

Art works missing

Pringle woman questions Fall Fair security

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For the past 12 years, Mrs. Margaret Fronzoni of Pringle has been a loyal supporter of the annual Luzerne County Fall Fair.

Fronzoni, 63, of 36 Cooper Street Pringle, has made it a ritual of entering a hand applied quilt and sometimes even a crocheted afghan in the fair's Arts and Crafts section.

Next year, however, Fronzoni may not enter her hand-made works because of what she calls "shoddy security" on the part of Fall Fair security personnel.

Fronzoni had over \$1,300 worth of hand-made quilting and afghan work stolen at the conclusion of this year's Fall Fair. Taken were a hand applied quilt valued at \$750 by the Pennsylvania Quilter's Association and two hand-made afghans valued at \$300 apiece. The quilt was a first place winner at this year's Fair and the two afghans placed second in the afghan category.

"I am not sure I will enter any new items in next year's fair," said Fronzoni. "I just do not trust the Fair's security. They (Fair security) should not have allowed them (quilt and two afghans) to be taken."

According to the 1985 General Chairman of the Fall Fair, Ray Hillman, the items were stolen because she (Fronzoni) did not pick up her afghans until after the fair had officially closed.

Hillman said the fair officially closed Sunday evening, September 8. Anyone with exhibits or anything else on the fairgrounds, said Hillman, should have removed them by Sunday night.

Hillman said security was provided up until Sunday night and the items (Fronzoni's exhibits) were probably stolen during the early Monday morning hours.

Fronzoni said when she arrived at the fairgrounds Monday morning (a day after the Fair officially closed) "a woman from the Fair" said her exhibits were missing. Fronzoni could not identify the woman who confirmed the exhibits were missing.

"I just think it is really bad business not to notify a person that their exhibit is missing," said Fronzoni. "I never received any notice from the fair and that is what upsets me."

Two days after the fair closed, Mary Watkins (Fronzoni's daughter) attempted to file charges against the fair at District Justice Leonard Harvey's office, Dallas. Harvey told Watkins, "there was nothing he could do" because of a disclaimer in the fair's "premium booklet" which said the Fair was not responsible for missing or damaged property.

Each person entering an exhibit at the fair was required to sign the "premium booklet," said the Fall Fair's President Ed Wadosky.

"That is exactly what prompted me to write to Mr. Hillman," said Dee Madison, Fronzoni's daughter living in Randolph N.J. "It took my mother months to make those exhibits and they claimed no responsibility for their loss at all."

Madison said her mother (Fronzoni) was told it was alright to pick up her exhibits on Monday, the day after the fair officially closed.

"My mother was told by fair people that it would be OK to pick up her things on Monday," said Madison. "In fact, they said it would be easier and more convenient due to less confusion at the Fair grounds on Sunday night."

"I know he (Hillman) is a very nice man," Madison continued. "He really feels bad about the whole thing. I know this was his first year as chairman of the fair and I feel bad it had to happen while he was chairman. But it is important to let people know that security for exhibits is very lax."

Madison said she hopes future Fall Fairs are not stricken with missing exhibits.

"I just hope people in the Valley understand that security for exhibits is basically up to the exhibitor," said Madison.

"I know my quilt and afghans are gone and I probably will never see them again," said Fronzoni. "At this point, I am so upset I do not know if I will have anything to do with the Fair next year. I just do not know."

Madison said Hillman promised he would advertise a reward in the local papers for the missing exhibits. Hillman could not be reached for comment on the possibility of a reward for the exhibits.

Proposed restroom

Impasse changes hands once again

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The ongoing maintenance impasse for the proposed restroom facility at the Harveys Lake boat launch offered another quirk last Friday afternoon when a local state representative said Harveys Lake did agree to maintaining the facility over a year ago.

