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Budget holds no raise for teachers

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - Lake-Lehman School District's 1997-98 budget contains no provision for raises for teachers or administration, but does have a small cushion to meet unseen emergencies.

The school board voted 5-4 to accept a \$17 million budget at a special meeting held Monday night. With an eight mill increase, Luzerne County's millage rate will be 221 and Wyoming County's will remain at 42.

Superintendent William Price asked the board to consider eight mills instead of five, as previously discussed, in order to insure the district is left with a cushion for technology updates (both hard and software), textbook purchases and preventative maintenance. Ed Kern, Rose Howard, Lois Kopcha and David Kaufman voted down against the budget and the eight mill increase.

There are no provisions in the budget for teacher salary raises, Price said. He said negotiations are going smoothly, and the union appears to understand the district's position. Instructional salaries make up 60 percent of the budget.

The five-mill budget was "a typical penny wise and pound foolish budget," Price said. It contained no funds even to buy paint.

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SOCCER MANIA

Youth soccer players swarmed around Lake-Lehman graduate Brian Kelly when he stopped by soccer camp at Penn State Wilkes-Barre last week. The starting left midfielder of the NY/NJ MetroStars signed autographs and demonstrated soccer skills with his brother, Shannon.

Fertilizer ban at lake could come July 15

By JENNIFER JUDGE
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HARVEYS LAKE - If the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Committee (EVAC) gets its way, a ban on all fertilizers containing phosphorus could be in effect as early as the July 15 Harveys Lake Council meeting. At the June meeting of the council, Michael Shisko, EVAC chairperson told council members, "We are going to have work through it because it is a novel idea."

EVAC is requesting a total ban on phosphates, with the possibility of later amendments to the ban. This action comes as a result of a lake study completed about two years ago by Fred Lubnow, limnologist for Coastal Environmental Services. (A limnologist

"I think the people will be extremely happy with the water quality in about four to five years."

Mike Case
Limnologist who has studied Harveys Lake for many years

studies the biology, chemistry, and physics of lakes).

Council member Martin Noon, who provides EVAC meeting reports at council meetings, explained the total ban. "We want to start out with a total ban so that everyone starts out on the right

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School Taxes

Lake-Lehman School District — 1987 to 1998

| School Year | Total Budget | Dollar Increase | % Increase | Millage | Millage Increase |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 1987-88 | \$9,071,291 | 939,093 | 11.5 | 123 | 5 |
| 1988-89 | \$9,782,827 | 711,536 | 7.8 | 128 | 5 |
| 1989-90 | \$10,882,474 | 1,099,647 | 11.2 | 133 | 5 |
| 1990-91 | \$11,342,180 | 459,707 | 4.2 | 151 | 18 |
| 1991-92 | \$13,043,724 | 1,701,544 | 15.0 | 176 | 25 |
| 1992-93 | \$14,228,780 | 1,213,856 | 8.5 | 185 | 9 |
| 1993-94 | \$14,915,760 | 686,980 | 5.4 | 185 | 0 |
| 1994-95 | \$15,458,278 | 542,518 | 3.5 | 190 | 5 |
| 1995-96 | \$16,241,047 | 782,769 | 5 | 190 | 0 |
| 1996-97 | \$16,385,280 | 144,233 | 1 | 213 | 13 |
| 1997-98 | \$17,023,412 | 638,132 | 4 | 221 | 8 |

Millage figures are for Luzerne County only, and do not reflect Wyoming County residents, whose property tax assessment rate is different.

Borough accepts sewer bid despite qualms it's too low

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - Overcoming concerns that it bid was too low to properly complete the work, the Dallas Borough Council voted 5-2 at its June meeting to accept a bid from Fe Ma Excavating, Inc. for the Lackawanna & Columbia Avenues Storm Sewer Project.

Councilman Ted Wright expressed concern about the company's low bid of \$53,518. "I have grave concerns these numbers make a good suggestion there is the possibility of standard work," he told the council. Wright said there was \$7,760 between Fe Ma's

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'Fr. Dave' gets warm sendoff

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - Father Dave is leaving the Gate of Heaven parish sent him off with best wishes Sunday. Known for a wonderful sense of humor, gregarious nature and youthful initiative, Fr. David P. Cappelloni definitely left a positive impression on everyone young and old alike.

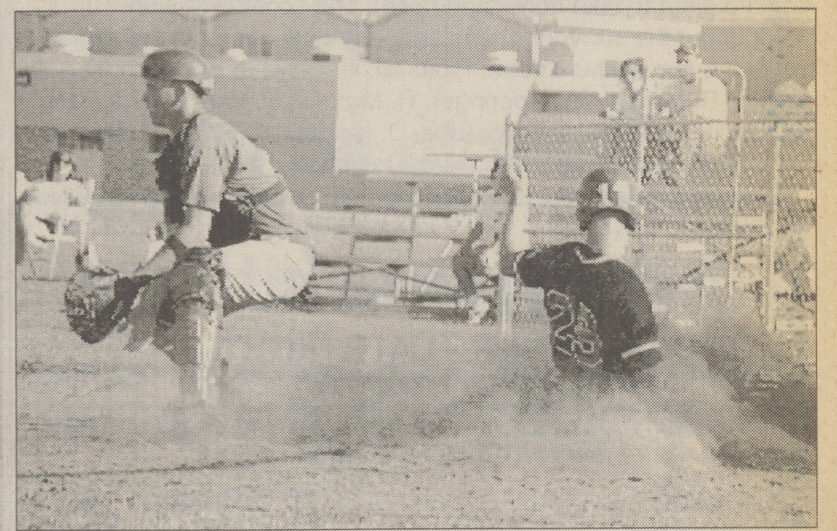
The cafeteria was filled from 1-3 p.m. with people who came to show their support and say their goodbyes. Punch and desserts were served along with a humorous song presented by the Gate of

Heaven choir in Fr. Dave's honor. The Diocese of Scranton recently made its annual assignments, which included moving Cappelloni to Muncy as pastor of Church of the Resurrection. Rev. John C. Lambert will become the new pastor this week.

While the congregation is ready and willing to embrace Lambert, they still will miss the man who has been such a unifying spirit for the church during the last four years.

"He really brought the parish together. He has done so many

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Safe at home

BMT Legion catcher Jamie Patton waited for the throw in a game against Nanticoke. Story on page 9.

Rotary's first female member is now president

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Outgoing Dallas Rotary president Ron Fitch prepared to welcome Melissa Saxon, the club's new president, during installation ceremonies last week. Saxon was the club's first female member, and is the first woman to hold the post.

DALLAS TWP. - It wasn't until 1989 that Rotary International revised its constitution to include women. In December 1992, Melissa Saxon became the first female member of the Rotary Club of Dallas. On June 26, Saxon broke new ground when she was installed as the first female president of the club.

"It's quite an honor," Saxon said. "They're a wonderful group of people. I can't say that enough." Although she brings a different perspective to Rotary, she doesn't believe this will change how she does her job. "I am a Rotarian. That's the bottom line. We all bring our different talents to the club," she explained.

Rotary is an international organization that was started

"She gets things done and she likes to do the job."

Ron Fitch
Outgoing Rotary president

by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905. Originally established as a club to help business leaders make contacts, the organization quickly switched gears to become a service club. Their motto is "service above self." Rotarians volunteer in their community, in their club, and in the international community.

The Rotary Club of Dallas celebrated its 70th year in March 1997. Saxon is the first and only current female

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White Sox

repeat as Major League Softball champions after an exciting 8-7 win over the A's.

Joel Lesinski saves BMT National from elimination in all-star playoffs with a grand-slam home run. Pg 9.

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