

Junkyard

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stream that runs by there, but more than anything I think it's a matter of community pride," said Bob Bolton, who lives just a short distance from Kunkle Motors. "People, especially young people come here from out of state, don't want to settle in a township where something like that is allowed to go on for years."

Dallas Township's zoning ordinance requires junkyards to be fenced in order to protect neighbors from unsightly collections and to ensure trespassers cannot access potentially dangerous areas. "The problem is how do you define a junkyard?" asked Glen Howell, township supervisor. "Mr. Meeker has always maintained the area in question isn't a junkyard because he uses the cars for parts. But I know the people who live out there certainly feel it is."

The zoning ordinance defines a junkyard as, "A place where waste, discarded or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, cleaned, packed, disassembled or handled, including auto wrecking yards..."

The regulations are straightforward, said Doug Higgins, a police officer and volunteer firefighter who lives and works in Dallas Township. "He (Mr. Meeker) can't be using those cars for parts," he said. "Some of them have been sitting there for 20 years. I think the township has to take steps to make sure the code is being enforced but it just seems like they keep putting problems on the back burner hoping they'll go away."

Supervisors have discussed their concerns with Meeker several times but a solution satisfying all parties has not been reached. "We have talked with him about it in the past," said Howell. "There seem to be a few junkyards around the



Junk cars litter the area around Kunkle Motors. The cars in the foreground are only one of the areas where Saabs and other cars 30 or more years old are resting.

"Sometimes I use those cars for parts, sometimes I sell them to a working establishment that tows them to its shop, fixes them and sells them. But I don't understand why that's anybody's business."

Daniel Meeker
Kunkle Motors

country and I thought at one time they were supposed to be done away with or at the very least fences were supposed to be put up around them. I don't know what became of that, but it seems like the kind of thing DEP (the state Department of Environmental Protection) would have to enforce."

Mark Carmon, DEP spokesperson, said the agency does not routinely inspect junkyards. "We don't have any

regulations which govern the operation of junkyards," he said. "Normally, monitoring falls under the jurisdiction of local municipalities unless they specifically request our help."

Frustrated residents would accept assistance from anyone able to address their concerns. "There are kids running through there all the time," said Higgins. "My biggest fear is that somebody is going to

get hurt playing around down there."

Fencing the property may serve as a deterrent to children but it would create other hazards said Meeker. "You don't want me putting up a 10 foot fence around there," he said. "Drivers coming down from the lake wouldn't be able to see cars coming from the other way and you'd have all kinds of problems."

Others disagree, saying a border would benefit those living nearby and the township as a whole. "I would think the junkyard has to affect property values and growth in the community," said Bolton. "Kunkle has a lot of prime real estate available that would be super for development, but most people don't want to have to drive past a junkyard every day."

OBITUARIES

RONALD C. WILSON

Ronald C. Wilson, of Wilkes-Barre, died Sat. March 4, 2000 at the Hershey Medical Center from injuries sustained in an accident involving an L.C.T.A. bus on Friday.

He was born May 30, 1959, in Kingston, son of the late Gavin and Merelyne Strohl Wilson.

He was a graduate of Dallas High School class of 1977.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Robert and Edith Strohl and Aunt Myrtle Ellsworth.

Surviving are brothers, Richard Wilson; Allen Strohl; Parsons; Gavin Wilson, Kingston; sisters, Linda Wilson, Wilkes-Barre; Pattie Shillabeer, and brother-in-law Carl Kochanski, with whom he resided; uncles, Robert Strohl, Swoyersville; Ronald Strohl, Trucksville; Bruce Strohl, Dallas; Aunt Gloria Shillabeer, Bear Creek; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

NORMAN MORCKEL

Norman J. Morckel, 434, Trucksville, died Fri. March 3, 2000, at Hospice Community Care, Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of Herman and Leila Wilson Morckel, of Trucksville. He was a graduate of Dallas High School and resided in Trucksville most of his life.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are a brother, Brian, Charlotte, N.C.; and sister, Elaine Sands, Tunkhannock.

Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Park, Carverton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

MILDRED BOND

Mildred Bond, of Tunkhannock, died Fri., March 3, 2000 at the Carpenter Care Center, Tunkhannock.

Born Sept. 26, 1912, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Mary (Sprau) Evans.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; brother, Arthur Evans; and sisters, Florence Keiper, Gertrude Reese and Elva Fleming.

Surviving are her daughter, Joyce Klinges, Tunkhannock; brother, William Evans, Maryland; sister, Pauline Pollock, Wallingford, Conn.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Wilkes-Barre.

HELEN SABOL

Helen H. Sabol, of Wilkes-Barre, died Sat. March 4, 2000, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Filak Horensky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas.

Surviving are her daughter, Faith E. Sabol, at home; sister, Margaret Winters, Trucksville; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Interment will be in Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SANDRA JUMPER

Sandra Jumper, of Larksville, died Fri. March 3, 2000 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Nov. 25, 1943, in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of Sarah (Wolfe) Everhart, at home; and the late Sheldon T. Everhart.

Surviving are her sons, Eric,

Plymouth; and Archie, Edwardsville; five grandchildren; brothers, Leonard, Larksville; Sheldon, Hanover Township; and Martin, Dallas; nieces and nephews.

Interment will be Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of Feb. 25 - March 2, 2000:

Lois J. Goeringer, vir al, to James V. Musto, et ux, Lot 2, 3, 4 Fortsecond St., Dallas Twp., \$25,000.
Mary Alice Brokenshire, to John J. Nice, et ux, Lot 2 ptlot 1, Dallas Twp., \$30,000.
Mary Alice Brokenshire, to John J. Nice, et ux, Lot 1 3.08 acres, Dallas Twp., \$20,000.

Thomas S. Kolesa, et ux, to Thomas J. Cyprich, et ux, 4 acres Lot 2, Franklin Twp., \$45,750.

Andre M. Mills, et ux, to Randolph J. Pilc, et al, see deed, Franklin Twp., \$489,900.
Gerald John Gerrity, et ux, to John J. Morris, Sr., et ux, see deed, Hunlock Twp., \$190,000.
Charles L. Harrison, Jr., et ux, to Scott A. Stout, et ux, 2 parcels, Jackson Twp., \$104,000.

Kevin W. Owen, et ux, to

Wesley G. Pokrinchak, et ux, 87 S. Pioneer Ave., Kingston Twp., \$179,500.

Patricia A. Giberson, per sheriff, to United Companies Kending Corp., 98 Rice St., Kingston Twp., \$7,112.

Ronald R. Quarteroni, per

sheriff, to Ocwen Federal Bank, see deed, Lake Twp., \$8,191.

Jack L. Kocher, et al, to Donald J. Meeker, et al, .518 acre, Lake Twp., \$103,000.

Rita I. Shyblowski, vir al, to John Skurat, et al, 73 acres, Ross Twp., \$53,905.

Corrections

An article on the sports page in the March 1 issue of The Dallas Post omitted the names of two Dallas High School wrestlers who qualified for the regional meet. They were: Perry Coolbaugh, 130 lb.; and Jake Walter, 189 lb.

An article about the 75th anniversary of the Shavertown Vol. Fire Co. may have given the wrong impression about a movie of a fire in 1941. The film was shot by Ruceell Hoover and transferred to video tape by his son, John, then made available to the fire department.

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