

Boating Accident Update

Driver of Speedboat Will Face Charges

Charges have been filed against the driver of a 350-horsepower Mastercraft speedboat responsible for the death of four people June 18 at Harveys Lake.

District Justice Leonard Harvey of Dallas presided at a preliminary hearing Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Dennis John Abromavage, 24, of 84 Columbus Ave., Pittston, was charged with eight counts of involuntary manslaughter, one count of aggravated assault, four counts of recklessly endangering another person, two counts of reckless and negligent operation of a watercraft and one count of operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

Killed in the accident were Sharon Pallis, 39, of Valley View Drive, RD 3, Wyoming; her son Joseph, 6; Karen Pitcavage, 34, of Crown Hill Village, Box 146, RD 3, Wyoming; and her son Thomas, 7.

Michelle Pallis, 10, was critically injured in the accident and remains

in the intensive care unit at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Leonard Pallis Jr., 39; Thomas Pitcavage, and his daughter, Melissa, 11, were passengers in Pallis' 19-foot Baja outboard motorboat but escaped injury.

It is not anticipated that any charges will be filed against Mark Turner, of Shavertown, owner of the speedboat.

In other related matters, the Harveys Lake Protective Association held a closed-door meeting June 26 to discuss possible ways of making Harveys Lake safer for boating.

President Guy Giordano and members of the Association drew up the following proposals in an effort to increase safety on the lake.

- Warning signs at all public boat-access roads telling boaters to travel counter-clockwise on the lake and stay 100 feet from docks.
- Buoys should be installed, marking the distance 100 feet from shore.
- The state Fish Commission

should be urged to step up lake patrols.

- State legislators should be asked to close loopholes in boating laws and require all boaters to be licensed and carry property and liability insurance.

- The borough government and the state Fish Commission should be urged to inspect boats to insure engines are not too large, that boats have safety equipment, and that swimmers stay within 100 feet of docks. Speedboating should be banned after dark.

- Local residents would help patrol the lake in their own boats.

The Harveys Lake Borough Council and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission are expected to hold a meeting July 21 to discuss safety at Harveys Lake.

Borough Council is also expected to conduct a public meeting for the purpose of discussing safety issues at a time to be announced.



Auction Chairman

Joann Freeman, chairman of the 1983 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, is shown here with some of the antiques that will be auctioned off during this year's affair.

Auction Chairman Looks Forward to Opening Day

By DOTTY MARTIN
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Joann Freeman sometimes finds herself with so many things to do, she doesn't know which to do first.

Acting as this year's chairman of the Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, Mrs. Freeman has found that her time is not her own anymore, but rather that of the library's.

"I simply love the auction," she said when asked why anyone would want to burden themselves with so much responsibility. "I have been involved with it since 1977 when my husband (Kerry) was chairman."

The Upper Demunds Road resident explained that the bulk of her responsibilities includes coordinating the efforts of all the committees involved in putting the auction together.

"My job is to find people to head the committees," she said. "Most of the committees are coming along fine. They're doing a super job and it's all volunteerism. No one is paid for the work they do for the auction."

Mrs. Freeman explained the work of the auction chairman should really begin in February of every year in order to coordinate all that is involved. Since she got started a little later than usual this year, she has really had her hands full getting everything ready. Her work, however, will culminate when the auction opens its doors tomorrow evening at 6:00.

The auction will run from July 7-10 with doors opening at 6 p.m. both Thursday and Friday. The children's auction will be held Saturday morning at 10 with the regular auction getting underway at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The auction will resume Sunday at 1 p.m.

According to Mrs. Freeman, there is no real closing time for the auction every day as that depends on the crowd itself.

"The auctioneers feel out the crowd," she said. "If the crowd is good, then the auction will continue." The chairman explained the auctioneers all work on a volunteer basis, also.

"We have doctors, lawyers, engineers and hardware store owners," she said. "There really is a wide variety of people involved and every one of them is a volunteer."

Some of the things those who plan to attend this year's auction can look forward to are Antiques, New Goods, Odds 'N Ends, Candy Booth, Baked Goods and Fruit Booth, T-Shirt Booth, Funnel Cakes, Book Booth, Refreshment Booth and Children's Activities.

"We really have some super children's activities this year," Mrs. Freeman said. "I'm sure the kids will have a good time and, while their parents are viewing the auction articles, they can be sure their children are safe."

Joann also explained that the children's auction is a rather unique part of the whole affair.

"The library really doesn't make any money on the children's auction," she said. "But the children's auction does give the kids the opportunity to get the flavor of the auction. Some kids will walk away with a treasured item for only two dollars but they feel as if they have participated."

Mrs. Freeman's 13-year-old son, Brian, is a volunteer with the Children's Auction.

"Brian has been working with the auction since he was 5 years old," she explained. "He started by working with Mrs. Crump, carrying books for the Book Booth."

Mrs. Freeman explained her whole family has become a part of the auction.

"When somebody in our family gets involved with something, it is usually a whole family effort," she added. "We all get involved in one way or another."

