

# New press box will go out for bid

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**LEHMAN TWP.** — Lake-Lehman board members were not buying into proposals for expensive additions to the high school athletic fields without a heated word or two, but the new track and field lighting and press box will go out for bid anyway.

Lake-Lehman School Board member Lois Kopcha called the request for field and track lighting "asinine" while director Charles Balavage questioned the legality of a \$50,000 change order for a press box for the new track and athletic field at the July 25 meeting.

"That is a \$50,000 change order," Balavage said. "That is a brand new press box from the ground up. It should have been seen with the original project and it should have been bid." Referring to the change order designation, Balavage added, "That's a pretty slick way around something if you ask me."

"I think it falls within the context of what this project is all about," replied Douglas Trumbower, the architect on the high school construction/renovation project. Students of the district built the old press box years ago, an act Trumbower said was illegal. The wooden building was rotting and dilapidated. The new proposed press box was to have been a two-story concrete box with rubber roof to take photos or call games from.

"I would also like to see this bid out," agreed board member Angelo DeCesaris. "I'm a little concerned with the cost of \$50,000." DeCesaris said he was not against the press box and recognized the need for one, but did not understand why it had not been addressed sooner.

"I also understand that by not voting on this tonight we might not have a press box for this football season," he said. "As a board we're constantly with our backs against the wall to make decisions to get things done and I dislike this position." DeCesaris asked that some sort of elevated structure be installed for filming of the games until a press box could be built.

The board decided to table the press box as a change order and have the architect develop specifications for a two-story concrete box press box and put it out for bid along with the track and field lighting, another controversial expenditure.

"Are we running a school or a sports complex here?" asked board member Lois Kopcha. "This is big — for college and like that. We are just a little school out here. To me it is asi-

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Lois Kopcha  
School Director

nine. For the people here, it is just a slap in the face. People can hardly pay their taxes and we go and have things like this. It's criminal, in my opinion."

The motion carried in a 5 to 3 vote.

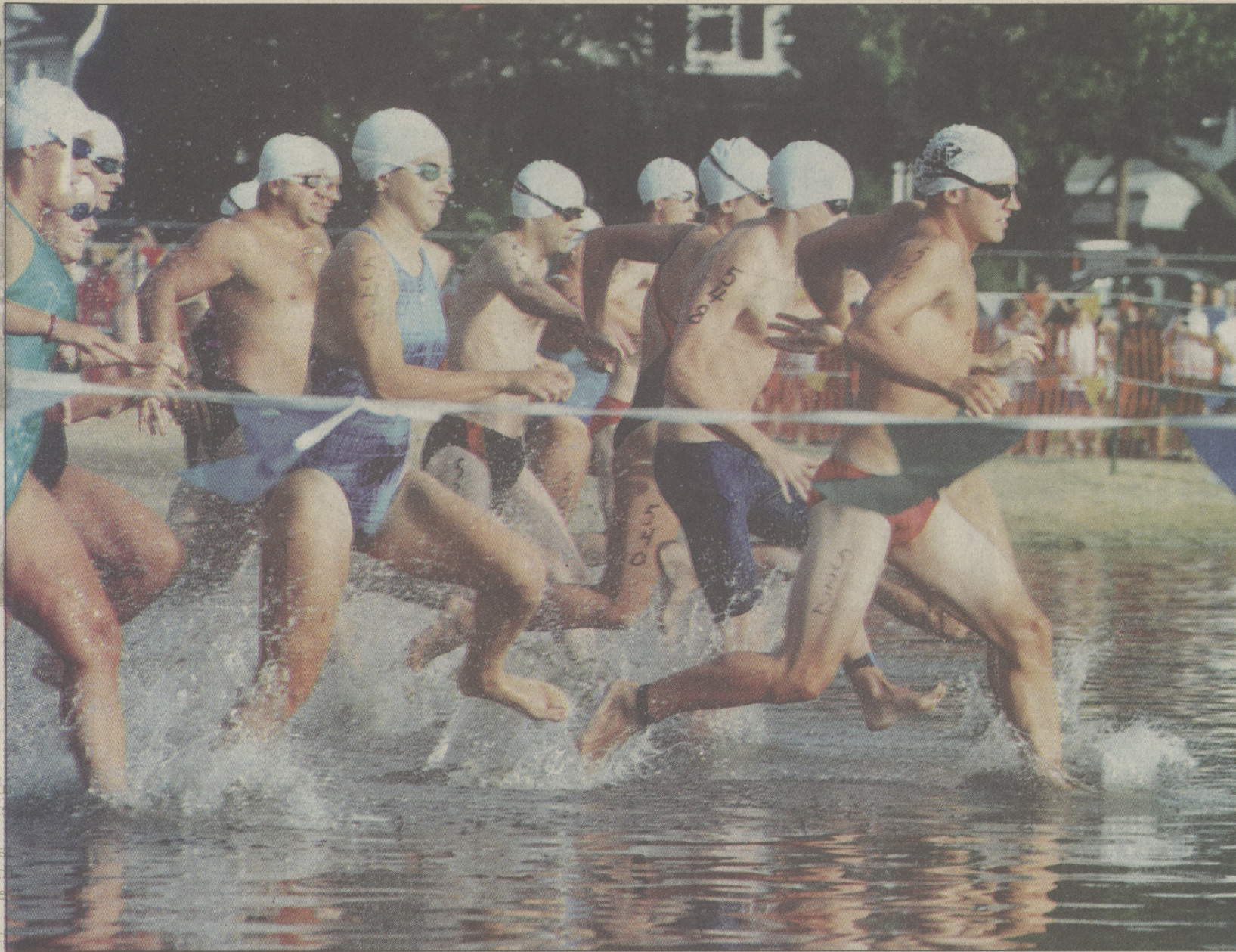
In other business:  
• DeCesaris reported the Northeast Pennsylvania Health Trust extended the deadline for notification of the school district's desire to withdraw from the health trust to August 31. On July 8, business manager Kathleen Williams sent a letter to the director of the trust advising that the district may withdraw from the trust effective July 1, 2003 "unless rate equalization and cost containment is implemented fairly as of that date," but the letter missed the June 30 deadline. The trust reserves the right to say that the letter was late, but will take it under advisement at this time, said DeCesaris.