State Representative George C. Hasay, 117 legislative district, said Friday, "Yes they (Harveys Lake borough officials) did agree to maintain the proposed restroom," when asked if he recalled the June 19, 1984 meeting between PFC and Harveys Lake officials. The June 19, 1984 meeting was set up by both the PFC and Harveys Lake officials in order to discuss the construction and maintenance of the restroom.

"I was not at the actual meeting, but I was informed after the meet-

ing that Harveys Lake Borough officials would maintain the restroom," Hasay said.

"Maybe those who agreed to maintaining the restroom were previous borough fathers (councilmen)," Hasay said. "But, as far as I can recall, Harveys Lake did agree to maintain the restroom."

The restroom battle has been raging for nearly two years. The combatants — PFC and Harveys Lake Borough officials.

Neither Harveys Lake nor the PFC will claim responsibility for maintaining a proposed six-patron restroom facility with running water which has been earmarked for the Harveys Lake boat launch for over two years.

PFC Engineering and Architectural Chief, Ron Weiss out of the PFC's Pleasant Gap, Pa. office said Friday the PFC has the "Pre-fab" restroom available now but cannot

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Lehman band wins another competition

Lake-Lehman Band, "The Pride of Pennsylvania" continued its winning ways in competition at Wyoming Area Stadium in "The Tournament of Bands Chapter VII Championships" on Sunday, Nov. 3. Competing in Group III, they captured 1st place and the championship with an outstanding score of 93.55 and once again attained the highest score over all bands competing.

In the Special Awards Category, Lake-Lehman won trophies for "Best Music," "Best Marching," "Best Percussion," and Doug Ide won the trophy for "Best Drum Major."

By virtue of their Chapter VII Championships, the band now qualified for the "National Judges Association Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships," to be held at Langhorne, Pa. on Nov. 10, when bands from the Atlantic Coast states from Maine to Virginia compete for championships.

Lake-Lehman Band Parents will

be sponsoring a bus to Langhorne for the competition. Reservations can be obtained by calling 477-2486. Tickets can be obtained by calling 696-2951.

In the "Chapter VII Championship" competition, Nanticoke High School took first place with a 72.65 score, Lackawanna Trail, second with 64.75, Mid-Valley High School, third with 57.4, Freeland, fourth with 54.05 and West Hazleton was fifth with a score of 52.2.

In Group II, Dallas captured 1st place with a score of 84.85, Pittston Area was second with a score of 72.35, Wyoming Area, third with 71.9, Hazleton High School, fourth with 64.1, Coughlin was fifth with 61.05, and Bishop Hoban was sixth with 53.45.

In Group III, Lake-Lehman scored 93.55 to capture first place and Hanover Area placed second with a score of 87.45.

Plains Jr. High School received an award for appearing in exhibition.



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Therapy dog

Lucille Wiskind and Julie Patrylak, residents of Leader West Nursing Home, Kingston, look forward to visits from Misty Blue, therapy trained Lhasa Apso, and her owner, Jane Cummings of Dallas. Misty and Jane visit the Leader West Center bi-monthly to make friends and to entertain the residents. Shown here, seated, are Lucille and Julie with Misty Blue. Standing, Mary Anne Fedor, activities director at the center, and Jane Cummings.

Therapy Dogs — time well spent for all involved

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The patient's eyes lit up when she saw "Misty Blue", an 11-lb. charcoal gray Lhasa Apso dog come into the room with her owner and trainer, Jane Cummings. Her canine friend had come to visit, to share a bit of affection.

Lucille Wiskind, the patient, is a resident at Leader Center West where Jane and Misty Blue, a therapy dog, visit twice each month. Misty is a certified member of Therapy Dogs International, and her owner is an associate member. Both are dedicated to satisfying some of the needs of older people, drawing them into active participation in daily human affairs, recovering from illnesses, providing affection, developing humor and entertaining.