Mrs. Freeman's husband is also a volunteer this year as is 9-year-old, Kelly.

The Freemans have been working together, - and they have been working hard - to make this year's auction a success. The real test, however, comes Thursday at 6 p.m. when the curtain opens on the 1983 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.



Antique Chairmen

Barbara Lemmond, above right, and Anne Davies, above left, are shown here with some of the antiques that will be on the auction block this weekend at the 37th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Collectors' Items Featured at 37th Library Auction

By JANE C. BOLGER
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The barn behind the Back Mountain Memorial Library is bursting with goods, new and old, that will start crossing the block this Thursday when the 37th Annual Library Auction starts under the leadership of Chairman Joann Freeman. As always, antiques will be one of the biggest draws and Antique Co-chairmen, Barbara Lemmond and Anne Davies, have some really unique items to offer.

The two sisters, Mrs. Lemmond and Mrs. Davies, who have been hard at work for months, take pride in showing the merchandise for auction. Included among their finds are such things as an antique green velvet sofa, a copper tea kettle and a cut glass water tumbler that is one of a matched pair. Also, there is a brass scoop with a wooden handle, a one-of-a-kind cranberry bowl, a

pink satin rose bowl and a lustre china sugar bowl.

Auction Chairman Joann Freeman, who hopes to reach an auction goal of \$70,000, climbed up on the block to show some of the other treasures to be sold to the highest bidder. There was a wicker baby buggy, a refinished wooden flap top trunk and a five-quart bucket Tele painted by Meryl Young. There is also a silver pitcher encribed "Best In Breed" which is just one of the items from the Harvey estate that will be featured.

There are a host of other antiques such as the two black leather trunks to fit on the back of a roadster, a salesman's wooden jewelry case with drawers, a brass lamp with the shade painted and signed by Ollie Schallenburger, and a set of copper candlesticks. There is also a J.B. Carr biscuit box bearing the company's original South Main Street address, a copper oil can, a batter

jug labeled Pittston, a small oil painting, "Back Mountain Fall Fairery" done many years ago by Margery Harvey Smith as well as a nest of four Shaker boxes.

There is something for everyone, particularly if you love the library and are willing to support it. You can easily go home with a treasure, particularly if you are lucky enough to win the pine slant top desk or the lamp with the shade painted by Helen Lamb that are being chanced off.

Or you could start collecting your own antique art portfolio by buying one of the numbered prints of the library auction done by Sue Hand which will depict the same scene as her yearly watercolor original that will be sold over the auction block. Take your pick, just be there early Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, get a good seat, buy a bag of books, a hot dog and start bidding.

Hughes Will Stay at Senior High

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Dallas Senior High School ecology instructor, Wayne Hughes, will continue in his position at the senior high during the 1983-84 school year.

The resolution of the Educational Committee to retain Hughes at the Senior High School rather than transfer him to the junior high was approved by the board of directors at the June 30 meeting. The board's approval was met with applause by those in the audience and both student and faculty representatives expressed their appreciation to the directors for their decision.

In approving the 1983-84 \$8,800,393 budget, the board members announced that the tax millage will remain at 111 mills, per capita tax at \$10, earned income tax at one percent, and occupational tax at \$10. The earned income tax and occupational privilege tax will be shared equally between the district and its respective municipalities.

The directors also announced that Dallas Elementary and Trucksville Elementary buildings will be appraised but no decision has been

made by the board as to the disposition of the properties. The future of the elementary schools will not be decided until the appraisals are completed.

Representatives of the Back Mountain Library Association attended the meeting and again indicated their interest in obtaining the Dallas Borough Elementary Building for the library's use. Library officials believe the building will afford the additional space needed for the rapidly growing community facility.

The school board directors were

unable to open the bids for the Dreis Project due to an error in the specifications by the Soil Conservation Service. The specifications will have to be corrected and new proposal forms sent to the interested contractors.

Approved as assistant coaches at the junior high school were Charles Suppon; football; Michael Caputo, soccer; and Candace Fike, girls' hockey coach.

No action was taken by the board to fill the principal's position at the senior high school left vacant by Edgar Hughes recent retirement.

