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Haddonfield may start Crime Watch

BY GLEN HOFFMAN

The president of Haddonfield Hills Homeowners Association (HHHA) is heading the discussion of starting a neighborhood crime watch organization.

The HHHA which includes Haddonfield and Shrine Acres neighborhoods comprises 65 member families. Bill Kalinowski has been president of the 20-year-old association for the last two years.

"We are concerned about the increasing crime rate in our neighborhoods," said Kalinowski. "We would start a neighborhood watch

organization if we could gather enough participants."

A neighborhood watch organization is the systematic observation of a determined area by its trained neighbors.

The participating neighbors, who would take scheduled shifts of watch, would be trained on how to look for any unusual activities, procedures for calling the police to properly informing them of the possible unfolding of crimes, and how to avoid creating opportunity for crime.

Dallas Twp. Police Chief Carl Miers spoke at the last meeting of HHHA in November describing the

best ways to avoid creating opportunity for crime.

"The landscaping nearest a home should be sparse which avoids giving coverage to a thief," said Miers. "Homeowners should install timers to turn lights off and on when they may be gone for a long duration."

"Most importantly, when a neighborhood suspects that a crime may be in the process of being committed, the neighbor should call the police and not take any other action," said Miers.

Kalinowski announced that HHHA may hold its next meeting in January.

Over the Back Fence

"Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow shall stay the mailman..." from making his rounds also applies to little Erin Gilbert of Dallas, a Times-Leader newspaper carrier. Seven or eight inches of snow everywhere and there she was. To top it off, Erin wasn't feeling well at all. Her mother was with her and she wasn't well either. But there they were. At least the mailman gets sick pay.

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Bitter cold has many effects. One of them, sometimes, is bringing out the best in people. They become aware of how tenuous is the thin line that separates man and nature and thus draw closer to others. On the other hand, some hearts become as

hard and cold as the ice that abounds. We know of an elderly lady who has been the customer of a fuel oil company (not in the Back Mountain and we don't want to offend a potential advertiser by saying whom) for nearly twenty years. She is on some sort of a fuel budget plan and has always paid her bill. But when she last called for fuel there was some question as to the timeliness of the current budget process and she was refused delivery. "Call CEO," (the Commission of Economic Opportunity) she was told. "They will give you a hundred gallons."

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"Why don't you put in your paper that Police Chief Lionel Bulford's

wife had an accident?" Well, here it is. So what's the big deal?

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Speaking of Harveys Lake, it is rumored that police picked up a dog that had broken loose from its chain and had then locked the dog in the police office while continuing their rounds. Upon their return it is said the office looked as though a hurricane struck. The dog's owners weren't too happy about the implied possibility of having to pay...

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The bouncy checks at Coscia's (not their's! their customers!) certainly caused comment. The trouble was readers read the item wrong—the checks being bounced were from customers but, as we said, they were firmed up eventually.

Five of a kind Winner of Poker Run



THE FLUSH OF VICTORY: James Phillips, Jr., Dallas, shows his all-spade hand in the first annual Lake Silkworth Snowmobile Club "Poker Run." Phillips was first to successfully complete the 25-mile run with a winning hand, picked up along the trail at five different poker stations. More than 70 people participated in the run. (Paul Strasser Photo)



NEVER SAY DIE could well be the motto of ice fishermen (and women) as evidenced by these hearty 'Frozen' for posterity are Frank Ciehoski, Kingston, and Bruce and Helen Lazar, Forty Fort. (Photo by Paul Strasser)

Ice-fishing gets in the blood

BY GLEN HOFFMAN

When Chet Pollick, Jr. goes fishing he hardly needs mosquito repellent or sunscreen lotion. The veteran sportsman uses neither pole nor boat. His equipment consists of a tent, warm clothing, and a simple line that he drops through a six inch hole in the ice at Harveys Lake.

A Dallas resident Pollick Jr. has been an ice fisherman all of his life.

"I enjoy winter fishing more than summer fishing because it is healthier for me breathing fresh clean air, and there are not a lot of noisy people on the ice in the middle of the lake," said Chet.

"When I go ice fishing I get a peaceful and relaxing feeling. "But it is exciting to think that I am standing right above a hundred feet or more of water," he said.

The ice fishing season at Harveys Lake usually begins in late December and ends in the latter days of March. During the season, thousands of fishermen will try their luck.

"Ice fishing is great fun," said Chet, "and not just because you catch fish. You see everything out there: people shooting off sky-rockets and firecrackers when they catch smelts, perch, and pickerel.

"Last year a person from New York landed his helicopter in the middle of the lake just to ask us how the fishing was going," continued Chet. "I also saw some motorcyclist pulling a boat around on the ice."

Chet, who is 37, pointed out that he and his friend Joe Shonis of Harveys Lake fished and slept on the ice all night, about 14 years ago. To keep warm they built a hut made of cardboard, plastic and newspaper.

"During the most popular time of the season, in late January and February you'll see about 150 tents and about 300 fisherman in one night. The fishermen make-up a

little community that we call "Smelt City."

"I have ice fished in Beach Lake,

Dutch Lake, and in many lakes in New York, but I think Harveys Lake is the best for ice fishing."



Chet Pollick Jr.

'Different strokes...'



Reports of 18 to 20 below zero were not uncommon in some areas of the Back Mountain Sunday evening. Monday morning it was -3 at Franklin First Federal and across the street at WNB, it was -8. The difference is that the Franklin temperature is computed from Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. At United Penn Bank, Dallas, it was minus 1 at 8:30 Monday morning. (Paul Strasser Photo)