"I think we ought to put something on the work session agenda to at least begin to look at this." He also asked that Williams provide evidence to explain why she feels the district should withdraw so the board can make its decision.

• Michael Robinson of Hatboro and Patrick Stanley of Center Valley have been appointed secondary music teacher and elementary music teacher respectively, each at a salary of \$29,853. Robinson was also appointed marching band director at a salary of \$4,773 and concert band director at \$1,384. Stanley was appointed assistant band director at \$1,279.

• The board appointed Charles Coslett as the new school district solicitor for the 2002-2003 fiscal year with annual compensation of \$12,000 with no benefits and an hourly rate of \$65 per hour. The contract of Peter Savage, the previous solicitor, has expired.

The next regular committee-of-the-whole-meeting will be held on August 6 at 7 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held August 20 at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be in the music room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.



Competitors splashed into Harveys Lake at the beginning of last year's Wilkes-Barre Triathlon. This year's event takes place Sunday.

## Triathlon

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be a USA Triathlon Olympic Distance Championship event, and will attract professionals and former Wilkes-Barre triathlon champions like Karen Smyers.

Smyers owns the distinction of being the only female to win both the Ironman and the World Triathlons in one year. USAT is the governing body for triathlons and the Wilkes-Barre triathlon will be a regional qualifier for the national championships.

Gensel said the 550-participant field is close to full, something she said is due to the fact that participants and most of the professionals have registered for the race online, an addition to this year's event.

"I would say 90 percent of the professionals entered for the race over the internet," said Gensel. "It's amazing how much that speeded up the efficiency of it."

The course will remain the same this year, and Gensel said the PA Department of Transportation and various road crews have been busy repairing any damaged roadways before the race.

"There is always one little glitch here or there," said Jim Harris III, president of the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon committee. "But the one thing we really had in the past is stellar cooper-

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Joanne Gensel  
Triathlon organizer

ation from the municipalities, police, fire and ambulance crews."

Gensel agreed. "The community and local police, fire, ambulance, — everybody get into it," she said. "We are very conscious of safety."

Race organizers have also taken extra measures for this year's event to prevent heat-related illnesses in race competitors.

Gensel said this is not something new to the triathlon, and organizers have relied on past experience to take extra measures to prevent illnesses.

"Pepsi is going to donate as much Powerade as we need, and I took the amount of water we used the year the triathlon was an Ironman qualifier and added to that for this year," she said.

"We will also have EMTs on the bike and running courses who will be patrolling for heat exhaustion and anything else."

