

Trick or treat night at North Webster

By DEB PATTERSON
Staff Writer

Establishing a Trick or Treat Night in North Webster was just one of several matters handled by members of the North Webster Town Board last Wednesday evening. Suggestions on what night was better, Friday or Saturday, from a parent and school official were used in setting this year's Trick or Treat Night.

Richard Long, North Webster School principal, and Charles Packer, teacher and parent, both suggested Friday evening over the traditional Halloween evening, this year falling on Saturday. The board voted unanimously to have trick or treat night in North Webster on Friday, Oct. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

In other business a \$6.40 claim from Steve's Auto Pro, Syracuse, was voted not to be paid. Eve Payne, clerk-treasurer, stated she received a statement from the business for a purchase which occurred on August 14, however, no claim had been filed or bill turned received.

Mrs. Payne commented she contacted the business to see who purchased the brake-line part, but no one had signed for it and no one in any of the town's departments admitted to the purchase.

"This is a reputable place in Syracuse and wouldn't cheat us," remarked Mrs. Payne, adding the town has done business with the company in the past. "I think someone, without the benefit of a purchase order or claim form, authorized someone to pick it up."

St. Markley questioned the company not knowing who picked up the part and made the motion the claim not be paid until it is found out who picked up the item. "I hate to see anybody get stuck," Markley commented with Myron Clark, board president, stating he would feel different if it was the first time the town had done business with the company.

"When the extra line is tapped off, then it goes off the billing," was the decision of the town board in a sewage billing question by a customer. Mrs. Payne explained a customer has converted a garage into a family room and an apartment, on the property, into a garage, and is requesting to be billed as a one-family dwelling. Markley stated in his opinion the property owner is abandoning the apartment and

could still use the sewer line if it wasn't tapped off.

In other business the board signed the United Telephone Company contract to bury telephone cables within the town limits, and authorized the town attorney to prepare an ordinance regarding the rules and regulations posted at the public beach area, so they may be enforced.

Howard Ziegler, park board president, presented board members with copies of items

completed and planned for the park, as presented at the park board meeting a week before. Ziegler also presented the board with a copy of a letter developed for Eileen Nellessen giving lifetime docking of the Dixie Boat at the park and of the contract agreed upon by Ziegler and John and Joyce Rayburn, on leasing the pavilion at the park. The contract was turned over to Mike Arney, co-council with the town's attorney, who was present

at the meeting to review. Arney, after reading the document, stated he had no problem with it.

A letter from Triax Communications Corporation, cable company for the town, was read by Mrs. Payne. The letter indicated that as of November 1, the company will increase the monthly basic and satellite rate by \$1.51. Steve Tripe, general manager, stated it was due to programmers repeatedly raising their rates to the cable operator

and until this time the cable operator has been able to absorb the numerous programming adjustments. An example of the increase in cost was ESPN's decision to carry National Football League football during prime time on Sunday evenings and raise the rates to the cable operators 37 percent.

The next meeting for the town board will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., in the town hall/fire station.

'Enhance 911' —

Plan to update Storm Warning System

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central locations. In Kosciusko County the base areas are US 30 and SR 15 i.e. CR 1300N is 13 miles north of US 30 or CR 300E is three miles east of SR 15).

A grid system, patterned after Elkhart County and several other counties, will be set up in which numbering for the county will start in the northeast section and cross the county, with the small numbers ending at the southeast corner of the county with the larger numbers. The rural numbering system is for the safety of people and property as well as for convenience in locating people. Currently the county is trying to get a formula cost in changing all the county records in the courthouse. "The county commissioners are the stumbling block, one is for, one is riding on the fence, and one is against. We are changing from a rural community very fast."

Questions asked included if calls in the jurisdiction of Syracuse Police Department could be blocked off in a 911 situation? The reply was no. The sheriff stated another problem is in the Cromwell exchange area where the 856 exchange is in both Kosciusko and Noble counties.

Four Dispatching Units Now Sheriff Robinson pointed out there are four dispatching units in the county, Syracuse, North Webster, Warsaw and the county jail. The county dispatches the EMS for Warsaw, as well as for Multi-Township, South Central Kosciusko EMS and Pierceton-Washington-Monroe EMS, where Syracuse and North Webster handle their own. Dick McDaniels wondered if Enhance 911 would work better and eliminate the problems of multiple phone calls when wanting an emergency department in his area. McDaniels who said he is in never, never land (Dewart Lake

area), calls both Syracuse and Milford Fire Departments as one has a quicker response time than the other.

The sheriff stressed that it is not a case where 'the sheriff is trying to tell you how to run you community,' and remarked if the county does go with the Enhance 911, the fire chief in each community will tell how he

want's his calls handled.

Westfall commented a lot of unknowns will be cleared up when the consultant hired by WPOA enlightens everyone on the study. Charlene Knispel, Turkey Creek Township Assessor, questioned if there would need to be more people employed if Syracuse went to 911 or the county? Indications from

Spurgeon and the sheriff were there would be no need for additional dispatchers, however the sheriff stated he will be seeking four more officers next year for patrol in the county.

