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Lake businesses thrive on annual festival

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Last weekend's Homecoming Festival at Harveys Lake had more than one advantage to it. Not only did it build up the lake's moral, but it also was very beneficial to some of the area businesses.

Businesses in such resort areas as the lake depend on events like this one to bring in people. And that is exactly what happened.

One of the most well-known businesses at the lake is Joe's Grotto Restaurant. Dan Tuck, spokesman for the

Grotto, commented on how well he thought the weekend would do.

"We expect to be very busy Saturday night and all day Sunday," he said. "Sunday is always a busy day for us, but this weekend, because of the homecoming, we expect an even larger boost in business."

Of course, the owner of Joe's Grotto understands that in order to benefit from this type of event, one must not only take from it, but give to it, also.

"Joe has really gotten involved with a lot of the events," said Tuck. "He's involved in the boat show they're going to have at the Sunset Marina, and he also donated two of the awards presented at the

Harveys Lake Run."

The Grotto isn't the only business that supported the events, however. According to Wayne Collinson, co-owner of the Waterfront Inn, his business also contributed a great deal to the festivities.

"We had been looking forward to it (homecoming) for some time now," he said. "We tried to help by having special entertainment during the weekend. We also sponsored two of the cartoon characters from the ski club, and worked closely with the ski parade they had."

"We hope this will mean good business for the whole lake in general," he added.

Don Rubel, owner of the Harveys Lake Mobile Home Park and Campgrounds, agrees with the other area businessmen.

"The homecoming festival has had no effect on our business," claimed Rubel, "but I think it will help other area businesses. The whole idea is good for the community. It will bring people to the lake, and hopefully, they'll come back again sometime."

According to Rubel, he and his family enjoyed the weekend very much.

As he put it, "As far as our family is concerned, this will be an annual event."

Events attracted many to Harveys Lake area

By WALLY KOCHER
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Excitement sparked the morning mist as the sun began to rise over the sleepy community of Harveys Lake this past Saturday. Why such an anxious feeling on a usually peaceful site, you might ask? It so happened to be the opening day of the Harveys Lake weekend-long Homecoming Festival.

The event had one purpose in mind, and that was to say thanks to all area residents and out-of-towners who make the lake the success it is.

Some of the events included a sand sculpture contest at Old Sandy Bottom Beach, an art show, an inner tube race, a Little Miss Harveys Lake pageant, an ox roast dinner and ski show.

Glenn Bodish, spokesman for the Homecoming Committee, claimed all events of the weekend were successful.

"All of the activities were excellent," he said. "Hundreds and hundreds of our friends showed up, and that's what makes this kind of thing successful."

One of the more interesting events of the afternoon was the sand sculpture contest. The contest was split into different categories and age

levels. Anything could be found on the beach — from a replica of E.T. to a rattle snake with real diamonds for eyes!

Another event which took place at Old Sandy Bottom Beach was the Little Miss Harveys Lake pageant. Competition was fierce, but in the end, Heather Whipple, of Harveys Lake was crowned the winner.

One event that actually took a couple of hours to complete was the Harveys Lake Run which began and finished at Hanson's Amusement Park.

Although the run was actually sponsored by the Irish Heritage Association, it was held in conjunction with the Homecoming Festival. Hundreds of men and women entered the nine mile run.

It seemed everyone who visited for the day had a marvelous time. People didn't go to just one event, but tried to see them all.

William Miersou, of Tankhannock, was one such person.

"We were just watching the skiers," he said. "Now my family and I are going to eat at the ox roast dinner, and tonight we're going to stay for the fireworks. This whole weekend was a great idea."

Debbie Holmes of Dallas commented on the crowds. "I don't

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Fun at the beach

Sandy Beach at Harveys Lake was a fun place to be this past weekend as the Annual Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival took place. Although Sunday's weather was not as cooperative as Saturday's was, festival participants seemed to enjoy themselves all weekend long.

Rain didn't stop the fun

By ANN DEVLIN
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The weather didn't cooperate for the last day of the annual Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival, but the people involved certainly did.

