

Lake

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entering the lake. Carmon said development around the lake takes much of the blame. "More homes, more businesses means less natural vegetation to buffer runoff to the lake."

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PA Department
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The main sources of pollutants are lawn fertilizers and soil conditioners. "Everybody out there has a nice lawn," said Carmon. Agriculture nearby can also send pollutants to the lake as well as any wastewater entering the lake — through septic systems working improperly, or illegal dumping of sewage.

According to Carmon, about 10 years ago the borough had to close the lake over Labor Day weekend because of a severe algae bloom. "It was the same basic problem, warmed up water and the nutrient amounts in the lake all combined to form a particularly nasty algae that is a skin irritant."

Carmon said the borough hired a water pollution company that used copper sulfate to destroy the algae.

The meeting will be held at the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority building, beginning at 8 p.m.



30th reunion for Dallas Class of 1972

The Dallas Senior High School Class of 1972 and their special guests celebrated their 30th class reunion at Grotto on July 27, 2002. Members of the class attending are:

From left, first row: Robert Wallace, Michael Hoidra, Gary Crompton, John Kaschenbach, Timothy Kaye, and Michael Davis.

Second row: Allyson Lord, Deborah Reimiller Adams, Mimi Cleasby Bicking, Paul Jordan, Donna Perry Long, Teresa Brown, and James Wisniewski.

Third row: Cathy Linker, Julie Scott Roan, Paula Selingo Frey, Diane Dennis Julian, Douglas Whitehead, Nancy Young Balutis, Paulette Muscavage Rahl, Maryann DeMarco Cavaliere, and Bruce Grifiths.

Fourth row: Charles Roberts, Gloria Mitchell Chmiola, Karen Earl Wintersteen, Robert Considine, William Peiffer, Patricia Parrish DelGaudio, Frank Natitus, George Horwatt, Sandra Jones Graefe, Karen Lefko Strum, and Richard Billings.

Fifth row: Rick Boyer, Mark Spaciano, Jack Martin, Andy Roan, Thomas Rende, Lena Baur, Gary Kostrobalo, Michael Gilbert, and Joseph Gilroy.

Sixth row: Walter Adams (DHS '73), Keith Bicking (DHS '71), John Baur, Robert Cicon, Jack Wega, Kathy Wega, and Robert Kleiner.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of December 20-26, 2002.

Robert J. Pagnotti to Elizabeth Ann Herron, U132 Orchard East, Dallas Borough, \$49,900.

John D. McCarthy et ux to Jack Burke et ux, L33 Orchard View Terr, Dallas Twp., \$167,900.

Robert Clay et ux to Thomas Peters, L33 Orchard View Terr, Dallas Twp., \$167,900.

Deborah DeBarry ux to Keith M. Culler, see deed, Dallas Twp., \$115,000.

Neil Baxter et ux to Leroy Howell et ux, 388 Upper Demunds Rd., Dallas Twp., \$1656,000.

John Halbing III et ux to Angelo Anelli, Lot 14 Ondish Hills, Dallas Twp., \$28,500.

Arthur Roberts et ux to Stephen W. Volinsky, 26 Hemlick St., Dallas Twp., \$90,000.

Mary E. Camponzzi to Brian Davies et ux, 79 Hildonia Dr., Dallas Twp., \$165,000.

Mark Whittle et ux to Jennifer Frankevich, Lot 10, Franklin Twp., \$85,000.

Stanley Bojarcik to Christine Swatko, Carpenter Rd., Lot 27, Harveys Lake Bor., \$15,000.

Dale D. Ondish trustee to Stephen Zelenak, 1900 Sutton Rd., Jackson Twp., \$120,000.

Vincent Griffin et ux to Jason C. William et, 1.42 acres Lot 1, Jackson Twp., \$139,000.

Myrtle Coolbaugh to Billy Kozick et ux, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$63,800.

Mellon Bank trustee to Asghar Narges Lotfipour, Lot 5 Rice Plot, Kingston Twp., \$82,500.

Timothy Kennedy et ux to Douglas Hertel et ux, Lot 7 Sleepy Hollow, Kingston Twp., \$335,500.

Mos H. Swire to Duane Kromis, see deed, Lake Twp., \$55,500.

Margaret F. Anderson to Verdi J. Disesa et ux, 497 N. Mountain Rd., Lake Twp., \$245,000.

Helen M. Harvey to Daniel Chorb et al, see deed, Lake Twp., \$12,500.

Anthony Stefanowicz et ux to James T. Honan et ux, 1.286 acres, Lake Twp., \$120,000.

Investors Diversified LLC to Henry Karpinski Jr., Lot 2 Trojan Rd., Lehman Twp., \$46,200.

Scott Starbuck et ux to Robert Schoonover et ux, Parcel 1, Dallas Borough, \$120,000.

Jean M. Allen to Kathleen Socha et al, 1.50 acres, Franklin Twp., \$105,000.

John Rose Jr. to Ruth A. Eaton, see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$75,000.