As far as costs, it was stated to implement the program would be a one-time out expense for the hardware, computer and getting it programmed.

Syracuse Halloween parade

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The air will be filled with ghosts, and the streets lively with goblins and spooks of all sizes, as area persons participate in this year's dress up parade on Thursday, Oct. 29 during Syracuse's Halloween Madness. The parade as well as a number of other Halloween Madness details were discussed by the Syracuse Retail Merchants Division Friday, Oct. 9, during its 8 a.m. meeting.

The 6 p.m. parade will be the kickoff event which starts this year's special Halloween celebration. Persons planning to be in the parade should line up at the Lakeland Youth Center a few minutes before parade time. There will be free cider and donuts (or cookies) for everyone. Additionally, there will be six different age groups set aside for judging of the best costumes. The youngest group will be for children six years old and younger; the next group is for children seven and nine years; with ten and thirteen years being the third age group; and 14 and 17 years being the oldest children's

group. A \$25 cash prize will be given for first place winners in all children's groups.

Adults, 18 years and over will receive a \$50 cash prize for first place. All groups will receive gifts for second and third place also.

Over \$500 in cash, gifts and certificates will be given away by area merchants. Also, any person masquerading in stores which are participating in Halloween Madness will receive treats.

Many area stores will be open until 9 p.m. that evening featuring special promotions and sales. Bob Pilcher, announced that he is planning a special three-hour live broadcast on WBTU, possibly in conjunction with other merchants. This will also entail a full week of promoting of the event with as many as 70-80 actual airspots.

The board also discussed chamber gift certificates for this year's holiday season. The certificates will be purchased from the chamber and may be used by the recipient at any merchant, service or industry that belongs to the chamber.

"One of the neat things about this, is that persons can use them (certificates) at NIPSCO or wherever they wish and not just for getting gifts," stated merchant board treasurer Jeanne Gardiner. "And, the only real ex-

pense to the merchant is the \$10 for the rubber stamp which is used on the certificate so that the bank will know where to deposit the funds," she said.

The certificates may be purchased by businesses, industries, merchants or anyone wishing to give this type of gift.

"We want to do everything we can to encourage persons to make purchases with their certificates, but cash can also be given," commented board member Jim Evans.

The board tabled a discussion of Christmas coupons and announced it will be meeting again on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Ivy Hut Restaurant.

Hood ornament stolen from vehicle

A Milford School custodian reported the theft of a custom hood ornament from his Dodge Ram while it was parked at the school parking lot between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. last Thursday, Oct. 8. The ornament, valued between \$25 and \$50, was twisted and broken from the hood, according to Glen Eubank, Syracuse.

Protests Iran sales

Outraged by customs reports that the United States is importing textiles from Iran, Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., called on President Reagan to investigate the matter and impose restraints on the Iranian-produced goods.



WAWASEE ROYALTY — Wawasee High School celebrated its 20th homecoming in school history Friday evening with the crowning of its homecoming king and queen. Stephanie Berkey, pictured above, was crowned homecoming queen while Mike Meek was named homecoming king. (Photo by Kendall Galegor)

Storm-sewer project to begin on Monday

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& Brown Inc., the contractors undertaking the town's resurfacing, has assured him that the paving will be done this fall.

Winchester also welcomed town residents to use the Street Department dump on North Main Street for natural debris. No garbage is to be dumped in the area,

while commercial haulers are also banned. The dump is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The superintendent agreed to look into costs of repairing the flashing light at the corner of Main and Elmeline streets. The light was removed by the department this morning.

Town residents were also warn-

ed that the burning of leaves on asphalt streets is in violation of a town ordinance.

In final business, the board accepted a bid of \$1,862.35 from Fence In The Round Inc. of Milford for a new fence at the street department, while an electric typewriter will be purchased for the clerk-treasurer's office.

The town board's next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in the town hall.

Federal deficit

The Reagan administration estimated the federal budget deficit, helped by a one-time-only tax windfall, will drop to \$158.4 billion this year, down sharply from last year's record \$220.7 billion.



ATTENDED IRA SEMINAR — Gerry Byland, State Bank of Syracuse, IRA specialist, recently attended an IRA Seminar in Chicago, Ill., conducted by the National Retirement Plans Training Conference, Inc. The seminar covered such topics as IRA/SEP operations and compliance, introductory to intermediate IRA, introduction to single participant employer plans, distributions from retirement plans, rollovers, and a general update on rulings. According to Mrs. Byland, the IRA program is "alive and well." If an employee is not covered by a pension plan, then he or she is eligible for the full \$2,000 per year deduction IRA, and, if a pension plan participant, may still be an IRA participant, with deductions based on adjusted gross income.

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COMBINE DESTROYED NEAR MILFORD — Stan Price checks out the smoking ruins of this John Deere combine which burned three quarters of a mile south of Milford by SR 15 on Saturday, Oct. 3. The Milford Fire Department responded to the alarm at 12:45 p.m. The combine, owned by Everett Tom, r.2, Leesburg, was a total loss. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

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