authority was founded in 1959, when the senior high school was built. Its only outstanding debt, incurred in 1968 to build the middle school, will be paid off in 2001, according to district business manager Charlotte Williams.

It meets annually to elect officers, discuss the condition of the properties and receive an accounting of the debt.

"There are fewer issues to discuss every year," said solicitor Erik Dingle. "There isn't a lot of work to do. I thought we would have disbanded by now."

According to the district's 1994-95 budget, the district owes \$962,658, or 5.9 percent of the total budget, in debts. Last year it paid \$49,647 towards debt service.

The present members of the Dallas School District Authority are chairman Ray Daring, vice-chairman Harry Swepson, treasurer Don Lockhart, Drew Fitch, Bernie Novicki and solicitor Dingle.

On its way out
Lake-Lehman's district author-

ity, the Lehman Township School Authority is in the process of disbanding, according to business manager Ray Bowersox.

Both Lehman and Ross townships had set up authorities in the past, but their debts have "long since been paid off," he said.

Lake-Lehman used a different system to appoint its authority members, choosing to have them appointed by the supervisors of the townships in which the schools were built.

The Lehman Township authority had been in existence when the old Lake-Noxen school burned in the late 1970's. Because its name was listed on the building's insurance policy as the building's owner, the authority had to stay in business until the new school was paid for, Bowersox said.

"We're in the process of closing it up and making sure that all the deeds have been transferred to the district," he said. "All the debts have been paid off."

School districts could create new district authorities if they wished to, similar to local sewer authorities, but most districts now issue general obligation bonds instead, Bowersox said.

Taxpayer group gains reprieve for building use

By GRACE R. DOVE
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After a lengthy discussion with township resident Patricia Gold concerning the use of the township building, the Lehman Township supervisors decided to give the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association three more months to meet there.

Gold appeared at the February 20 supervisors' meeting to protest the panel's refusal to allow the group to hold further meetings at the township building, where it had met for the past two years.

The supervisors passed a resolution at their January 3 reorganization meeting to limit public meetings in the building to those directly connected with the government of the township.

Gold said her group had scheduled a meeting January 5 and didn't know until the day of the meeting whether or not they would be able to hold it at the township building.

"Our main concern is liability," said supervisor David Sutton. "We don't mean to single you out. Your group isn't an official Lehman Township government function - we would have to ask you for a certificate of liability insurance to meet here."

"Until we formulate a policy, we don't want outside organizations meeting here," said supervisor Ray Iwanowski.

Sutton added that the situation

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Patricia Gold
Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association board member

would be different if the organization served only taxpayers from Lehman Township.

"We're gearing up for the election in three months and focusing on many important issues," Gold fired back. "The timing stinks. I object to our being denied due process. We have been mistreated without cause. We resent being told that we can't meet here any more after we have met here for nearly three years. You never had an ounce of a problem here."

The supervisors agreed to allow the group to meet in the township building for the next three months while it looks for another meeting place and explores liability insurance.

In other business the supervisors voted to:

- Adopt an ordinance limiting stormwater runoff into the Toby's Creek watershed, part of which drains into the Huntsville Reservoir.

- Pass a resolution in support of keeping the Tobyhanna Army Depot open. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Begins student teaching

Susan Steinkirchner of Dallas is student teaching at Curtin Middle School and Hughesville High School during the spring semester at Mansfield University.

Steinkirchner, a senior mathematics education major, is a 1990 graduate of Dallas High School. She is the daughter of Sally Steinkirchner, Dallas and James Steinkirchner, Kingston.

Stained glass course to start

Dallas High School will host a course on stained glass crafting offered by Luzerne County Community College Office of Community Services from March 8 through April.

The classes are designed to introduce students to the techniques of constructing stained glass in the original Tiffany method.

After the introductory project is completed, instructor Gene Taylor will assist students with individual projects. Previous students are welcome to attend for more advanced projects.

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Teens

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were detained at the Luzerne County Juvenile Detention Center.

"This is the first incident of this kind we've had with them," Miers said.

According to Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 director of special education James Blandina, 15 or 16 students and five teachers had been in the building at the time.

"The alternative education class is a new program this year," he said. "They haven't done anything like this before."

The students involved will pay for the damages. One student, who was already on probation, has already been expelled from the program, he said.

Alternative ed was his last

chance before expulsion and "he blew it," Blandina said. The boy may be sent to another facility, possibly St. Michael's School For Boys.

Miers said that someone from the school has called him four or five times because alternative education students have left the building.

Police don't go out looking for students on the lam but must be notified for liability insurance reasons if they leave, he added.

"Sure, some of the kids have walked," Blandina said. "They don't want any part of school or authority. They have to give us a chance to work with them if they want to make it."

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