



POST PHOTOS/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

## Spring cleanup

Students at Westmoreland Elementary celebrated Earth Day by closing down Lehigh St. and walking to school from E. Center St. They also participated in a scavenger hunt, in which they had to find such things as rocks with moss on them, a leaf in the shape of a triangle and even a smell. The hunt opened their eyes to the many different elements that make up nature.

At right, Briann Bolton, Kyla Halsor and Terriann Silbernagel took a peek under some stones. Above, at the Litter Center, from left, kneeling, Cody McHutchinson, Jamie Neer, Vincent Oliveri, 5th grade teacher Priscilla Aldrow, Dorothy Philo. Standing, Alex Madaya, Tim Monsuer, David Mahalick.



## Board votes to settle with ex-teacher

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**LEHMAN** - The Lake-Lehman School Board opted to let a teacher's suit against the district go to binding arbitration rather than be fought out in a possibly lengthy legal battle.

At its April meeting, the board unanimously voted to enter into a settlement and release agreement with Marietta Toole, a retiring teacher, who sued the district and William E. Price, superintendent, for sick days she took in the late 1970's.

Toole claims the district never granted her request to change her maternity days to sick days. At the time, teachers were not paid for maternity days.

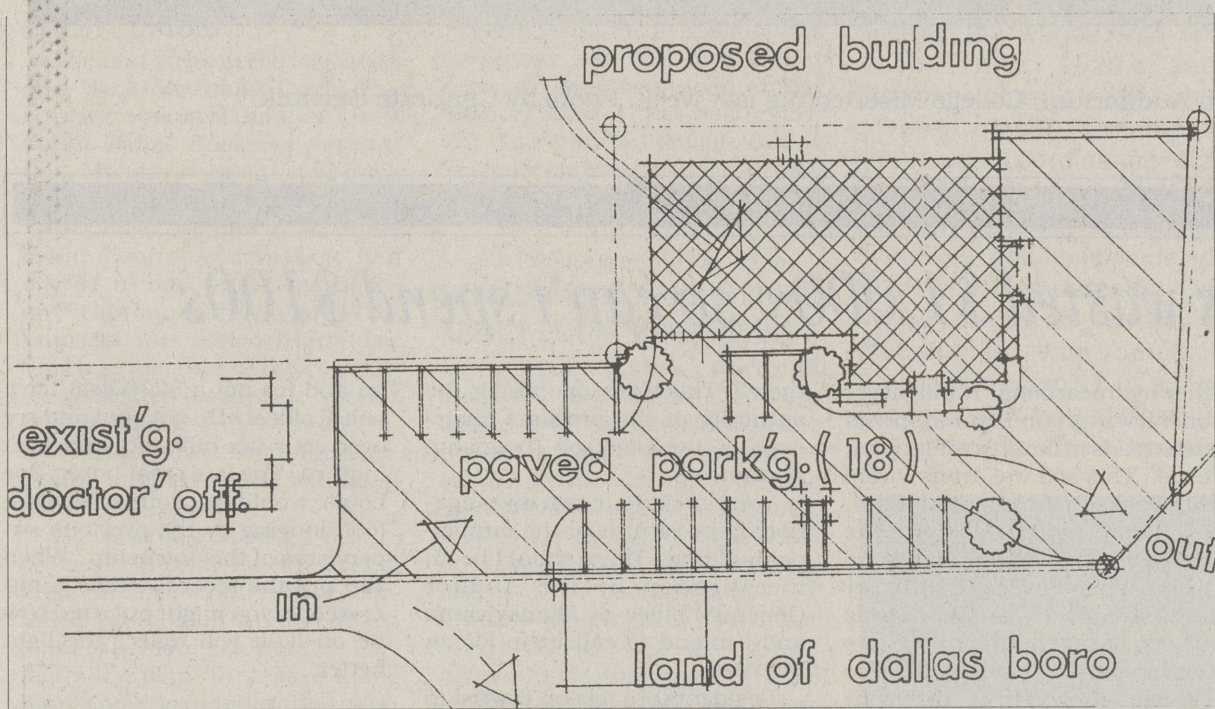
The days in question are May 5, 1978 to the end of the school year. Toole's position is that she started on maternity leave after the birth of her child, but then asked the administration that the days be changed to sick days.

Toole, whose attorney is Dan Flannery, filed a complaint with both the PA Human Relations Commission and the federal court.

"Rather than string this along for years, the board agreed to a format that will have a quicker hearing and cost much less," explained Peter Savage, district solicitor. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 4.

In other business, Robert Allardyce, board member, expressed concern about \$5,000 in long distance phone calls for January through March. He said there were 93 calls to Tunkhannock and 66 calls to Pittston among other places such as Lewisburg, Pittsburgh and Olyphant. "Who do we know in Pittsburgh," he asked of Kathleen Williams, business manager.

Williams said the district does not have equipment to block or trace calls. She said the cost is consistent with last year's bills.



Plan for a 107' by 50' garage behind Dr. Alan Boonin's office in Dallas Borough.

## Neighbors don't object to proposed garage

**DALLAS** - Neighbors say they don't mind if Dr. Alan Boonin constructs a garage behind his office on Main St. The Dallas Borough Hearing Board will hold a meeting at the Dallas Borough building April 30 to hear a variance request by Boonin to build a 107 ft. by 50 ft. building to be used as an office and auto repair garage and storage. Boonin also seeks a special exception to permit a second floor living quarters consisting of a living room, kitchen, bedroom and bath.

"It's okay by me. I don't mind the garage. As long as it's not a bar. It's right in downtown Dallas, I don't see a problem with it," said Carol Whitehead, who lives on Norton Ave.

Pat Paci, who lives the closest to the proposed garage site on King St. said she'd rather have Boonin build there than anyone. "You know he will be courteous of the neighborhood. He'll keep it up," said Paci. "I don't have a problem with it at all. It's already

zoned commercial down here. I have the Borough garage in front of me and Gate of Heaven behind me. I can't possibly see how a garage would make any difference."

-Kylie Shafferkoetter

## Dallas district will pay 45% commission on tax recovery

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**DALLAS** - The Dallas School District anticipates getting sales tax refunds they normally would not see from building the new Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary building and renovations to Dallas Elementary.

At the April school board meeting, the board unanimously voted to enter into an agreement with the Chartwell Advisory Group for a sales tax refund program.

Chartwell will go through the filing and appeals process for the

district to attain sales tax refunds offered to non-profit organizations. Contractors pay taxes on materials used, but only the district can get the refund.

The two-year process should get the district \$100,000 back for the \$10 million building and renovation project.

"This will get us 55 percent of what we might not have seen before," Chartwell gets a 45 percent commission. The district asked for a lower figure, but the company does not go below 45 percent on projects below \$30 million.

## Ruggles UM to hold dinner May 9

Ruggles United Methodist Church, Rt. 29, behind Harveys lake, will hold a roast beef dinner, Sat. May 9, 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Adults, \$6.50; children, \$5.50; takeouts available.

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