Misty Blue and Jane are members of the local chapter, Prince's K-9 Cuddler's, organized by Janice Blight in 1982 when Prince, her black standard poodle began traveling to local nursing homes to satisfy some of the patients greatest needs; restoring order to these patients lives, providing a more secure grasp on reality and linking them to a community of caring, concern and

affection.

Using pets for therapeutic treatment is not new. Bethel, a facility in West Germany, was founded in 1867 and used animals as part of the living environment. The earliest formal use of animals in therapy in the United States was in 1942, at Pawling Army Air Force Convalescent Hospital in New York.

In the 1960's, the work of psychia-

trist Boris Levinson's suggested use of animals in therapy was only beginning to be explored. In 1970 Sam and Elizabeth O'Leary Corson were researching dog behavior at Ohio State University where the kennels were within hearing of the children's ward. The children heard the animals and they broke their self-imposed silence and asked if

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Dallas Band honored with welcome parade

With all the fanfare due to true champions, the award winning Dallas Band was welcomed home after performing in Sunday's Chapter VII Tournament of Bands Championship.

Much to the surprise and delight of the band, the Group II champions were treated to a parade, complete with flashing lights, sirens, cheers and applause as they were escorted by local fire departments from Dallas, Trucksville and Kunkle.

Under the direction of David C. Benn, the band achieved their highest score of the season in Group II

competition. They also received specialty awards for marching, music and drum major (Kiersten Fries).

Since the marching program was instituted in 1981, the Dallas Band has amassed over 100 trophies, twenty six of those trophies were won this year - each of them were awarded for first place. The Dallas Band is undefeated in Group II competition this year.

As Group II champions, the Dallas Band will represent Chapter VII on Saturday, Nov. 9, when they travel to Langhorne for the final competition of the marching season - the Atlantic Coast Championship.

All's quiet at Weiss home

After being victims of random vandalism attacks on 20 separate occasions over the past two years, Edward and Bernadine Weiss of Elizabeth Street in Dallas now say they feel much safer thanks to the Dallas Police and the Dallas Crime Watch program.

"Ever since we offered the \$500 reward for the vandals, it has been quiet," said Edward Weiss Monday afternoon. "I also think the Crime Watch program in the borough has had a lot to do with keeping them (vandals) away."

Weiss praised the Crime Watch program as a tool of "getting people involved" in keeping the community safe from vandalism and other crimes.

"I really think the Crime Watch has made a difference in the vandalism attacks on my home," said Weiss. "It has made people more aware of what is going on in the neighborhood and that definitely has made a big difference."

The Dallas Crime Watch program originated following an initial Crime Watch meeting sponsored by The Dallas Post. At that meeting, Luzerne County District Attorney Robert Gillespie, Luzerne County Crime Watch Coordinator Elmer Bradshaw and Lt. Jerry Cookus of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department

spoke to Back Mountain residents on the importance of organizing neighborhood crime watch operations.

The Weiss' last experienced a vandalism attack back in July when unknown vandals threw paint-filled eggs at their home. Prior to July, the Weiss', who have lived in Dallas for 32 years, had experienced smashed windows, shrubbery damage and dented aluminum siding.

In August of this year, the Weiss' offered a \$500 reward for the apprehension and conviction of anyone involved in the two-year vandalism spree. Dallas Police Chief Ed Lyons is handling the reward for the Weiss' and, to date, has not positively identified any vandals connected with the Weiss home.

"Oh, yes, the Dallas Police have done a very good job," said Ed Weiss. "They have been making regular patrols near our home and my wife and I really appreciate their effort."

Ed Weiss said he intends to offer the reward for as long as it takes to catch the vandals.

Said Weiss, "I would still like to know who has been hitting our house and why."

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Business journal debuts next month

For the first time ever, a single source of up-to-date information about business activity in Northeast Pennsylvania will be available to regional business executives.

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100 years old

Anna Spencer of East Dallas observed her 100th birthday Saturday, Nov. 2, at an Open House held in her honor by several of her close friends.

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