

Lake Twp.

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ning for the supervisor position in the November election.

Walkowiak, a Republican, will run against Becky Baker, a Democrat, for the other supervisor position in November. The unrest in Lake Township is due to the July 19 decision of the board of supervisors, who unanimously voted to eliminate the township's police department despite opposition from residents. The supervisors said disbanding the police department was an economic necessity for the township.

The township could not afford to operate both a police department and a roads department, said Walkowiak. More money was needed by the roads department for vehicle and equipment purchases. The only option, the supervisors felt, was to eliminate the police so the township would have more funds for the roads.

On August 1, the Lake Township Police Department was officially disbanded by a resolution passed by the three township supervisors, Walkowiak, Piatt and Bob Gray.

The Pennsylvania State Police is now the first to respond to Lake Township calls. "The loss of the community feel," is the biggest impact on the municipality said Thomas Kelly, State Police Public Information officer.

Absorbing the responsibility of Lake Township is not a big burden, Kelly said, because most of the municipalities in the State Po-

"Good for them. I don't know anything about it (the petition)."

David Walkowiak
Chairman
Lake Twp. Supervisors

lice's Wyoming Headquarters' coverage area have their own police forces. Kelly said besides Lake Township, the only other townships without local police are Franklin and Bear Creek.

Communities which fall under State Police jurisdiction gain all the benefits of State Police resources such as radar detection for speed enforcement and criminal investigators, Kelly said.

Every call which comes into the State Police is prioritized, Kelly said, "It's a common sense approach." Response time to calls can be from two seconds to 15 minutes, he said, depending on the type of call and where troopers are at the time.

The State Police take a proactive approach by being out and about in the communities it serves, Kelly said. Troopers are assigned by zones and patrol their zones twice during each shift.

For residents like Brenda Kittle and the other 100 and some who signed the vote of no confidence petition, State Police protection isn't the same as having a local police force.

The school board has expressed concerns about Marx Sheet Metal. Griffiths said Reynolds Construction has been instructed to keep stringent control over Marx Sheet Metal during the Dallas Middle School project.

In other business:

The board approved Intermediate Unit 18 (IU 18) to use two rooms in the district for classes during the 2001-2002 school year. One room in the old Dallas School District Administration Building will be used for an IU 18 class for the deaf and hearing impaired. Another room in Wycallis Elementary School will be used for an IU 18 autistic class which was formerly held at Evans Falls Elementary School in Tunkhannock.

Learning

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tered on the theme each week.

"My students drew and colored 72 Disney activity books for the first week. They were really helpful in explaining the books to the other students," said Joan Rakowski of her students, who will enter seventh grade in the fall.

"Next week we're going to do sports like running and soccer," said Tolik Dutter, a third grade student at Dallas who moved here from Russia last year. "I really like this school."

Other staff members involved in this summer's program are: Chris Baron, Angel Bestwick, Lee Ann Conway, Carolyn Cooper, Tom Duffy, Betsy Jerome, Kerry Landon, Karen Mertz, Lauren O'Neill, Bonnie Palmatier and Barbara Richardson.

Lake-Noxen

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married in 1957. They travel from Winthrop, N.Y. every year for the reunion.

"We have never missed one," Bernard proudly pointed out. "We wouldn't miss it. We're a close knit class."

Jerry and Irene Carbohn Galey, class of 1957, were married in 1958. Clyde and Lois Boston Martin, class of 1957, were married in 1960, and still live in the area. The three couples have raised a total of ten children.

The Lake-Noxen graduates were pleased to have three very special guests in attendance at their reunion. Carleton B. Kocher, the only surviving member of the Lake-Noxen school board, Robert Z. Belles, who served as a teacher, principal and superintendent from 1940 to 1978, and John Zaleskas, a teacher and principal. Kocher, 89, and Belles, 85, recently shared a mutual birthday on August 7.

