

CATCH Committee

Group tackles lake problems

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What do public access areas, community recreation parks and "illegal" fishing docks all have in common? The answer. These issues have been caught-up, so to speak, in a whirlwind of controversy surrounding the the Harveys Lake citizens group known as CATCH.

CATCH (Citizens Action Taxpaying Committee of Harveys lake) members met last night following the regular Harveys Lake Borough Council meeting and presented their findings.

According to CATCH public relations spokesperson, Sandra Perez, "Harveys Lake is the poorest developed community in Luzerne County and it is about time we (CATCH) do something about it."

Perez, 32, has lived on Ash Street in Harveys Lake Borough all her life. Perez said she can recall years past when anyone could gain access to Harveys Lake by simply walking down to the shoreline.

Today, said Perez, the story is quite the opposite. Harveys Lake is becoming known more and more as a "private" lake. Public access is limited to the Pennsylvania Fish Commission Boat launch, next to Old Sandy Bottom Beach and Hanson's Marina.

Perez said these areas are not enough and that Harveys lake property owners who do not own lake-front property need public access areas for their families.

"It is ridiculous the way things are today," Perez said. "Sure you can take your family to the PFC boat launch, but you run the risk of getting hit by a car when crossing the street and also many people live far away from the area (PFC launch)."

The CATCH group, said Perez, wants the Harveys Lake Borough Council to look into purchasing lake-front property for additional public access areas.

The CATCH group has earmarked nine spots along Lakeside Drive reportedly located directly across from nine borough roads. The nine borough roads are those which intersect with Lake Side Drive. Those areas, said Perez, do not have deeds and would essentially be under the control of whoever bought the property.

"Where better to construct public access areas than on borough property?" Perez asked. "These areas (nine areas intersecting with borough roads) belong to the borough not to people who have docks on them illegally."

CATCH president, Charles Dolloff of Harveys Lake, said Harveys (See CATCH, page 10)



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Happy birthday, dear library

Shown here during a 40th birthday party held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library this past Saturday are, from left, Nancy Kozemchak, assistant librarian; Florence Crump, president, Book Club; Donald Sutherland, one of the first residents to borrow a book from the library; Eloise Titman, member of the first Board of Directors; Lee West, a member of the antique auction committee for many years.

National debt affects all

Each January of every new year, President Ronald Reagan is required to submit to Congress a proposed federal budget for the coming fiscal year.

Following the President's budget submission, Congress then thrashes through the hundreds of budget categories and somehow comes up with an annual kitty.

For those of you who do not know what a fiscal year is, it is the year beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30 of each year. In other words, the fiscal 1986 budget is now underway. It took effect on October 1, 1985 and will end on September 30, 1986.

Confused? Well if you are confused do not feel bad. According to Edgar Dietrich, Pennsylvania State Director of H&R Block Tax Schools in Harrisburg, most Americans do not understand the budget and taxing processes of this country. This fact however, said Dietrich, is a detriment to every American taxpayer.

"The plain and simple fact is that most people just

do not want to talk about any tax-related issue unless it directly affects themselves," said Dietrich. "We see that attitude all the time," Dietrich continued. "The only problem with this attitude is that people cannot continue to disregard what their federal and state taxing bodies are doing or this country will end-up bankrupt."

Dietrich said the large numbers that legislators talk about (billions) often make people just disregard the issue.

"Currently we are running \$200 billion deficits on a yearly basis," said Dietrich. I do not think people fully understand what those numbers mean. An example would be if you were to start counting to one billion, one, two, three, four and so on until you reached the number one billion. You would not finish counting until 32 years had passed," Dietrich said. "With that in mind, just imagine what yearly deficits of \$200 billion mean to this country."

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Directors approve contracts

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Lake-Lehman School Directors approved transportation contracts for the 1985-86 school year in the amount of \$637,594.40 at the board meeting last Tuesday in the multipurpose room of Lake-Noxen Elementary School.

They also awarded Special Education Student Transportation by LIU 18 to Cragle Bus Service at the daily rate of \$85.21, including a charge of \$12.00 per day because a van with a lift is required on this run, with the cost shared between Greater Nanticoke Area and Lake-Lehman School

Districts; and to Russ Buss Service at a daily rate of \$67.81, a shared cost between Dallas, Wilkes-Barre Area, Wyoming Valley West and Lake-Lehman School Districts.

Directors also approved as bus drivers, Sonia Bowman, Shick-shinny, RD 1, and Carl Montross, RD 1, Noxen, both of whom completed all bus driving requirements.