At a first glance around Harveys Lake on that rainy, gloomy Sunday you may not have noticed anything special going on, but if you looked carefully, you could see a few groups of enthusiastic area children fishing around the edge of the lake, hoping to catch the fish that would win the amateur fishing contest.

Come 1 p.m. however, there could be no doubt that this was Homecoming Festival weekend. The vehicular parade traveled full force around the Lake, delighting spectators brave enough to stand out in the rain, and even those who poked their heads out the window. People huddled under umbrellas, gathered on their porches, and pulled their cars right up to the edge of the road, so as not to miss one second of the exciting parade. They were not disappointed.

Leading the parade was a state police car and a Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company truck with sirens blaring. Not far behind the Little League baseball and softball teams traveled on their bicycles. Three

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Four families homeless

Fire claims Sweet Valley building

Fire claimed the Sunset Terrace Apartments on Main Street, Sweet Valley, early Saturday morning.

According to Bob Walsh, Fire Chief for the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Department, that department received a call about the blaze around 2 a.m.

"It took us about an hour to an hour and a half to get the blaze under enough control so that none of the surrounding buildings would be damaged," Walsh said.

In addition to the Sweet Valley Department, three other fire companies were summoned. They were Hunlock Creek, Lake Silkworth and Fairmont Township Volunteer Fire Companies. All in all, it was estimated approximately four pumpers and four tankers were needed.

"Three other companies stayed till around 5 a.m.," said Walsh, "and we (the Sweet Valley Dept.) stuck around to hose it down till around 11:30 a.m."

According to Walsh, there was an estimated damage

of over \$100,000. Besides the four apartments, four cars and a motorcycle were also destroyed. Two nearby homes were damaged.

Dick Thomas, co-owner of the apartments explained how he learned of the fire.

"A little after 2 a.m. the fire company called me to tell me what was going on. Of course, my first thoughts were for the people living in the apartments. Thank the Lord, though, no one was injured."

According to Thomas, nothing was salvaged. "I just lost a building," he said, "but those poor people living there lost everything."

So far, it is suspected that the fire began in one of the garages beneath the apartments. However, there wasn't any cars or gasoline stored in that area.

"How it started is a mystery to me," said Thomas.

Further investigation of the cause of the fire is planned.

— WALLY KOCHER

Parents urged to 'buckle up' their children

By WALLY KOCHER
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The number one killer of children over age one is automobile accidents. The Valley Automobile Club and Wilkes-Barre General Hospital announced their major campaign to change this and encourage parents to safeguard their children by using child restraint devices while in their automobiles.

Monday, June 18, was designated Car Seat Day. It was part of an ongoing effort to promote the use of child safety seats.

Just how do Back Mountain parents feel about this issue? That's the question we posed to several area parents this week.

The majority of area people are in favor of the seats. Harding resident, Diane Breza's opinion, for example, is typical of those questioned.

"I have a car seat for my child," she said. "I feel that they are a very good idea."

Some went even further, however.

Margie Banks of Dallas has two small children, and therefore, two car seats.

"I think it's good to have the children in a car seat," said Banks.

"I'm also in favor of the proposed law which will make car seats



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Bucklin' up

Two-year-old Melinda White of Dallas is curious as to why her picture is being taken but her aunt, Jane Goodwin, is more concerned with strapping the child in a car seat for safer automobile travelling.

mandatory."

The law Mrs. Banks commented on will be going into effect in January, 1985. Although, at the present time police officers can only give a warning to parents, beginning in January, they will be able to issue fines to all parents who don't have their children in a car seat.

