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Set for this weekend

Harveys Lake Festival slated

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The 1985 Harveys Lake Homecoming Festival is an opportunity for residents of Wyoming Valley and neighboring areas to re-discover the natural wonders of Pennsylvania's largest lake by volume, Harveys Lake. The lake, approximately 660 acres of surface and nine miles around, was discovered by Benjamin Harvey in 1781.

The Homecoming Festival grew out of the Bicentennial Celebration held in 1981, an event planned by the Harveys Lake Historical Society. The Society, organized by a group of lake residents interested, recruited the aid of other residents and organizations in planning what was designated in 1981 as Harveys Lake Days.

The 1981 celebration proved to be so well received after the Bicentennial Celebration, Sandra Serhan, president of the Historical Society, wrote to the Harveys Lake Protective Association asking that organization to continue the Harveys Lake Days as an annual event.

Guy Giordano, president of the association at the time, composed and sent a letter to each of the Lake

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organizations suggesting that a Steering Committee be formed comprised of representatives from the various organizations of the lake and other interested persons.

The organizations were receptive to the idea, realizing that such an event could revitalize Harveys Lake as a regional tourist event. With the approval of the organizations, the Steering Committee was organized and Gerry Finnerty was named chairman of the first Homecoming Festival in 1983.

Members of the committee met regularly drawing up plans for the two-day event. An entry form was made up and published in the local papers as well as information telling interested groups or persons where additional forms could be obtained.

The festival was planned as a two-day event by the committee made up of members from the 10 organi-

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Serving Harveys Lake

Rev. George A. Jeffrey, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, conducts Saturday evening mass at the Harveys Lake Church. Members of the church, the oldest Catholic church in the Back

Mountain, are preparing for the dedication of the newly-constructed annex on July 28.

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It's your day, Dad!

By JUDIE MATHERS
Staff Writer

This year, in tribute to the men who brought each of us into this world, The Dallas Post turned to the experts for their thoughts and comments about Fathers.

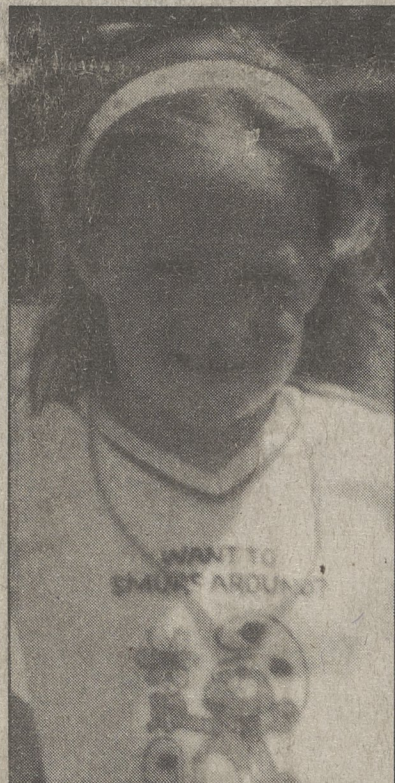


LEE WAGNER

LEE WAGNER, 17 Westminster Drive, Dallas, who is 14, says his Dad is special because "He's himself. He's there when I need him, and he has never let me down."

CATHY AND KELLY ANN CAVE, whose Dad's name is George, live at RD5 Dallas. 10 Year old Kathy said her Dad is special because "He takes us to get ice cream and he just bought me a 10-speed bike for my birthday."

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KELLY ANN CAVE



CATHY CAVE

Church annex will be dedicated

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The parish community of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, will dedicate the newly-constructed annex to the church on July 28 at an 11:15 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop James Timlin. The dedication marks the completion of the Parish Community Center, which was started in 1983 following the unveiling of the expansion program on May 28 of that year.

The \$500,000 expansion program was developed to provide for the present and future needs of Our Lady of Victory parish and included the construction of the new parish community center.

The addition, which is connected directly to the original church sanctuary, provides additional seating, a quiet room, child care room, reconciliation room and facilities for a daily Mass chapel.

The Center also includes a rectory and parish offices, C.C.D. classrooms and staff office, Youth Ministry accommodations, meeting rooms, adequate facilities for social activities

including a kitchen, new landscaping and parking facilities.

Renovations were also made to the original church including installation of a new roof, new kneelers, carpeting, re-leading of the stained glass windows, new storm windows and a new bell and carillon.

