

Students will fast to feel others' pain, raise funds

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LEHMAN - As a member of the Lake-Lehman High School Key Club, Ken Weaver is always on the lookout for new ways to help both the local and world community.

One idea showed up in his mailbox in the form of a flyer from World Vision, a nonprofit Christian relief organization that has helped the world's hungry and sick for 47 years.

The Key Club and other students will participate in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. This is a nationwide fast with the intention of raising empathy for the hungry by experiencing one night of their reality.

The fast will take place from 1 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 27 to 7 p.m. Feb. 28. Students plan to spend that night at the Holy Resurrection Orthodox Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre.

Weaver, a junior, believes the fast will help people appreciate what they already have. "I've never fasted that long. I know we'll never be able to experience hun-

ger like those people, but maybe we'll appreciate just being able to put food on the table," said Weaver.

When Weaver speaks of "those" people, he is talking about more than 50 million people in 103 countries, including the United States, who are hungry. One in five children live in poverty and a total of four million are underfed in the United States, he said. The U.S. has the highest child poverty rate of any industrialized nation.

The students involved are actively raising money for World Vision. Weaver estimates he has put in about 30 hours going door to door in the cold asking for donations.

"The community response has been wonderful," said Weaver. "You just have to show that you're making an effort and they will to." He said households donate an average of \$5, while businesses donate about \$10. Weaver and Valerie Fiore, fellow Key Club member, raised \$140 during one of their recent collections.

Each person or business that donates \$5 or more will ensure their name will appear in the Lake-Lehman KnightLife newspaper



Members of the Lake-Lehman High School Key Club who will participate in a 30-hour fast to raise awareness of the world's hungry, from left, kneeling, Michelle Lawler, secretary; Jeff Kernag, president; Alison Piatt, vice-president; seated, Tina Baigis, Daisy Boice, Lindsey Schraeder, Tracy Kennedy, Jenn Wrobel, Valerie Fiore, Carrie Race, Jacque Burke, Karen Cole; standing, Ben Wolfe, Nick Long, Mark Chopyak, Jen Klaips, Valerie Williams, Eric Nygren, Chuck Boylin, Katerina Minarikova, Mike Scouten. Not pictured, Ken Weaver, treasurer.

and World Vision will send a letter of thanks.

Carrie Phelps, Key Club advisor and guidance counselor, is

impressed with the dedication the students have shown. "The kids have been everywhere," said Phelps. "A lot of people donated,

it's been wonderful. They really have surprised me. I wasn't sure if they would even want to fast, but they are willing."

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Last year the 30-Hour Famine raised enough money to feed 28,000 children for an entire year. World Vision estimates it costs 50¢ to feed a child for one day and that 77¢ of each donated dollar directly benefits those in need.

During the fast, the students will only drink juice or water, no soda is allowed.

Weaver said the Key Club is a dynamic presence within the school this year. "I have to give a lot of thanks to the kids in the school. We have revolutionized the Key Club this year," he said. Weaver cited the fast, and work with the soup kitchens and nursing homes as some of their achievements.

Also, the club is headed to the district convention for Key Clubs for the first time in history, said Weaver. "We've really done a lot. I'm very proud."

For more information on how to donate to the 30-Hour Famine, call Lake-Lehman High School guidance office at 675-2165.

Towers

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can do. We want to try our damndest so the towers don't look like sticks sticking up into air," said Price. "Cellular One said up to 100 ft. it is relatively easy to hide. But, once you get above that, then you have problems." He said one option is to paint the towers.

Price said the commission reviewed several ordinances from other municipalities. They received a sample ordinance from a PA Municipal Community Development booklet about cellular towers. The booklet provides guidelines for commissioners and supervisors.

The commission would like to see that each tower have multiple uses and have more than one receiving unit on it. "Why have 10 different companies with 10 different towers if they could all use one," he said.

Price said the issues discussed are far from being decided upon, but the commission thought it best to start now than wait until there are many towers in the township to get regulations.

Walter Billings, a Jackson Township planning commissioner, said the township plans to look into the situation with cellular towers. Billings would personally like to see that the towers are built in a way that fits into their surrounding environment.

"You cannot stop them from coming in, but you can make them look presentable," said Billings. He has seen cellular towers near the PA Turnpike that are disguised as pine trees.