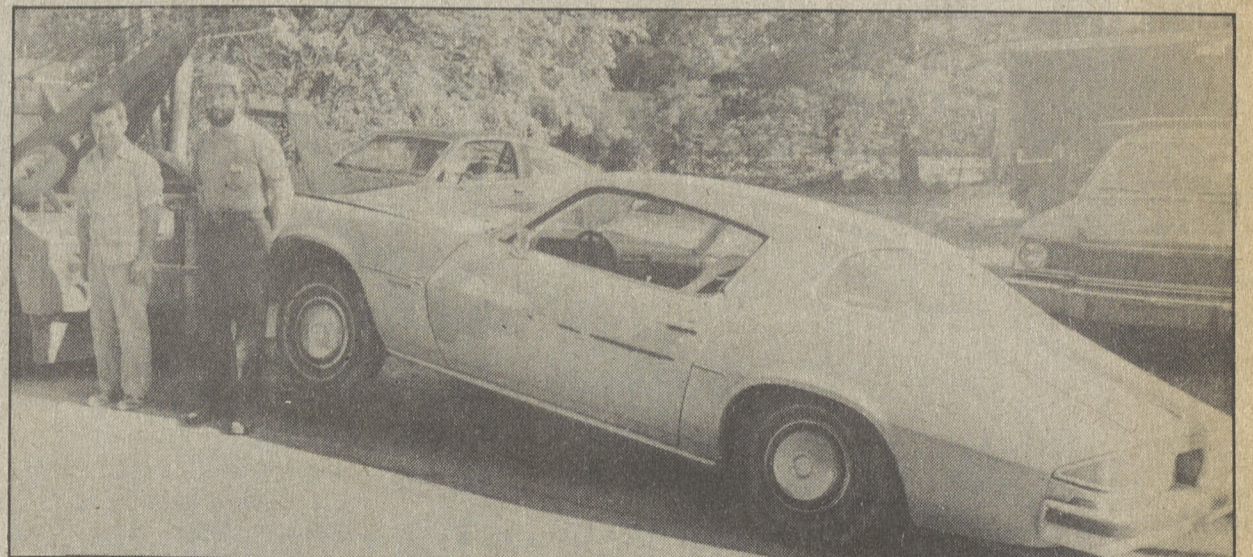
Not all parents questioned were in

favor of the law, however.

Although Dodie Brown, of Noxen, has a car seat for her child, she doesn't believe it should become mandatory.

"I don't think they should make a law like that," she commented. "If they want to improve it someday, they should make the seats stronger."

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Stolen car recovered

Ed Cilvik Jr., left, of Red Rock, and Charles May, of Outlet, stand with the stolen Camaro they discovered last week.

Area men help recover stolen car

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Recently, two area men had the chance to prove their good citizenship by doing something very few people do today, get involved.

Charles Maye, of Outlet and Ed Cilvik Jr., of Red Rock, discovered a car parked on a stretch of Sutton Road in Lake Township on June 12. Suspicious about the abandoned Camaro, the two men contacted the police, and learned that indeed the car had been reported stolen two days earlier.

Cilvik explained how they discovered the car.

"My aunt called me Tuesday afternoon and told me that she and her sister had seen a strange car parked near her home. She wanted to know if I knew anything about it. I didn't, so I decided to check it out."

After examining the car, Cilvik called the police to report it.

"It looked fishy to me," said Cilvik. "There were toys and other baby things in the back seat. Someone wouldn't just leave it there like that."

According to Maye and Cilvik, after the report was made, the police confirmed that the car had been stolen from a New Jersey community on June 10.

Maye, owner of Maye's Garage, Outlet-Lehman Road, was asked to tow the car to policeman Henry Stefanowicz's home where the rightful owner picked it up.

The owner of the car asked not to be identified. However, it was reported that she was "thrilled to retrieve her car."

All of her thanks should go to the two men who weren't afraid to get involved.

As one bystander put it, "Who knows what might have happened to it on that deserted road if they (Maye and Vilvik) hadn't done something."

As of press time, the police had no clues as to who had stolen the car.

Former resident named Miss Pa.

Gina Major, a former resident of Dallas and a 1976 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, was crowned Miss Pennsylvania Saturday evening, after dreaming of winning that title for many years.

The daughter of Virginia Major of the Huntsville section of Dallas, and George Major, of Dallas, Miss Major, 25, was announced the winner of the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant in Altoona. She will now represent the state of Pennsylvania in the Miss America contest in Atlantic City, New Jersey.



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