Named to the substitute teachers list were Elizabeth Spencer, 84 Norton Ave., Dallas, Health, Physical Education, Early Childhood; Max Fine, 129 North Atherton Ave., Kingston, comprehensive Social Studies and Elementary Education; and Marie V. McCoog, 251 South Memorial Highway, Trucksville,

Art. Named to the food service substitute list were Debra Dinger, RD 4, Dallas; Barbara Spencer, RD 1, Sweet Valley; Elizabeth Chamberlain, RD 2, Hunlock Creek and Janice A. Symons, 1046 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

The directors approved the appointment of three persons to positions in the food service program. These were Lou Ann Alters, RD 2, Dallas, at \$3.65 per hour; Deloris Jean Gearhart, RD 3, Hunlock Creek, at \$3.55 per hour; and Carol A. Strutko, RD 1, Harveys Lake, at \$3.55 per hour. All were appointed to work three hours per day.

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Lines painted

Construction workers for the Pennsylvania Fish Commission last week, began painting new parking lines at the PFC Public Access Boat Launch next to Old Sandy Bottom Beach. The project, which cost approximately \$80,000, began in early September and will be completed next spring when a new restroom facility is slated to be built.

Public access area finished

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The estimated \$50,000 construction project at the Pennsylvania Fish Commission's Public Access Area next to Old Sandy Bottom Beach on Harveys Lake has come to an end, leaving only the construction of a new public restroom facility to be built next spring.

The construction project, which began during the first week of September, was completed by Pennsylvania Fish Commission workers this past week by painting new parking lines on the expanded parking area. Parking area at the Access Area has been doubled and only the restroom facility needs to be completed.

The restroom facility, said Eugene Smith, chief of construction and maintenance at the PFC's headquarters for engineering and construction in Pleasant Gap, Pennsylvania, is currently being held up due to the lack of an agreement, for maintenance for the facility, between the PFC and Harveys Lake Borough.

"We still have not come to an agreement on who is going to maintain the facility," said Smith. "We now have the restroom unit and it is ready to be installed, but without an agreement of maintenance we cannot go ahead with construction."

The new restroom facility, when constructed, will be the second "running water" restroom in the state under the jurisdiction of the PFC. The PFC operates and maintains over 270 Public Access Areas throughout the Commonwealth.

The restroom is scheduled to rest on a 14x25 foot concrete foundation and will include three stalls and two

sinks in both the women and men's sides. The facility will also have a small porch attached. The restroom was scheduled to be built this summer, but delays in a maintenance agreement with Harveys Lake Borough have postponed the construction until next spring.

"I do not see how we can get it (restroom) in this fall," said Smith. "It is getting to be that time of the year when laying concrete would not be feasible."

Smith said prior to the start of last month's construction at the access area, Harveys Lake Borough officials tentatively agreed to maintain the restroom facility when it was constructed. The agreement, to date, has not been made and Smith said construction will not begin until one is reached.

"As we (PFC) have told the borough (Harveys Lake) before," said Smith, "we simply do not have the manpower to maintain the facility. We are cut to the bone with our staffing and Harveys Lake Borough will have to make arrangements for maintenance before we can do anything."

Smith said the \$23,000 restroom facility would include a heated center room for washing hands at a sink.

In order for the facility to be built, Harveys Lake Borough must draw up an agreement with the PFC stating that they (Harveys Lake Borough) will maintain the facility. Once the agreement is drafted, they must then send it to the PFC Real Estate Department in Harrisburg for further evaluation before construction can begin.

Repeated attempts to contact Harveys Lake Borough Solicitor Thomas O'Coiner and members of the borough council were met with

no response. Said Smith, "The borough should be the ones to maintain the restroom because they do indirectly receive benefits of extra business from people who come to the access area to fish. I really do not understand the hold-up on the agreement."

Smith was the original construction supervisor of the Harveys Lake public access area in 1968 and said he hopes the project is completed soon.

"I would really like to see the entire project completed since I was involved in the original construction in 1968," said Smith. "Harveys Lake is a beautiful lake and the new public access area only adds to the beauty of the lake itself."

Smith said year-round maintenance is needed for the facility in order to monitor blocked toilets, vandalism and general cleaning duties.



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Picking pumpkins

Mrs. Jean Utter and Mrs. Maryann Gelsco, third grade teachers at the Dallas Township Elementary School, recently accompanied their students on a pumpkin-picking expedition. The children visited Darling's Farm on Hildebrandt Road in Dallas where they selected pumpkins to carve for Halloween.

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