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never responds and we end up hiring people to cut his grass and then bill him for it."

The installation of one \$216 street light in the new Fern Ridge Subdivision was approved. One resident of the subdivision told the board they should put up more lights.

Finally, the board passed the final reading of the Adopt-A-Roadway Program.

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pointed elementary music teacher and Dave McLaughlin-Smith was appointed assistant elementary principal at a salary of \$46,500.

Michael Leskowsky was hired as the new physical education teacher and Alex Coveleski as a social studies teacher. Sandy Boyle and Frank Jones were both increased from part-time math teachers to full time. Gail Meeker will also be increased from a part-time faculty member to a full time faculty member in the English department. John Sobocinski was hired as a social studies/science teacher and Joseph Dombroski was hired as an English teacher. The teacher salaries range from \$29,000 to \$31,000.

"I thought it was rather petty not to hire him the first time around."

Samuel Rhodes
Lake-Lehman school board

School board member Karen Whipple remarked, "No one who was just hired is related to anyone on the school board."

The school board also accepted the resignation of Paul Reinert, guidance counselor at the middle level building. "He was a fine counselor, a fine educator, and a fine person," Rhodes said during the meeting. "I only hope the district can lure him back some day." Reinert will be assistant principal at Dallas High School.

District architect Douglas Trumbower announced that several district renovation projects had been finished. The sewage treatment plant work was completed, as well as sewer line work.

Reinert

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lot going for it now. It has a dynamic leader in Dr. Gil Griffiths and the board is committed. I've heard positive things about the staff and students," said Reinert.

Reinert grew up in Shavertown and went to Bishop O'Reilly high school. He earned his Bachelor of Science in secondary education, general science from the University of Scranton. He holds a master's in school counseling and is starting a doctoral program specializing in human resources in education administration at Marywood College.

He and his wife Kimberly have three children, Virginia, 7; Jacob, 5 and Samuel, 2. "My wife and I worked on this decision (to take the job) together. She is very



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Bookaneers at the library

The Bookaneers invaded the Back Mountain Memorial Library for the closing event of the Summer Reading Program. Northeast Jr. Players presented an audience participation show in which children joined the production. In top photo, Ann Marie Eddy led the pirates to Treasure Island. Michael Dennis joined his friends at the refreshment table following the show, lower left photo.

supportive," said Reinert of his wife of nine years.

A large part of the assistant principal's job is that of disciplinarian. Reinert thinks his background in counseling will serve him and the students well in this regard.

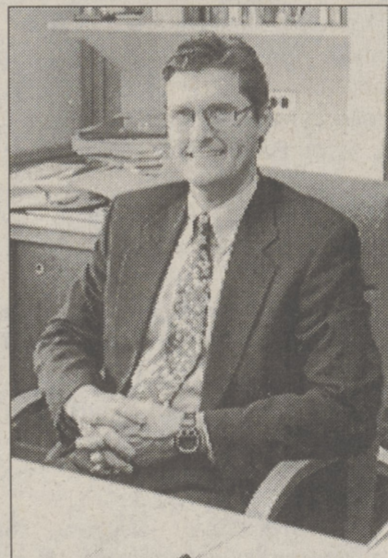
"I expect the counseling skills will be a great asset," said Reinert. "The skills helped me to respect each student as an individual. It's important to criticize the behavior, not the child."

Slaby believes Reinert relates well with students and in many cases defuses potential problematic situations. "With discipline he is very pro-active. He knows what's going on with the kids. He

pre-empted things happening," she said.

Reinert developed a disciplinary program at Lake-Lehman. "The program asked the teachers and counselors to make early contact with parents and improve the communication between home and school," said Reinert. "We used a multi-level plan with steps of increasing consequence." Dallas has a similar plan, he said.

Frank Galicki, Dallas Senior High School principal, said Reinert will be a strong asset to the district. "He definitely works for the students and is very student oriented. I think the transition will be a smooth one and he will do an excellent job for us," he said.



