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Back Mountain-area seniors chatting at the Edwardsville Senior Center are, from left, Jack Owens, of Shavertown; Shirley and Joe McDonald, of Dallas; and Joe and Alfreda (Susie) Malak, also of Dallas.

## SENIORS

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came right over," he said. "No one ever told me there was a problem with it."

Hollywood said a letter was sent to Carroll before the flooring was installed.

Now seniors are left to attend centers in other communities, including Edwardsville, Kingston and Tunkhannock, until a new senior center can be secured in Dallas.

Alfreda "Susie" Malak, of Dallas, said a main concern for her senior center friends is traveling costs. She said some locals who attended lunch at the senior center every day are now going to other centers just once a week.

"Now we go to Edwardsville, but a lot of the older people don't want to go down the highway and get into the traffic," she said. "Some people, with the cost of gas, aren't coming to get their meals and might spend it on Burger King instead."

Senior centers offer a hot meal for registered seniors every day for \$2. Malak, 69, said with the other locations anywhere from eight to 18 miles away, the costs of traveling could put a dent in the budgets of people living on fixed incomes. "It's like a stake in the heart," said Malak.

Shirley McDonald, 85, said some of the older center attendees just can't make the trip. She said county buses will only travel a certain distance so the close group of about 30 seniors keep in touch in



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Tim Carroll pulls on the warped floor covering he says the county installed in his building in 2009.

other ways.

"We're worried about our friends," she said.

Sherlene Long, director of the Edwardsville center, said she got her start in the agency at the Dallas center and welcomes all Back Mountain residents with open arms.

"We welcome them, make them feel at home, introduce them to

people," she said. "We do things any which way to make them feel at home."

Malak hopes a new center in Dallas will be available soon. Hollywood said the bidding process is just beginning and may take months to complete.

"I told them, 'Don't forget about us,'" Malak said. "We need our own place."

## PROGRAM

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the purchase, what is the cooling off rule, and others. You have to know the material."

Palissery said she was roped into the group through West, who was her homeroom teacher a few years ago. She said the information is practical - she has a job now and has a better understanding of paying taxes.

"It's things I'll remember for the rest of my life," she said. "It's useful."

Cerza, 16, of Dallas, said LifeSmarts is fun because of its competitive aspect.

"I do Science Olympiad, too," he said. "I like competing when it comes to academics."

Cerza said the knowledge he's gained from LifeSmarts is information used in real life, not just something he read in a textbook. "My parents told me they

didn't even know some of the things (I've learned)," he said.

Though there are about 20 people in the LifeSmarts club, five are weeded out through in-house competitions to see who will perform at the state level.

This year's group is the youngest in recent memory, said West, with most being freshmen or sophomores.

The only state competition veteran is Sara Hudak, 15, of Dallas, who advanced to the final group in her freshman year. She said the experience was "terrifying," but she admits her LifeSmarts skills are what got her to that point.

"I was nervous last year because the seniors were so great, but I guess I'm pretty good at it, too," she said. "I'm really proud to be a part of a group that made it this far."

During their Philadelphia trip, the students will also tour the city and attend various shows, including "Freedom Rising" at the National Constitution Center.

## MOVE

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projects, including paving, were cut as a result of financial hardship, Reino said.

The board even voted last year to enact the local services tax and increased taxes slightly to generate extra funds for the township.

Board member Frank Natitus said the board looked into changing the township administration after assistant manager Robert Hivish Jr. resigned earlier this month, reporting the board

wouldn't have made the changes otherwise.

"Now we can try and strike a different situation, and it'll work itself out," he said.

The board also voted to authorize the township manager to seek requests for proposals for lawn maintenance services for condemned or vacant properties.

The board approved a natural gas sales agreement with UGI Energy Services, Inc. with a new rate. Reino abstained from the vote, as he is employed by UGI.

Also, a township Easter egg hunt will be held at 1 p.m. on April 7 at the township recreational field.

## CALENDAR

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and the Award for Excellence in Portraiture; Meghan Maccarone won the Louise Rossetti Award; and Micayla Grey won the Award for Floral Imagery.

McGovern said 43 Lake-Lehman students' works are on display at the Schulman Gallery until March 28.

*In other news, the board ...*

- Approved the resignation of elementary librarian Barbara Wall at the end of the school year.

- Appointed the following elementary substitutes: Carrie Bella, of Harveys Lake, and Jenny Saccone, of Swoyersville.

- Appointed the following nurse substitutes: Debra Casterline, of Shickshinny, and Jennifer Schell, of Wyoming.

