## **Grotto Pizza founder donates 3,000** games to Toys for Tots

Marines say supplies low, donations still accepted

For 50 years the Toys for Tots program has been a part of the area's holiday season by delivering toys, games, and other Holiday gifts to children in need during this special time of year.

This year, the U.S. Marine Reserves of Wyoming will further enhance the Golden Anniversary of the Toys for Tots program with the addition of a gift valued at more than \$74,000 courtesy of Grotto Pizza.

Grotto Pizza founder Joe Paglianite will donate 3,000 copies of the fun and informative board game Environmental Concerns, a game he designed himself in response to the growing need for environmental awareness and understanding.

Staff Sgt. Greg Wiggins, Toys for Tots coordinator, said the drive helped 30,000 children in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties last year, but supplies are running low this season.

Toys may be donated at the following locations in the Back Mountain until Friday: Branches of Franklin First Savings and PNC Bank, Bi-Lo supermarkets, McDonald's, Mailboxes Etc. and the Small Wonders Nursery School.

Toys may also be brought to the Toys for Tots warehouse at 30 Wood St., Wilkes-Barre Saturday and Sunday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. The warehouse space has been donated by Mericle Commercial Real Estate.

Toys will be distributed Monday, Dec. 22 at the warehouse. Families wishing to pick up toys must bring proof that they are receiving some form of public assistance. Call 430-5960 for more information.

"Grotto Pizza has been a part of the Wyoming Valley community since 1953," Paglianite said. "We've been involved with a variety of important community



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Joseph Paglianite, founder of Grotto Pizza, looks over a copy of Environmental Concerns. Paglianite donated 3,000 of the games to Toys for Tots.

causes since we first opened our doors more than four decades ago. But being able to participate with the Toys for Tots program on this scale and at this time of year is really something special for all of us.

The donations to Toys for Toys is part of Grotto Pizza's 1997 holiday season celebration, highlighted by the annual Parade of Trees, at Harveys Lake.

"At Grotto Pizza, we have a lot to be thankful for-the people of the community have accepted us and made us successful. By holding charity events such as the Parade of Trees and being involved with the Toys for Tots program, we can give something back to our neighbors and our extended family," Paglianite said.

Neighbors, developer have another chance to make cases

KINGSTON TWP. - The supervisors are giving both the residents and potential builder of an area in Westmoreland Hills another chance to plead their cases. At their regular meeting Dec. 10, supervisors voted to review the transcript of a hearing held Nov. 11 and their adjudiation dated Nov. 26.

The neighbors, mainly those who live on Frangorma Dr., and developer Gerald Fisher dispute where the zoning line between residential and conservation land is on 12.5 acres.

Last month the supervisors called a special meeting to hear both sides and review the town-

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5-4 on the issue of withholding payments totaling \$45,696 to three local contractors and an architect who have been working on two renovation projects. Board member Ronald Payne said he objected to the amount the architect wants to be paid. "Why do we need to pay an architect for a design of guide rails around the parking lot of the high school when we have a director of maintenance who can do the same thing?" he questioned.

Payne, Lois Kopcha, Moderno Rossi, Robert Allardyce and Rosemary Howard voted against payinterpretation that the line is in the middle of an unnamed creek on the 12.5 acres. The supervisors voted to maintain Gorey's interpretation of the line. Legal counsel for each party

ship zoning officer Ben Gorey's

must submit their points of reconsideration by Dec. 17.

Westmoreland Hills residents and Fisher have been at odds over the land since he submitted a subdivision plan in May. Residents claimed a majority of the land was zoned conservation. The supervisors decided the majority of land was residential. Fisher plans to build three lots on the property.

ing Douglas Trumbower, architect \$28,527 for work already completed. Payments were also withheld from C.B. Honeywell for work the firm did replacing a sewer line during the summer and Penn State Mechanical for work on the distance learning lab at the high school. Thomas Williams, Gary Miller, Karen Whipple and Edwin Kern voted in favor of paying the contractors.

Solicitor Peter Savage suggested the board hold a special. meeting within the next month to address the issue of paying the two companies.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS** 

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the weeks of Nov. 28 - Dec. 11.

Robert R. Rice, et ux, to Lois J. Norieka, 1.230 ac. Orchard Terrace, Dallas Twp., \$18,000.

Jams Deveiga, et ux, Dallas Twp., \$750

Hollow, Dallas Twp., \$155,000.

M. Gaynor, Lot 6, Harveys Lake Bor., \$75,000.

Frank D. Wright, Harveys Lake Bor., \$56,000.

Valerie A. Swanson, to Todd C. Swanson, 1 ac. see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$35,000.

Krashnak, III, et ux, Harveys Lake Bor., \$227,500.

\$93.000.

to Robert C. Cigarski, Jackson Twp., \$60,000. Ruth Jones, estate al, to Darcy

C. Brodmerkel, Lots 89 & 10, Spring St., Kingston Twp., \$80,000. Eric Robzen, per atty. to Patricia

A. Dompkosky, Lot 7 Maple Crest Hills, Kingston Twp., \$103,000.

Eastern Environmental Services, to .J. McGeehan Sales & Service Ltd., 81 ac., Lake Twp., \$15.

Edna L. Shortkroff, to Karen Lkavahn, Lehman Twp., \$59,250. Stephen Paskell, et ux, to Deborah A. Worlinsky, vir. al, Lot 3, Ross Twp., \$125,000.





