



'Deer' Santa

Parents with children at Trucksville Nursery School recently presented their annual show for the children. Among those joining in the fun, bottom photo; from left, Barbara Brandt, Sue Halbing, Michelle Ondish, Suzanne Dudeck, Joan Mehan, Denise McHale.

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Jill Hiscox, a.k.a. Rudolph, showed off her nose, top left, and slapped five with Santa (Jim Mulhern).



Tax collectors

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merely substitute its own judgment for the school district's exercise of its discretionary power unless there is 'clear and compelling' proof that the school district misapplied law or clearly abused its discretion..."

Kozick said he is now earning what he made 20 years ago from the district. "It's ridiculous. My work is increasing and I'm getting a cut in pay," he said. "Everybody got raises in the district (in 1993) and they cut the tax collectors' pay. They didn't save any money because they gave it to the other people."

Kozick estimates he earned about \$36,000 less over the last four years, earning \$8,000 less per year. He said he was making approximately \$23,000 before the flat rate went into effect.

The township pays on a percentage and Luzerne County pays a flat rate. Kozick collects all real estate and per capita taxes for the district.

He said he is tired of fighting and will not pursue an appeal. "I waited five years for this decision, I'm not going to appeal and wait," said Kozick, who has been the Dallas Twp. and district tax collector since 1978.

Reese, Dallas Borough collector, said he did not know yet if an appeal would be filed. "We thought we were unjustly cut while everyone else got raises. Personally, I was cut 60 percent (of my earnings) per year," said Reese, who recently celebrated his 32nd year as tax collector.

Before the flat rate, he earned \$14,000, now he earns \$6,000 from the district. "The only reimbursement we get is for postage and paper," he said. "We'll have to sit down and see what the options are."

Daubert of Franklin Twp. did not run again and is no longer a tax collector.

NEPA Environmental Partners present awards

The Seventh Annual NEPA Environmental Partnership Awards and Dinner held on October 9, 1997 at the Woodlands Inn and Resort was a great success. The dinner was attended by more than 300 members of the environmental, business, private and state government community.

In presenting these awards at the annual dinner, the NEPA Partners: Wilkes University, The Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Economic Development Council of NEPA, The World Future Society - NEPA Chapter and the Procter and Gamble Paper Products Company, join together to recognize outstanding accomplishments and teamwork in protecting and conserving our environment and enhancing our quality of life.

This year also marked the award of the Third Annual Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award to Jack Padalino of the Pocono Environmental Education Center.

The keynote speaker for the evening was John Sawhill, President and CEO of The Nature Conservancy.

When commenting on the evening, Sawhill expressed that he was quite impressed with the support of our community as a whole to the evening's theme of

honoring environmental excellence and that the efforts of the award recipients represented so many important segments of the work to be done in the environmental field.



Award recipients along with representatives of the NEPA Environmental partners. Front row, from left, Bernie McGurl, Bill Reid, Jack Padalino, Annette Schultz, Karen Wargo, and Karen Balchunas. Second row, Joe DeMarco, Joann Denworth, Richard Salch, Rob Barker, Jerry Morgan, Ed Wytovich, Scott Shukraft, Howard Grossman and Dr. Chris Brei

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