## Race Weekend Schedule

Saturday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Registration begins - Future Triathletes Run  
10:30 a.m. Future Triathletes Run  
12:00 Noon Registration begins at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus  
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sports/Health/Nutrition Expo - Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus under tents (Athletic Center in case of rain)  
12:30 p.m. Bike Area Open at Harvey's Lake  
5:00 p.m. Pre-Race Meeting in Athletic Center - All Participants  
4:00 p.m. Press Conference  
6:30 p.m. Registration Closed  
7:30 p.m. Lake area closed; all bikes must be racked, with numbers affixed - area will be secured overnight

Sunday, August 4

6:00 a.m. Finish Area Open:  
Athletes place run bags and running shoes at bike racks at Penn State Campus and take buses from campus to lake.  
Lake Area Open: Athletes check in. (all athletes must check in at Lake and have helmet inspected to receive swim cap.)

Spectators are strongly urged to park at Penn State Campus (not drive to lake) and take buses to lake. Parking is very limited at the lake. No spectators will be allowed out of swim/bike transition area until the last biker leaves. Buses will return spectators and swim/team member to Penn State. Run/team member should not go to the lake.

7:20 a.m. Last bus leaves campus  
7:40 a.m. Swim Check-in Closes  
8:00 a.m. Race Begins  
1:30pm Awards ceremony in Athletic Center

Race reserves the right to adjust time restrictions on each course segment.  
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BUS 107 Math of Finance	3	2:30-5:30	TH
BUS 251 Human Resource Management	3	2:00-5:30	M
CIS 240 Web Concepts & Design	3	2:00-5:30	PM
ECO 151 Prin of Economics I (Macro)	3	3:00-5:40	T
MAT 107 Basic Statistics	3	3:00-5:40	T
PHI 152 Life, Death, and Dying	3	3:00-5:40	T
PSY 204 Child Psychology	3	3:00-5:40	W
Evening Classes			
ACC 111 Principles of Accounting I	3	6:00-9:30	M
ACC 211 Intermediate Accounting I	4	6:00-8:00	TTH
ACC 214 Tax Accounting	3	6:00-8:40	W
ART 110 Art Appreciation	3	6:00-9:00	TH
BUS 119 Keyboarding (LF)	1	5:00-5:50	T
BUS 130 Medical Terminology I	3	6:00-9:00	TH
BUS 201 Principles of Marketing I	3	6:00-9:00	TH
BUS 203 Salesmanship	3	6:00-8:40	T
BUS 231 Principles of Management	3	6:00-8:40	W
BUS 239 ICD-9CM Coding	3	6:00-9:30	M
BUS 253 First Line Supervisory Manag	3	6:00-8:40	T
BUS 261 Business Law I	3	6:00-8:40	T
BUS 263 Office Management	3	6:00-9:30	M
BUS 265 Prin. of Manufacturing & Dist.	3	6:00-8:40	W
CHD 203+Children's Literature	3	6:00-8:40	W
CHE 111 Fundamentals of Chemistry	3	6:00-8:40	W
CIS 110 Intro. to Micro with MS Office	3	6:00-8:40	T
CIS 112 Spreadsheet w/MS Excel	3	6:00-9:30	M
CIS 160 Programming w/Visual Basic	3	6:00-8:40	W
CIS 213 Desktop Publishing	3	6:00-8:40	W
EDU 150 Intro to Education	3	6:00-9:00	TH
ENG 030 Fundamentals of Writing	3	6:00-8:40	T
ENG 101 English Composition	3	6:00-8:40	T
ENG 104 Writing about Literature	3	6:00-8:40	T
ENG 221 Literature of Western World I	3	6:00-9:00	TH
ENG 261 Technical Comm	3	6:00-9:05	T
HIS 101 History of Civilization I	3	6:00-9:00	TH
HIS 201 American History to 1865	3	6:00-8:40	W
HPE 130* Nutrition for Wellness	2	6:00-8:50	T
LAP 100 Intro to Paralegal	3	6:00-8:40	W
LAP 101 Legal Research (LF)	3	6:00-8:40	T
LAP 201 Tort and Criminal Law	3	6:00-9:30	TH
LAP 205 Family Law	3	6:00-9:00	M
MAT 050 Fund of Arithmetic	3	6:00-8:40	W
MAT 121 College Algebra	3	6:00-8:40	W
PHI 151 Introduction to Ethics	3	6:00-8:40	T
PHY 101 Intro to Physical Science	3	6:00-8:40	T
PSY 213 Abnormal Psychology	3	6:00-8:40	T
RDG 020 College Reading & Study Skills	3	6:00-9:30	M
SOC 215 Principles of Sociology	3	6:00-9:00	TH
SPE 125 Fundamentals of Speech	3	6:00-8:40	W

\*HPE 130 begins September 10 and ends October 5.  
+CHD 203 will be held at Headstart, 22 Beekman Street, Wilkes-Barre.

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