Joseph A. Moore trustee to Edward Zurad et ux, Cheltenham Place, Kingston Twp., \$82,500.

Douglas Persing et ux to Kevin Pannell et ux, 15 Woodlawn Ave., Dallas Borough, \$97,850.

Joseph F. Funke to Hugh Mundy et ux, ptLots 117, 18, Dallas Borough, \$7,750.

Joseph F. Funke to Richard Furfaro et ux, ptLot 118 Lot 2, Dallas Borough, \$7,750.

Litton Loan servicing to Grodon

Witt, 253 Main St., Dallas Borough, \$60,000.

RCN Telecom services, Inc., to Commonwealth Telephone Co., see deed, Dallas Borough, \$1,974,000.

John Graham et ux to Patricia C. Donohue, Lot 75 Elmcrest, Dallas Twp., \$280,000.

Michael Hrabovsky et ux to Eugene Stec et ux, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$225,000.

Preya Asit Petel to Michael Hrabovsky et ux, Lot 11 Northwoods, Dallas Twp., \$356,250.

Robert Miller et ux to Dale A. Wilke, 73 acres, Dallas Twp., \$262,000.

Debra K. Rorick to Andrew Yankovich, see deed, Dallas Twp., \$61,500.

Steven B. Schonwetter to Gary Brand et ux, see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$150,000.

Peter Romanchick et ux to Paul

Casterline et al, L98-105 West Point Ave., Harveys Lake Bor., \$156,500.

Paul T. Shouldice to Patrick Lee Pryce, Lot 2, 1.18 acres, Jackson Twp., \$145,000.

Harry Harter II et ux to John J. Ruane, Lot 51 Rose Vlg., Kingston Twp., \$162,000.

Daniel Hodakowski et ux to Thomas Duffy et ux, L185, 6, 7, 8 Hilcrest Veiw, Kingston Twp., \$137,500.

Omar Ghoweri et ux to Jason Moran, Lot 62 Ferguson Estate, Kingston Twp., \$76,900.

Robert Smith co partner to Jeffrey Ferro et ux, Lot 16 Windsor Farms, \$83,900.

Charles Gelso partner to Richard Szatkowski et ux, Lot 15 Windsor Farms, Kingston Twp., \$93,000.

Stephen Fromel et ux to Paul Goodwin et ux, Lots 3, 4, Lehman Twp., \$7,500.

ENCON

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struggling for the past couple years.

"The final decision was made in the second week of December, but we've been undergoing cultural and operational transformations for over two years," said Ray.

Ray said for over two years the company has fought to improve its competitive position in the global market. "We just reached a point where it's (the company) not a viable stand alone business," said Ray.

Ray said employees were notified December 16. Layoffs are anticipated to begin on or around February 15 of this year. "We are targeted to have the operation closed by March," he said.

According to Ray, ENCON has been in the Back Mountain for 30 years. Watlow purchased the business in 1997. Ray said the majority of the employees to be

laid off have been with the company for a many years. Ray said that while some of "the product" will be transferred to the parent company in Missouri, there are no plans to transfer any employees.

Ray said Watlow has put together a task force to help relocate employees to other companies.

"The people here have been tremendous in participating and contributing to bring about a different end, but you reach a point where you have to make those difficult decisions," said Ray.

In addition to displacing 97 employees, according to Len Kozick, tax collector for Dallas Township, the closing will cost the school district a substantial tax revenue loss of \$32,567 a year. The township will lose nearly \$1,500 a year in real estate tax revenue.

ENCON went from boom to bust since 1998 sale

The recent history of Energy Converters reads like a road map of the modern economy.

The company was founded in 1973 by Hanford Eckman, who had been general manager of a Singer plant in Trucksville. That plant moved in 1972 to New Jersey, but Eckman wanted to return to the Back Mountain and did so the following year.

ENCON completed a 20,000 square foot expansion in the spring of 1997, barely a year before it was sold to Watlow Electric Manufacturing Company of St. Louis. At that point, ENCON employed 230 people.

Watlow was at the time the world's largest manufacturer of industrial heaters, sensors and controls. ENCON was an attrac-

tive acquisition because it produced heating elements for the consumer market, where Watlow was weak, and held patents on key components and processes.

When the purchase of ENCON was announced, in February 1998, Watlow officials offered assurances of a commitment to the Dallas plant, and even spoke of possible expansion. "Watlow is more than willing to invest money into the operation," said Judy Simms-Brown, manager of marketing communications for the company.

Now, ENCON is being shuttered and what few jobs were left are being absorbed into Watlow's Missouri operations.

Christmas tree pickup in Kingston Twp.

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors has announced the annual Christmas tree collection program will be conducted from January 13, through January 24. Residents are asked to have the trees at the curbside for pick-up. The Christmas tree pick-up will be between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Township Public Works Department will collect the trees for mulching. Residents are asked

to remove plastic bags before placing at the curb. Residents may also drop off trees at the composting site located behind the Public Works Facility.

The pine mulch will be available at the Township composting site for pick-up and use by residents. Site hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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