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DeCesaris later said about the overall plan.

School Board Director Sheila Gionfriddo voted against the plan due to not receiving a copy prior to the meeting.

In other business, the board appointed five members to the Act 50 Study Commission. Commission members include: Moderno Rossi, school board member; Joetta Hartman; James Baloga, William Reinert and Edwin Kern. The commission will examine the effects of shifting from "nuisance" and property taxes to a greater reliance on income-based taxes for the school district. The commission will have 90 days to make a nonbinding recommendation that they deem appropriate and to present the same to the Lake-Lehman School Board.

Superintendent Robert Roberts wanted to clear up any misinformation regarding a plastic bag with a potentially dangerous substance found in a locker at the Lake Lehman Middle Level Building on April 5. Roberts said the principle had been informed by a student about a strong odor of gasoline coming from a student's locker on the first floor of the build-

ing. The locker was opened and a plastic sandwich bag containing gasoline, styrofoam and cooking oil was found.

"The situation was handled in the time span of about five minutes," Roberts said. "The locker where the substance was found was about 15 feet from an exit door. It would have taken much longer to evacuate the building." A full investigation of this event is underway with the cooperation of local law enforcement, officials of EMA, and the district attorney's office, stated a press release from the superintendents office.

The student is currently in the juvenile court system and Roberts said he will recommend to the board that the student be expelled from school for one year as district policy dictates.

Finally, at the May 1 work session, board members will be presented with the plans of the new fieldhouse and gymnasium. The board is revisiting the potential shortage of locker room space for fall and spring sports. All booster club and athletic team members are encouraged to attend.

Clean-up

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for pulling the white goods and stated that any profits from the sale of the white goods would be remitted to the borough. Overall, the Waste Reduction bid was the lower of the two submitted.

Due to the time restraints placed on council, Waste Reduction's bid was accepted with the amendment that the borough manager would investigate the explanation to the white goods cost with a five to one vote. Dallas Borough spends between \$10,000 to \$12,000 each year for the spring clean up.

In other business, Joseph Valenta of Village Green, Dallas, expressed concern regarding burning on Wyoming Street. He said that on Easter Sunday someone was burning and the smoke was drifting to the back of his house through his patio doors. "Basically, I was concerned about the burning in general and wanted to know if you (council) could do away with it," Valenta asked council members.

Council is concerned about the Sunday burning, because it is not a designated burning

day in the borough. "You can't burn on Sunday, Monday or Thursdays," said Mayor Tim Carroll.

All burning must be in a closed container with a mesh screen.

Open burning is only allowed by permit and there are restrictions, said Bill Peiffer, council president. Valenta said he was reluctant to call 911 because of burning, but that it was a problem.

"Whether they have a permit or not, if it's bothering someone they have to put it out," said Carroll. He also suggested that if the burning was bothersome for Valenta or any other resident to call the police's non-emergency number.

In addition, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) approved the Memorial Day Parade route and alternative route.

Finally, Dallas Borough has been approved for \$120,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for capital improvements and will enter in a cooperative agreement with Luzerne County.

Volunteers needed to keep PA beautiful

No plans for Sat., April 28? Why not put on some old blue jeans and get a little dirty for a good cause?

The Anthracite Scenic Trails Association is inviting anyone who would like to help clean up the Back Mountain Trail on "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day." Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. in the back lot of the

Trucksville Fire Hall at the corner of Carverton Road and Route 309.

The Back Mountain Trail is still in its infancy with two miles of the project complete, said Mark Albrecht, member of Anthracite Scenic Trails Association. This is the fifth year for the clean up in-conjunction with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Day.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) will provide volunteers with gloves, trash bags and the famous orange vests. Penn DOT will also pick up the collected trash at the end of the day. "Penn DOT has been so good to this trail project," Albrecht said.

Along with association mem-

bers, local church youth groups have been invited to help with the clean-up. "We survive on volunteer help and donations," Albrecht said. The more volunteers, the more work gets done faster, he said. Albrecht encourages anyone interested in lending a hand to get involved on Saturday.

Trucksville United Methodist Women to meet

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will gather in the Memorial Room of the church at 1 p.m. on May 1, for their monthly meeting.

Lorna Laskowski will present a program entitled What does the Lord Require?

May Fellowship Day will be celebrated on May 4, 2001. The Wilkes-Barre district spring meeting will be held in Montrose UMC on May 12, at 9:30 a.m. Reservations can be made at the meeting or by calling Evelyn Roberts at 675-7107.

Computer training offered to local officials

The Pennsylvania Technology Investment Authority (PTIA) Local Government Initiative, in cooperation with the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EDCNP), is offering computer training for local government officials. The day long session will give an Introduction to Personal Computers highlighting Microsoft WORD, EXCEL and an introduction to the Internet.

All sessions are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost for attending a session is \$5 per person and class sizes are limited to 20 local government officials per session. Ten sessions will be offered between May 2-31.

For more information or to register, contact Karen Stancavage, PTIA Coordinator (EDCNP), 1151 Oak Street, Pittston, Pa., 18640; telephone, 655-5581; e-mail: karen@edcnp.org

Hunchback of Notre Dame at College Misericordia

Tickets are now on sale for the family musical production, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, presented at College Misericordia's Walsh Auditorium, on Sunday, April 29 and Monday, April 30.

Performances are 4 p.m. on Sunday and three performances on Monday at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and at 1:30 p.m. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$5 children and \$8 for adults. Call the box office for tickets at 675-4333.

Idetown committee meeting

The Idetown Reunion committee meeting will be held April 29, 2 p.m. at the Idetown church building.

All interested persons are invited to attend, and any upgraded geneologies may also be turned in at this time.

Encouraging mom's good health

The Wilkes-Barre Planned Parenthood is encouraging patients to have their moms schedule an annual visit before Mother's Day. The name of every mother who has an exam by Friday, May 11, will be entered in a drawing for a Mom's Day goody basket.

The annual examination includes a Pap test, pelvic and breast exams, referral for a mammogram, and contraceptives or hormone replacement therapy as needed. Women 40 and older may qualify for free services through the Healthy Woman Project. Planned Parenthood also accepts most insurances, which may have co-pays, deductibles or other restrictions.

The Wilkes-Barre Planned Parenthood center is located at 63 N. Franklin Street. Appointments are required. Call 824-8921 to schedule an exam.



All enjoy testimonial dinner for Chief Miers

More than 120 family members and friends gathered at the Irem Temple Country Club last Friday evening to praise and thank outgoing Chief Carl Miers for his 31 years of dedicated service to Dallas Township. Public officials from the township, county and state were on hand to wish him well. Incoming Chief Robert Jolley (left) and Chief Carl Miers shake hands prior to the dinner.

Frances Slocum State Park 2001 Nature Camps

The Youth Environmental Learning Series will be held at Frances Slocum State Park. The programs will run as follows: Ages 4-5, June 25-27 or July 2,3,&5. Ages 6-8, July 10-13 or July 17-20, July 24-27, or July 31-Aug. 3. Ages 9-11, Aug. 7-10 or August 14-17.

Registration is required. Walk-in registration will be held at the Visitor Center on June 5 and 6 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. (No registrations will be accepted before June 5!) Call Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park at 696-9105 or contact the Pennsylvania AT & T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984(TDD).

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