Paul Reinert is settling into his new post as assistant principal at Dallas High School

Tanks

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"Some homes and the middle school are still getting bottled water," said Mark Carmon of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). He said a Pump and Treat System is currently being used to decontaminate the water. The system pumps water out of the ground into a carbon activated system that aerates the water and returns it back to the ground.

Robert Roberts, Lake-Lehman middle school principal, said there are still traces of contamination in the water and the school will continue to drink bottled water throughout this coming school year.

"It's not the safest feeling in the world," he said. "But, it's not that much of an inconvenience."

Roberts said the levels of contamination have been low recently and that he isn't worried. "I feel confident we are okay. With the bottled water it becomes a non-issue," he said.

Fetzer said the EPA is in negotiations with the state to turn the site back to them. These negotiations fall on the heels of new levels measured by the emergency authority, said Fetzer.

When the EPA took over the cleanup, 200 parts per billion was considered an emergency situation and there were levels higher than that in Lehman. Now the authority sets dangerous levels at 1,000 parts per billion.

"We have treated 10 million gallons of water and removed the slug of gasoline from the area," said Fetzer. Peaks in Lehman have been anywhere between 1000 and non-detectable, he said. "It runs the gamut."

Lehman isn't the only community affected by leaks from underground tanks. DEP speculates oil that leaked into Toby Creek in Shavertown two weeks ago was heating oil used for the Shavertown Shopping Center. There are four tanks that serve

the shopping center. "We have told the owner to get the tanks tested," said Carmon.

In 1988, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave owners of underground storage tanks 10 years to meet leak prevention requirements. The deadline is up next year.

Carmon said the 1988 Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act is an important step in securing all underground tanks. The new law is more defining and specific, he said. "Before we were just reacting to the situation. We had to act under water pollution laws."

Now the state can take preventative steps as well. "Since leakage is the main risk, this law is looking to make sure tanks are replaced or removed if too old. It brings tank owners under regulating control and provides direction on how to clean up," Carmon explained.

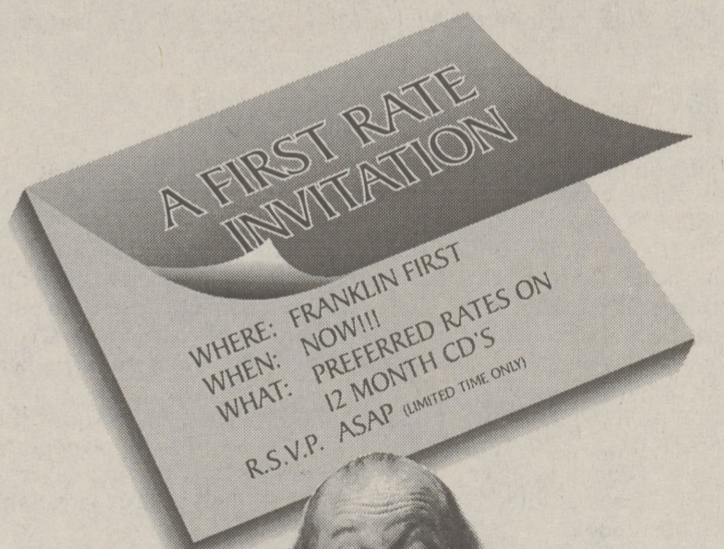
Glenn Rider, EPA chief of tank technologies and permitting section in division of storage tanks, said owners have three options under the act. They can replace their tanks with new ones, upgrade them to meet specifications or close them down.

Upgrade criteria includes spill, overflow and corrosion prevention, said Rider.

All tanks must be registered and it is against the law to deliver product to an unregistered tank, he said. Both Rider and Carmon said it is possible there are a few old, unused tanks from gas stations or farms out there. Carmon said contamination is easily detectable by its rank smell.

Carmon said these regulations are especially important in the northeastern region. "In general, the freeze and thaw in our area have an impact on tanks, plumbing and pumps." Many people are starting to use fiberglass tanks to avoid corrosion, he said.

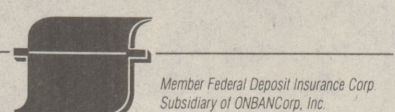
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