Although Jackson Township has not been approached by a cellular company, Billings said the township will begin discussions about regulations about

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appearance because, "Once they start coming, it's hard to change their design."

Dallas Township has one tower under construction near Irem Country Club while the construction of another tower is pending due to appeal made by Dr. Roger Landry.

If allowed, the 280 ft. tower will be built behind the township municipal building.

Leonard Kozick, township zoning officer, said he knows of no talks about adding regulations concerning cellular towers to the zoning ordinance. Currently, a cellular tower is considered a public use under the ordinance. This consideration is what Landry is contesting.

Lehman Township plans to start discussing this issue. Dave Sutton, planning commission chairman, said the zoning ordinance is due for an upgrade and that the commission will consider cellular tower issues while updating the ordinance.

"We haven't given it much thought," said Sutton. "The PA township association news has several articles about towers. We are aware of it and know it can be a problem," he said. No cellular companies have approached Lehman Township about building a tower.

Rite Aid

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Creek through a large culvert under the property. The creek, which is prone to flash flooding, now takes a sharp right turn just below Pizza Hut, then switches back behind the two existing buildings.

The state Department of Environmental Protection must approve any re-routing of waterways. Rite Aid has made a pre-application for the plan, said Mark Carmon, DEP spokesman, but the department is waiting for a full application.

The DEP has a policy of taking action on requests within 130 days

of receiving an application. Carmon said the department will review flood hazards and will test for the presence of any unique life forms before issuing approval.

The rear of the property slopes sharply upward to Main Street, and a retaining wall will be required to hold soil in place once excavation for parking is completed. Milton Lutsey, borough manager, said the back of the building would be 50 feet from the wall at its closest point.

Joe Gilroy, a member of the planning commission, cautioned

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Rite Aid's construction manager to handle the work with care.

"We don't want Main Street to end up on your roof top," he said. "Let's make sure the retaining wall is designed in a way that will be stable. We don't want anyone having to pick up rocks."

KW Carpet, which now leases the existing steel building from Valentine, is planning to move to a new building behind the Dough Company sometime in March.

Valentine said he has sold the steel building, which will be taken down and reassembled out of the area.

And what will Valentine do once the plan moves ahead? "Oh, I plan to retire," he said. "I'm something I've wanted to do for some time. Now I can spend more time enjoying auto racing, one of my favorite hobbies."

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"I think it's turned out to be a good thing. I think we can get someone who is looking for a long-term relationship with the school board and district," Payne said. "I feel there is someone more adequate for the job for less money."

Payne said Price was not working with the school board and was working to place his own agenda into the district. "He made a lot of judgements on his own without consulting the board." As an example, Payne said that Price often would not give mailed solicitations to the board that was forwarded to them.

Karen Whipple, a board member for several years, said she was stunned by the resignation. "All I could think was, 'what are we going to do. I couldn't believe that in 60 days (since the new board took control) this is the kind of mess we have,'" she said.

Although she understands his action, Whipple hopes Price will reconsider his resignation.

Whipple said she was under the impression the board was aware of Price's request for a contract renewal and that everyone was in favor of it. "He clearly said a week earlier in the executive session that he wanted to see this issue on the next agenda," she said.

Rossi said he plans to contact Kopcha and get the vote on next month's school board meeting agenda. "We can vote on it and then Price can decide whether he wants to accept the position or not," he said.

Whipple praised Price's performance. "When Price was hired we had weak spots in our curriculum," she said. "That was his expertise and he improved the curriculum immensely. We got so much for our money. I don't think

people realize the kind of dynamo we got for the bucks."

Rossi said the district needs an experienced superintendent who knows its history. "As a new board member I want to have someone experienced there. He was doing very well. He and Kathy Williams, business manager, work well together. We know where all the money is now because it's put into a computer," he said.

"I think the board should have a good relationship with the superintendent and respect him. I've never had problems with him. Whenever I asked for information, I got it," Rossi said. "I think some people get caught up and don't want to spend any money."

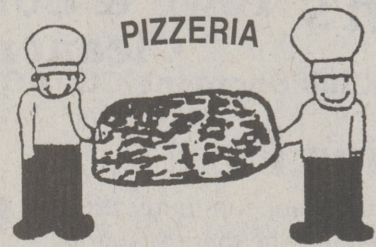
The next Lake-Lehman school board meeting is a work session on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Shavertown UM women to meet April 4

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