

School's in

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mother says, "We all loved the experience and everyone was very friendly, but most of all I felt so secure because it was obvious they were in a safe and loving atmosphere."

Trucksville Nursery School is nondenominational and designed for children from 2 1/2 to 4 years of age. Programs allow them to explore the world around them...even bus rides prepare them for what they will experience beginning in kindergarten.

Firemen, policemen and ambulance crews explain what they do and show their equipment. Holidays brings parties, and parents assist with socializing. A "Parent Enrichment Group" holds fundraising events to purchase special play equipment.

The school is governed by a board of directors appointed by the Administrative Council of the Trucksville United Methodist Church. The faculty and staff are from the community and have a special interest in childhood development. When the school opened 25 years ago there were three faculty members and 30 children. This year there are 10 full time faculty members, three assistants and a support staff of three; 154 students are enrolled.

Former pupils and their parents all sound alike when questioned about their "school daze." Carol McDonald, Country Club Road, is the mother of ex-pupil Keith, now 21 at Lehigh in electrical engineering, and Kevin, 17 and a junior at Dallas High. She says, "It was everything they said it was and more. Talk about character build-



THEY KEEP IT HUMMING - Trucksville Nursery School - Faculty and Staff, are, seated, from left, Sandy McGrady, Doreen Johnson, Judy Kmetz, Sharon Cosgrove, Marjorie Adams, Ann Bressler, and Rose Fritzen. Standing, from left, Joan Meehan, Karen Laskowski, Patricia Baird, Lois Rondinella, Debbie Josuweit, Denise Reschauer, and Ruth Roberts. Absent from photo, Mary Blase, Lois Linsinbiger and Morag Michael.

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Sandra Turner
Mother of Lynn, a former student

ing and things like that...sure I did my part but so did they."

Lynn Turner, another ex-pupil, from Sutton Road, is now a freshman at University of Rhode Island majoring in communications. Her mother Sandra says, "Do I remember? Those smiling faces! That positive attitude! Teachers like

Pat Baird and Mrs. Grey...I always felt so good just knowing they were there!"

On this coming Sunday, April 30, the faculty, staff and board of directors will be recognized at the 11 a.m. church service followed by a reception in the Educational Building.

Meeting

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Thomas Kehler, George Andrews and Fran Kopko, McCormick, political candidates Ruth Eaton and Thomas Callahan, Greco, Shirley Hanson and her son, Mark, and two reporters were the only people present. But several residents who regularly attend council meetings said they would have attended if they had known about the session.

"I would have gone if I had known about it. I would like to hear what Greco had to say," said Jim Drury of Annabelle Ave.

Betty Gray of Kitchen Road had gone early to the borough building with her friend, Betty West.

"I definitely would have gone," she said. "We sat there waiting in the car until we saw Greco and the Hansons leaving. I thought there would have been a crowd at the meeting, but there were very few cars in the parking lot."

"I wasn't aware until later that there had been a meeting with Mr. Greco," said Betty West. "I found out only when I saw him walking out the door with the Hansons. Nobody said anything about it at the regular council meeting. I thought the public was supposed to be involved."

"You're supposed to advertise meetings," said Sandra Serhan. "I don't think that's legal. I certainly would have attended and would have encouraged all my friends and neighbors to go."

Act 84, the Sunshine Act, defines a meeting as "any prearranged gathering...attended or participated in by a quorum...and held for the purpose of deliberating business or taking official action."

At all such meetings, a written record of its date, time and place;

the names of all council members present; the names of all citizens who attend to make statements, the content of their statements and a summary of all actions taken must be kept, according to the act.

Council meetings must be advertised in a local newspaper at least 24 hours in advance and must be open to the public and the press unless transactions of borough-owned real estate, specific cases of litigation, arbitration of employee contracts or specific personnel issues are discussed, according to the act.

"This did not meet the criteria for a meeting," McCormick said afterwards. "We didn't transact any business. We didn't discuss anything. We didn't have to advertise it."

"It was no information session if they were discussing crowd control, traffic and community safety issues related to concerts," said Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association legal counsel Theresa Vitzthum. "It was a deliberation of public policy and should have been advertised. And they should have taped the meeting and kept minutes or a written record of it."

If McCormick ran the meeting, he still represented the borough council, she added.

"An interesting point is that the council can't say it's an open meeting, then instruct the secretary not to take minutes," Vitzthum said. "Possibly the council, with all good intentions, believed the meeting was an information session and no minutes were required, but the Sunshine Act says otherwise."

Earns certificate for service

Trucksville resident Chip Koehl was recognized by Merrill Lynch and awarded Chairman's Club Membership for 1995, based upon his career performance, dedication, professionalism, and service to clients.

Koehl is a 1978 graduate of Syracuse University and holds a BA degree in Economics. He is a member of the finance committee for the Shavertown United Methodist Church and serves on the board of directors of the Children's Service Center.

Chip and his wife, Kim, reside in Trucksville with their two daughters, Hilary and Erica.

Register now for Market on the Pond

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, announces that booths are available for the annual "Market on the Pond" flea market, scheduled for June 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The raindate June 24.

The 8'x12' spaces are \$15 each and a reservation form is available by calling the Volunteer Department at 675-8600, Ext. 138.

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Top Lake-Lehman seniors honored

The Harveys Lake Women's Club (GFWC) recently honored Lake-Lehman High School's top seniors at a special gathering. Attending were, front row from left, club president Linda Schuler; education committee chairpersons Wendy Morris and Marilyn Glogowski; Amanda Warner; Jess Noon; Tina Sidonio, and Jennider Feehan. Back row, Janthan Dale, Peter Malak, Sherry Clark, Joel Toluba, Tim Brislin, Chris Pagoda and Shannon Kelly.



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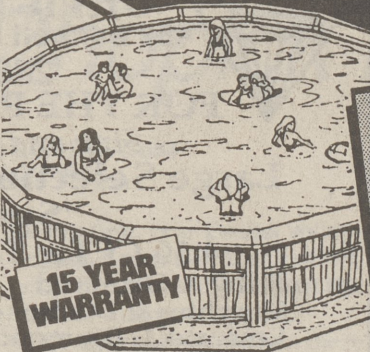
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