

New Lake-Lehman budget still needs work

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LEHMAN TWP. — Lake Lehman School Board reviewed changes made to the budget at the June 10 work session. However, business manager Kathleen Williams reminded the board that the budget is still "a work in progress."

There was an increase in revenue, of \$290,000 at this point. The state provided the highest amount ever received through the IDEA grant. There were also increases in most grants from the federal government.

While there were increases in revenue, projected expenses rose as well.

The board also discussed a parking lot at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, which has been in the budget for about four years. Charles Balavage recommended that the board agree to put off the paving project, at least for this year, and instead spend the money on a science room in the high school. Angelo DeCesaris was not willing to put off the project so quickly. He questioned why it was needed in the first place. "It irritates me to see things cut out, only because the money isn't there," he said.

Robert Roberts, Superintendent, informed the board that that project was an important one, that if not done this year, it should be done in the near future. After the meeting Sheila Gionfrido expressed her concern with the parking at Lehman-Jackson. She said anyone that wondered if this project is really needed should visit

Lehman-Jackson during a school day, and they would see for themselves cars parked anywhere they can fit. She expressed her concern and frustration that the board would put this off until a student was killed.

The parking lot is not the only project some members of the board feel need to be completed. The science rooms have not been renovated in 40 years, said James Mahon. He felt that "it would be a sin, to not finish this job correctly." The current classrooms are designed for 23 students, and the administration has said that the rooms need to be able to fit 27 students.

Balavage remarked that the cost of health care insurance is "beating us into the ground." The prescription plan, which was supposed to be no additional cost to the school, has not turned out that way. Several board members felt that it is time to look at getting out of the Northeast School Districts Health Trust. Solicitor Charles Coslett strongly recommended that the board push the teachers' union to choose their representative, and get moving. "The cost of doing business is getting to be astronomical, and getting more so each month."

After some conversation the board concluded that they needed to set a time to discuss cuts and additions, in order to approving a tentative budget. The Tuesday, June 17, meeting will begin at 6 p.m. to allow for enough time for budget discussions.

OBITUARIES

JUSTIN BRINK

Lake-Lehman Class of 2000 graduate

Justin G. Brink, age 20, of Harveys Lake, died Thursday, June 5, 2003, at the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident at Harveys Lake.

Mr. Brink was born in Kingston, Sept. 26, 1982, and was the son of Glenn B. Brink Jr., Sweet Valley and the former Teresa Bower, with whom he resided. He graduated from Lake-Lehman High School, class of 2000. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for one year and was employed by Payne Printery, Dallas, for the last year. He was a member of the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are brother, Timothy M. Brink, Fredericksburg, Va.; sister, Kim M. Brink, Harveys Lake; paternal grandfather, Glenn B. Brink Sr., Sweet Valley; maternal grandfather, William B. Bower Jr., Sweet Valley; maternal grandmother, Shirley M. Bower, Sweet Valley; stepfather, Dennis Kendrick, Harveys Lake; stepmother, Susan Brink, Sweet Valley; stepsister, Linda Monk, Sweet Valley; uncle, William H. Bower, Harveys Lake; aunt, Alice Bower, Harveys Lake; two nieces.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.

SHERRY NULTON

Insurance specialist

Sherry Edgar Nulton, 72, of Hilldonia Avenue, Dallas, died Tuesday June 3, 2003 at Hospice Care of The VNA, Inpatient Unit at Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born Sept. 6, 1930, in Kunkle, he was the son of the late Edgar and Adirenne (Kocher) Nulton. He attended Kingston and Dallas schools and was a graduate of Lehman High School. He was employed as an insurance specialist and trained and supervised field agents. He was a member of Gate Of Heaven Parish, Dallas and Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Czestochowa Assembly, Fourth Degree, Luzerne and Father John O'Leary Council 8224, Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Ellen Sullivan; daughter, Kathleen Kemmerer, Shavertown; sons, James, Harrisburg; Daniel, Shavertown; Christopher, Atlantic City, N.J.; Patrick, Harveys Lake; Gerard, Maine; and Peter Nulton, Rhode Island; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the VNA, 667 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, or Knights of Columbus, Father John O'Leary Council 8224, Main St., Dallas.

WILLARD JOHN

Owner and operator of Luzerne Lumber Company

Willard E. John, 83, of Harveys Lake, died Saturday June 7, 2003 at home.

Born Aug. 26, 1919, in Parsons, he was the son of the late Willard and Beatrice (Pero) John Sr. He graduated from Kingston High School and attended the Wharton School of Business. He owned and operated the Luzerne Lumber Co., Luzerne, which was founded by his father. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Dallas United Methodist Church. He served on the board of Wyoming National Bank. He was a member of the George M. Dallas Lodge, F&AM, Dallas; The Irem Temple, The Keystone Consistory and the former Franklin Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Elizabeth Bette; daughter, Elizabeth Snyder; and sister, Alice Butkiewicz.

Surviving are his daughters, Sharon Strauser and Linda Dorrance, both of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Community Care, Kingston or to Rural Health Corp. of NEPA Endowment, 1084 Route 315, Wilkes-Barre.

ELDA COOLBAUGH

Cafeteria worker at Lehman-Jackson-Ross School District

Elda Coolbaugh, 88, of Lehman Township, died Tuesday June 10, 2003

at Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Clara (Snyder) Mekeel. She was a graduate of Lehman High School and was employed as a cafeteria worker by Lehman-Jackson-Ross School District. She was a member of Lehman United Methodist Church, where she was past president of the United Methodist Women and Friendship Class. She was a past officer of the Wilkes-Barre district of the United Methodist Women and a member of the Administrative Council of the church and treasurer of the Lehman Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by husband, Russell W.; son, Glen E.; brothers, Walter, A. Dorrance and Albert Mekeel; sisters, Rebecca Laubach, Mildred Altenberg and Alberta Taylor.

Surviving are son, Harold A., Lehman Township; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Warren Mekeel, Dallas; sister, Frances Moyer, Bloomsburg.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lehman United Methodist Church.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of June 13-20. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

FRIDAY: Cold dutch fried chicken, homestyle potato salad, three bean salad, whole wheat bread, orange.

MONDAY: Chili con carne, tossed salad w/ranch dressing, tortilla chips, hard roll, fruit cup.

TUESDAY: Penne pasta w/grilled chicken topped w/vodka sauce, roman vegetable medley, Italian bread, apple juice, gelatin.

WEDNESDAY: Pork ragout, butternut squash, seasoned green beans, whole wheat roll, sherbert.

THURSDAY: Fathers Day Special Dinner - Roast beef w/brown gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower au gratin, dinner roll, boston cream cake.

ROSINA HADDLE

Brother lives in Dallas

Rosina L. "Cindy" Haddle, 50, of Tucson, Ariz., died Tuesday June 10, 2003

Born in Kingston, she was a daughter of the late J. William and Dorothy (Wilson) Haddle. She was educated in the Macon, Ga. schools and was employed as a waitress by Wilson's Restaurant, Dallas.

Surviving are brothers, J. William, Dallas; Blair W., Hebron, Ind.; Lewis E., Middleburg, Fla.; Michael A., St. George, S.C.; and sister, Ruth Hartzog, Gray, Calif.

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