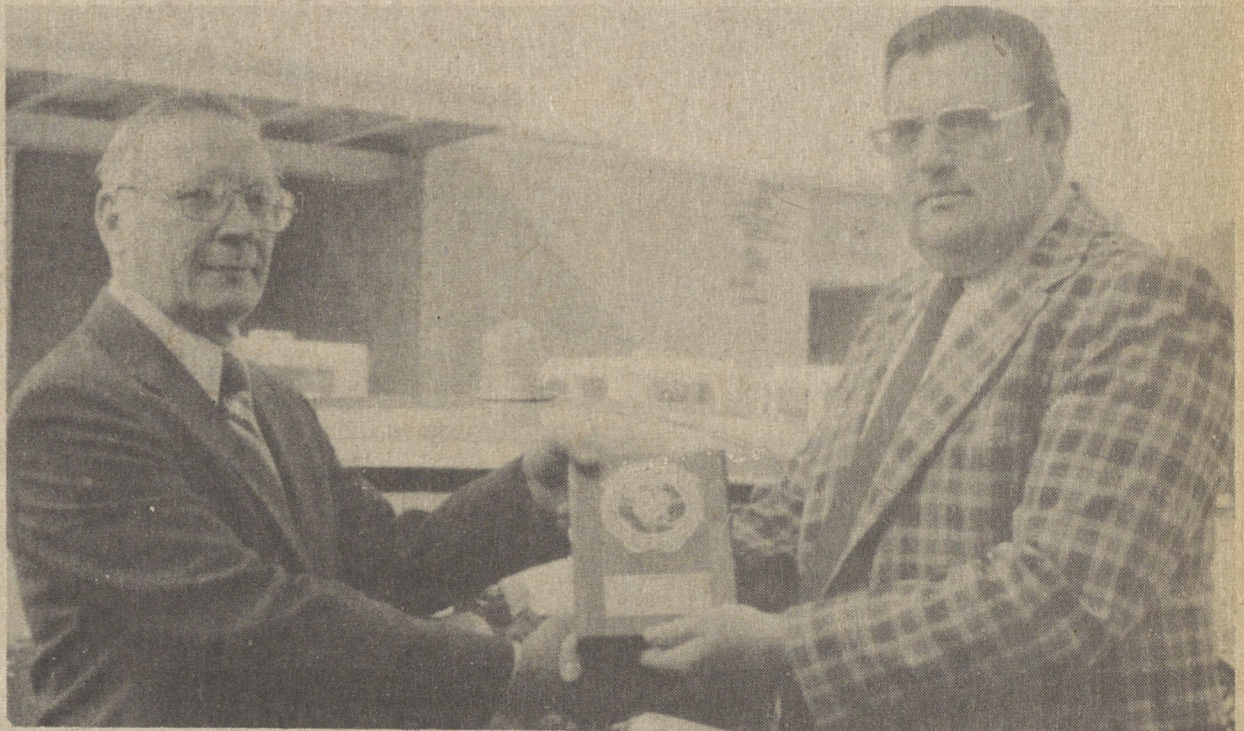
Concert is Questionable

Gary Zurenda of Exeter, owner of Parties Unlimited, who has been promoting a rock concert scheduled to be held at Scarlet Lake on July 10, argued against a new ordinance that was placed into effect by the Harveys Lake Borough Council at its June 30 meeting.

As council members voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance placing strict licensing on profit-making outdoor events held in the borough, the status of Zurenda's concert is now questionable.

Scheduled to appear at the concert were such groups as "LemmyCation," "Stages," "Daddy Licks," and "The Great Rock Scare."

Zurenda claims he will lose \$4,000 he has already invested in the July 10 concert because he cannot come up with \$10,000 to purchase the necessary bond or \$500 for the necessary license fee.



Safe Driver

John Juris, above left, receives a plaque from Thomas Bly, above right, Postmaster at the Dallas Office, as Juris recently became a member of the exclusive Million Mile Club, sponsored by the National Safety Council. This club is reserved for people who have logged one million safe driving miles or have driven for a period of 30 years without a preventable accident. Juris has 31 years of accident-free driving with the Postal Service as he has served the people of RD 3, Dallas since April, 1951. He and his wife, Florence, reside on Hildonia Ave. in Dallas.

Lake-Lehman Taxpayers Face Nine-Mill Increase

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Lake-Lehman taxpayers will pay 107 mills, a nine-mill increase, following the adoption of the 1983-84 school budget by the Board last week.

It took the directors two rounds of voting before a majority approved the adoption of the budget. The first vote failed to pass when directors Arnie Garinger, Don Jones, Allen Keiper, Ed Mark and Allen Sorchik voted "no" due to the proposal submitted by director Thomas Williams.

Williams recommended that communities in the district lying in Luzerne County pay a nine-mill increase and those areas in Wy-

oming County pay a 15-mill increase. All of Noxen is not within Luzerne County so those residents would be assessed 113 mills under Willnams' proposal.

According to Williams, his recommendation was based on Pennsylvania Law which calls for equalization of all taxes within the district.

Director Arnie Garinger stated he believed the varied tax rates would be unfair to Wyoming County residents because they had not been told such a dual tax rate was under consideration.

Garinger recommended a letter be included with the next tax bills sent to residents in Wyoming County within the district warning them that such a tax rate will have to be put into effect next year.

Following a 15 minute recess by

the board to discuss the proposal, the board returned and Garinger made the motion eliminating the Noxen millage increase but noted a letter is to be sent next year notifying that equalization will be instituted.

The second vote passed with a 5-3 vote. Vince Marchakaitis, newly-sworn in to replace Kenneth Williams who resigned, abstained because he was not familiar with the budget information.

The total of the 1983-84 budget is \$6,819,295. The budget also allows for the sale of the district's school buses and the engaging of an outside transportation contractor.

Raymond Bowersox, District Business Manager, stated the sale of the school buses should raise \$103,000 for the district and aid in the reduction of new taxes.