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typically been in engineering and managerial areas," said John Ray, ENCON General Manager.

Ashton said the majority of manufacturing jobs are located in industrial parks in areas such as Hanover, Mountain Top, and Wilkes-Barre.

"They may have to travel to Pittston, Wilkes-Barre or other areas to find employment," she said.

Ray said ENCON's internal staff and parent company, Watlow Electric Manufacturing Company, have been working with the Chamber to help prepare employees for the future and to market what he called the "best of the best" to other manufacturing companies in the Luzerne/Lackawanna county area.

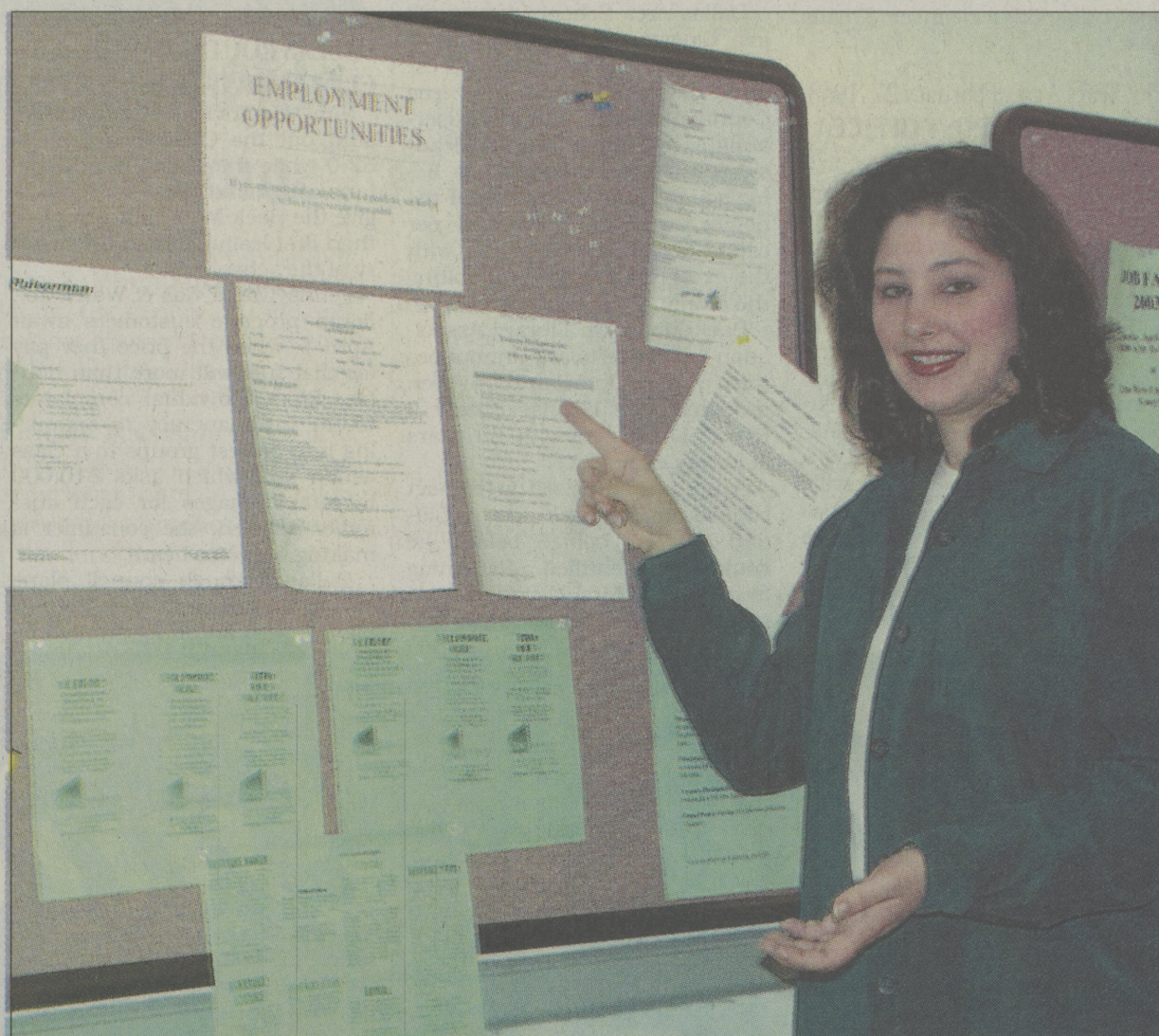
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"We've dedicated our own human resources specialist to focus on facilitating and opening doors of opportunity for our employees," said Ray.

Ray said he is working to let the community know that ENCON's employees have had a high degree of training and are extremely dependable, adding that many have been with the company for numerous years.

"We're trying to make people aware in the community that our people are the best of the best. Even in trying times they have maintained a high level of morale, and that's not always the norm," said Ray.



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Kelly Brunges, Human Resources Specialist at Energy Converters, pointed to a bulletin board listing job opportunities for ENCON workers, who will lose their jobs March 28.

In conjunction with the Chamber, ENCON has sent out two mass mailings to some 1,400 companies located throughout the greater Wilkes-Barre area. Ray said the goal of the flyer is to introduce the company's situation and general information about employee's skills and training.