- Appointed the following coaches for the 2011-12 school year: Katlyn Cibello, of Wilkes-Barre, as assistant boys' volleyball coach with a stipend of \$1,800.72, Sherry Metz, of Harveys Lake, as junior high softball coach with a stipend of \$2,592, John Ferdinand, of Shavertown, as varsity assistant softball coach with a stipend of \$2,592.60, John Headman, of Dallas, as volunteer assistant softball coach, Wayne Meeker, of Hunlock Creek, as volunteer junior high softball coach, John Davis, of Harveys Lake, as volunteer baseball coach, Robert Mit-

kus as junior high assistant track and field coach with a stipend of \$2,592, Scott Summa as volunteer track and field coach, Brandon Colletti, of Hunlock Creek, as volunteer track and field coach, Tara Sears, of Wyoming, as varsity assistant cheerleading coach with a stipend of \$1,500.24, and Jessica Parsons, of Wilkes-Barre, as volunteer indoor percussion instructor.

- Authorized requests for proposals for two nine-passenger vans and a 24-passenger gasoline-powered bus.

- Authorized a refund of paid taxes to the following property owners as determined by the court order of the Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals: Gerald and Ann McNulty for two properties located in Harveys Lake in the amounts of \$447.98 and \$456.36, and Chester Jr. and Heather Browski for a property located in Lake Township in the amount of \$307.13.

- Exonerated the following individuals from payment of the 2011 per capita tax: Laura Lohmann, of Ross Township, Jaime Wesley, of Ross Township, and Robert Perry of Ross Township.

- Authorized a refund of \$100.53 to Jeffrey Hosle, of Harveys Lake, for homestead exemption.

- Authorized a refund of paid property taxes to the following Ross Township property owners due to abatements issued at the close of the 2011 tax collection period: Walter and Elenor Buda for \$375.96, Carl and Geraldine

Bruns for \$166, Thomas and Marie DeAngelo for \$81.34, Helen Hankey for \$23.78, Russell and Shirley Major for \$524.04 and \$39.90, Dale and Catherine Masters for \$8.67, Joseph Sabaluski for \$296.72 and Cherub and Jo Straigas for \$424.95.

- Approved a renewal of the agreement with the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross to utilize the district facilities as an emergency shelter during a disaster.

- Approved and executed a settlement agreement and release between the Lake-Lehman School District and parent of student No. 861149 on behalf of said student.

- Approved the settlement agreement in the matter of Sharon John vs. the Lake-Lehman School District, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission case number 200906378, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission case number 17F201161411.

- Authorized business manager Albert Melone and Co. to advertise for bids for the 2012-13 tax anticipation note.

- Authorized administration to utilize the Landmark Community Bank Visa Card for the purpose of immediate purchasing, emergency purchasing and registration purchasing with no annual fee or associated cost to the district, including a cash rebate incentive program.

- The next Lake-Lehman School Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 16 in the junior/senior high school library.

## BOOTH

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comprised of Dallas, Lehman, Jackson and Kingston Townships and Dallas Borough. The agreement started two years ago

to forge a working relationship between the municipalities to better serve the Back Mountain residents.

Also, Lonnie Piatt, supervisor chairman, announced guide rails will be installed on the new Sorber Mountain E. Bridge. He said supervisors will look to the county for reimbursement for

the work since the bridge is county owned.

Secretary Carlene Price announced the annual Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 12.

The next Lake Township municipal meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 in the municipal building.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

CBS	JIBED	OPT
POT	ONICE	LOY
APRIL	FOOL	DEP
SIE	LIESTO	
CIPHER	IMAC	
ADO	TNT	ETHIC
MEWS	OAR	SOSA
PEENS	DEB	OER
ROES	FELLED	
FATWAH	URT	
AGO	DIRTY	POOL
DUO	ORIEL	DNA
EEL	GLOSS	DEW

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### Super Crossword

Answers

WELK	JAMAL	TROY	DRAKE
EDIE	EXILLE	ROPE	RAMON
ANEGOTTI	STISAMAN	AMEND	
RAIN	VESIT	LOVIL	ORANGE
PAR	GAGE	ANT	
SOIL	WHOTH	INKSTHATIF	
REBA	RIPE	NEATO	LOGO
ELENA	TVY	ERE	PAKIR
ABSOLUTE	CUP	ARGUMENT	
DYE	ASH	GALLOOT	AMONG
HEHADNT	BEEN		
CROCE	UPDATE	RGY	ARK
CHILDREN	YES	POSETDON	
RAVES	RGO	PAD	ADELE
AREA	FRUIT	FLUE	EPEE
BORN	PEOPLE	WOULD	PATS
ALL	AHEM	CAL	
ROBERT	HONE	AMOR	BEWE
ADORE	HAVE	WONDER	EDWHY
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ERECT	YORK	SEEDY	ARTE

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