The Lake-Noxen Alumni Association was the driving force behind the Lake-Noxen Elementary School being renamed the Robert Z. Belles Building on June 5, 1999 in honor of his 38 years of outstanding service.

"It doesn't seem possible that I graduated from the old Laketon

High School 71 years ago and I'm still here," said Kocher, who graduated in 1930, to Zaleskas as they reminisced about the old days.

"The only mistake I ever made in my 85 years," quipped Belles, "was hiring Zaleskas here. But seriously, he was a great teacher and this is a great group of people. Back then we all knew each other and talked with one another. There's a lot to be said for small towns."

"Yes," said Zaleskas. "It was a good time to be there back then. And after all of us survived the senior trips to Washington, this group of people lived their lives in the tradition of the greatest generation. They served their country, they worked hard, they raised great kids, and are now enjoying each other in a more leisurely time."

"We are looking forward to next year when the class of 1952 will celebrate a special 50th anniversary," said McCaffrey. "Edna Morgan, class of 1956, is in charge of correspondence. We are making plans to do a special mailer and some other publicity to try to reach as many people as possible to help us celebrate this remarkable milestone."

'Hot Dog Bob'

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be used for commercial businesses.

Kaye's concern is about safety, with cars pulling in and out, he said. The property is only 36 1/2 feet wide and there is no room for parking. "It's a nightmare when our lots (Damien's On The Lake and Jones' Potato Pancakes) are full," Kaye said.

"I followed the rules when I started out," said Kaye. He feels the Howell property isn't falling under the same rules other business properties in the borough.

But there was no discussion regarding the use of the land at Pole 4 at the meeting. Carole Samson, board secretary, read a letter from Mark P. McNealis, zoning board solicitor, who removed himself from the issue due to his prior representation of Kaye.

"Because of my prior representation of the applicant and my current position as solicitor for the board, I am ethically constrained to recuse myself from the matter. As such, I will be unable to act as solicitor to the board or counsel to the applicant in connection with the proceedings," McNealis stated in the letter.

After the letter was read, the zoning board continued the hearing to August 22 at 7 p.m. The zoning board will be seeking other legal representation before proceeding with the Kaye-Jones appeal, said Frank Lutinski, zoning board chairman.

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Damien Kaye
To zoning board members

take before we take further legal action," Kaye told zoning board members after the meeting was over. He said he feels the borough has taken its time since the appeal was filed over a month ago.

"We have no choice but to retain other council," Lynn Banta, zoning board member, replied to Kaye.

"I wasn't surprised," said Prescott about the continuance as he left the meeting.

In 97 degree heat, two days after the meeting, Hot Dog Bob Prescott was sitting next to his cart at Pole 4. As people pulled into the gravel lot, Prescott made sure to direct his customers to park on the correct property.

"First time I stopped here," said Bill Jones, Wilkes-Barre, who was spending the sweltering day at the lake.

As he stuffed a hot dog with mustard in his mouth, Jones said, "Everyone should drive out here, it's a good reason to pull over." The words of another satisfied Hot Dog Bob customer.

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ny and notify it of the unfinished work.

"It's cheaper for them to walk away without the money and let us finish it off than bring their crews back up here," Griffiths said.

Marx Sheet Metal is another contractor the district has had some unfinished business with regarding the stadium project. Marx Sheet Metal was the contractor for heating, ventilation and air conditioning for the stadium project and Wycallis Elementary School. Most recently, it was awarded the bid for the Dallas Middle School renovation and expansion project.

"Because they were the lowest bidder, we had to take them," Griffiths said.

Threshold needs volunteers


The 'Threshold' program at Chase Prison is seeking volunteers for the program beginning in September.

Threshold is a decision-making program which is taught to inmates at the correctional facility in Dallas who are about to be released. The Threshold course is taught by volunteers, on a one-

to-one basis over a period of nine weeks. The only prerequisite to becoming a volunteer is to be a caring person who wants to reach out to someone about to make a new beginning. There will be a training session on Sat. and Sun., Sept. 8 and Sept. 9.

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