On May 16, 1984, the campaign to meet a parish goal of \$250,000 to help meet the needs of the parish. This goal to-date has exceeded by the parishioners with a total of \$286,000.

There are probably few area residents who realize that Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church is the oldest Catholic Church in the Back Mountain.

A historical committee is presently researching the exact date of the founding of the church, but it is a known fact that the church has been in existence prior to 1923, first as a chapel of St. Ignatius, Kingston, then as a main church for four years for St. Therese's, a mission.

According to unofficial reports, Our Lady of Victory Church was dedicated by His Excellency Bishop Michael J. Hoban as a mission of St. Ignatius Parish, Kingston.

In November, 1929, the Lake church was named a mission of the newly-dedicated St.

Therese's Church, Shavertown. Eleven years later members of the parish funded the installation of a central heating plant so the church could be used throughout the year.

In 1950, the church was named a mission church of the newly-formed Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, with Masses celebrated by the Rev. Kane.

A rectory was purchased at Sandy Beach in April, 1951, and September 3, 1969, Our Lady of Victory was established as a parish by His Excellency Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, D.D. with the Rev. Patrick D. Healey appointed the first pastor.

A golden jubilee celebration on August 26, 1973, marked the 50th anniversary of the church dedication by Bishop Hoban in 1923.

In January, 1980, the Rev. George A. Jeffrey, present pastor of the church, was appointed by His Excellency Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, D.D.

Now the parishioners are working toward a successful dedication and program of events celebrating the completion of the church expansion program which will fulfill the growing needs of the present day as well as those of future generations.

GRADUATION TIME!

Dallas ceremonies simple, to the point

By JUDIE MATHERS
Staff Writer

Graduation ceremonies for the Dallas Senior High School Class of 1985 were once again simple, to the point, and extremely meaningful to the members of the graduating class and their families and friends.

After a brief invocation by Rabbi Arnold Shevlin, the seniors were told by Superintendent Gerald Wycallis that an appropriate definition of "graduate" for this occasion would be "to change gradually". He said the seniors had come as curious young children and were now leaving the school ready for the challenges of life - equipped with character, knowledge, and skills.

"Does the Class of '85 have the fortitude they will need to meet the sometimes difficult times ahead?" Wycallis questioned. "Only the future will tell."

Those attending the graduation then heard words of reflections of the past and anticipation of the future from the Salutation, Thomas Sudal, the Valedictorian, David Garber, and Class President, Glen Eyet, III.

Eyet told the audience, "I am proud to say 'We finally made it.' We have grown together from infants to adults. Never again will we have these kind of relationships." His theme of friendship was ended by quotes from the song "You've Got A Friend."

Sudal told the members of his class that their school years had been a period of transition which had moved them towards greater understanding. He thanked parents, who he called "protectors, promoters, and providers." He concluded by saying that he hoped the class would set unattainable goals so they would always reach new heights.

David Garber's opening question was followed by loud cheering when he asked the Class of '85, "How many of you are ready to graduate from Dallas High School?" There were snickers among parents and students alike when he mentioned that he would never forget the Senior trip to Virginia Beach. He remarked, "I had never spent a

whole night in an emergency room before, and it was a night I will remember the rest of my life." He went on to tell the class, "Our parents should be proud of us for being one of their accomplishments."

The 199 members of the graduating class then received their diplomas and concluded the ceremonies which have closed the door on the past and opened the door to the future. The Dallas Post salutes the graduates, and wishes them the best of things to come.

Lehman grads 'build houses'

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Lake-Lehman High School graduated 144 students, Saturday, June 8, at the 27th annual commencement and baccalaureate in the Edward H. Edwards Stadium.

Led into the stadium by their class officers, the graduates in their gold and black gowns proceeded around the stadium and passed through an arch of green foliage flanked by gold and rust mums to their seats.

Baccalaureate and commencement speaker was Rev. John J.

Bendik, chaplain, College Misericordia, who told the graduates that receiving their diplomas was similar to receiving blueprints for building their dream houses.

"What kind of a dream house will you build as you take your place in the world of the future?" Rev. Bendik asked the students. "We may be drowning in information but we must know how to use that information in order not to sink. The task ahead of you is to re-structure America from an industrial to an informational society. In the years ahead, survival will depend upon

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This one's a free one

Residents of certain areas of Harveys Lake may surprisingly find a copy of this week's edition of The Dallas Post in their mailboxes. And regular subscribers of The Post living in the Harveys Lake area may find two copies of this edition in their mail this week.

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