Kelly Brunges, Human Resources Specialist at ENCON, said employees have been offered help with creating resumes and honing interviewing skills.

She said Watlow, which has owned ENCON since 1998, provided a consultant who helped interested employees create resumes. In addition, the Chamber has been offering mock interviews for those who sign up.

Brunges said because ENCON lost some of its customers to foreign imports, employees will be eligible for free training through the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Through the program, Brunges said employees will be eligible after they

have applied to three similar positions.

"I think the employees that are taking advantage of them (agency resources) are benefiting from them. A lot of employees like to do things on their own," said Brunges.

Ray said employees that remain until the end will be given a severance package based on the number of years employed with the company.

Harveys Lake

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"I never lied to council and I never lied to the public."

Richard Boice
Harveys Lake Mayor

ing spoken with the press regarding the matter, "but," she said, "when things become intolerable, it's my only option."

She said after it was discovered in January that officer John Edwards was not certified, Boice was asked in executive session whether all officers were certified and he replied that they were. Not long after, more officers were found to have been without certification.

"He said 'yes.' He did not say 'I don't know,' he said they were all certified," she said.

"All I can tell you is I make no false accusations. I make no

false statements. Mistakes can be made, but answers to questions you don't know are 'I don't know,'" said Eaton.

Members of the crowd spoke out, passionately at times, against Eaton and in support of the mayor and the police department.

Some denounced Eaton, two asked for her resignation.

Another citizen called for the finger pointing to end and called for council to "get together to solve the problem."

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Ruth Eaton
Harveys Lake Council member

Dead man identified

HARVEYS LAKE — Luzerne County Deputy Coroner Curt Swanson has identified Dennis S. Richards, 53, as the man found frozen near an East Hemlock Street home.

Deputy Coroner William Lisman said hypothermia is believed to be the cause of death.

"We haven't ruled yet, but we're strongly leaning toward that," said Lisman, adding that there were no signs of foul play.

Lisman said the office must first draw a blood specimen before making an official ruling. He said that will be done in the next day or so.

He does not expect an autopsy to be performed.

Essays

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The second prize \$100 savings bond was awarded to Anthony Musto, Dallas. Carol Kupstas was the student advisor from Dallas High School.

Lorraine Lovecchio was the first-place prize winner from Lake-Lehman High School. Lorraine was compelled, at first by the "stupid details and emotions of the tragedy, but, I then focused on the image of the dust covering all the people and saw that it (the dust) made every one equal. I was also inspired by the French documentary on television." Lovecchio

will be a freshman at the University of Scranton next year.

Nicole Walsh was the second place winner from Lake-Lehman High School. The school advisor was Gail Honeywell.

Fr. Jack Lambert, pastor at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, himself a former Navy chaplain, closed the ceremony and recalled a saying from an older generation "The torch is passed." He challenged those in the audience to do something with the responsibility; it seems some already have.

Schools

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grade level redistribution. The layouts are:

1. Grades one and two at Wycallis Elementary and three through five at Dallas Elementary. Kindergarten would be built separately.

2. Grades four through five at

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3. Kindergarten through second grade at Wycallis. The Administration wing would be reconfigured for kindergarten classes. Grades three through

five at Dallas.

4. Kindergarten through grade three at Dallas and grades four and five at Wycallis.

5. Kindergarten and three through five at Dallas. First and second grades at Wycallis.

Task force members have indi-

cated that option four would be recommended as the best choice.

Development

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submitted to the township in November 2002 outlined a 155,530 square foot "big box" user in addition to five outparcels designated for additional stores, restaurants, and bank use. Naparolo said a new plan is in development now. He was unsure how many outparcels will have to be taken out of the plan.

As far as what's going to be there, Naparolo said, "everything's up in the air," except, he added, that there will be a "big box" user.

Girl Scouts open 'cookie shops'

Girl Scouts "Cookie Shops" will be open through March 15 in Back Mountain locations.

All eight types of Girl Scout Cookies are available at Cookie Shops: Thin Mints, Shortbreads, Friendship Circles, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemon Pastry Cremes (reduced fat), Peanut Butter Sandwich, and Animal Treasures. Cookies are \$3 per box.

For more Cookie Shop information, log onto the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council website at www.pennswoodsgirlscouts.org and click on "COOKIES," or call the toll free Cookie Hotline at 1-888-6KOOKIE.

Cookie Shop locations in the Back Mountain:
March 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — Back Mt Feed & Seed, Dallas.
March 1, 8, 15: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — CVS, Dallas.
March 1, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; March 23, 9 a.m.-? — Mountain Fresh Market, Pikes Creek.

Kingston Township 2003 taxes now due

Kingston Township tax collector, Karen Rose, advises residents that the 2003 county tax bills were mailed February 14. If you are the owner of a home or property in Kingston Township and did not receive a tax bill, it is your responsibility to notify the tax collector at 696-3809. If you are a new owner of an established home and did not receive a tax bill, notify the tax collector so records can be changed accordingly. All payment must be postmarked on or before April 15 to be eligible for the rebate.

For information call 696-3809. Payments can also be dropped off anytime in the mail slot located in the vestibule of the township municipal building at 180 East, Center Street, in Shavertown.

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