

Fireworks are still against the law

While fireworks are a Fourth of July tradition, Attorney General LeRoy S. Zimmerman reminds Pennsylvanians that they're also dangerous and strictly regulated by law.

"Fireworks are not toys. They present serious safety hazards, particularly to children," Zimmerman said.

He noted that the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates 10,300 persons were treated in hospital emergency rooms last year for injuries associated with fireworks.

"Over half the injuries involved burns, and 42 percent of the victims were under 15 years of age," he said.

Since January 1985, Zimmerman said, 27 fireworks-related deaths have been reported, 23 of them involving factory explosions.

Zimmerman said that because of the dangers involved, the only fireworks permitted for the public's use in Pennsylvania are sparklers and

devices containing extremely small amounts of power - no more than in a toy-pistol cap.

"Even sparklers are dangerous because they burn at high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children can't appreciate the danger involved, so parents must supply close supervision," he said.

The use of all other types of fireworks, including firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles and aerial fireworks, is illegal unless a permit has been granted by the local municipality for a supervised public display, Zimmerman noted.

"Those permits are given only to competent operators who are well-trained in presenting fireworks displays," he said.

Fireworks law violators are subject to fines up to \$300 and 90 days in jail, Zimmerman said.

"Don't become a fireworks-injury statistic this year. Obey the law and leave the fireworks to the experts," Zimmerman said.



Confirmation held

Six young people were received into the membership of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, through the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 18. Pictured are, from left, first row, are Joan Redline, Chris Culver, Heather Schoner, Debbie Davenport. Second row, Jim Siperko, Rev. Lynn Rothrock, Bruce Weaver.

Auto Club warns drivers

Area schools have closed for the summer and motorists need to be cautious as youngsters begin spending their days outdoors for fun in the sun.

Engrossed in play, vacationing students often forget their traffic safety rules - something that all drivers should constantly keep in mind.

The Valley Auto Club - AAA urges drivers to slow down especially during the first few days of summer vacation. Motorists should be extremely careful when backing out of a driveway, day or night. Stop and look both ways before entering the traffic flow. A skater, bicyclist or young pedestrian may be hidden from your view.

Other areas where drivers should be alert for youngsters should include recreational sites, urban residential areas and suburban residential areas. Curves and drive-

ways can create blind spots for drivers, and in some areas a lack of recreational facilities can encourage children to play in the streets. A rolling ball may have prospective athletes in pursuit, and should be a warning to motorists.

Crossing guards and safety patrols will be on vacation, too, leaving the busy intersections unsupervised. It's up to the drivers to be alert for youngsters enjoying the warmth of the outdoors.

The Valley Auto Club - AAA encourages parents to instruct their children in pedestrian safety, emphasizing the importance of being careful and playing only in safe areas. Children may need a review on the procedure of crossing the street and looking for cars.

Remember, it's up to all drivers to be alert for youngsters enjoying the warm weather. Extra caution can help guarantee that every child will be returning to school this fall.

No injuries in two-car crash

No injuries were reported as a result of a two-car accident along Lower Demunds road late Wednesday morning in Dallas Township.

According to reports, Crystallene Sharon Bell, 72 Valley View Park, Dallas, was attempting to pull out of Eddinger's Hill Road onto Lower Demunds Road when her 1983

Datsun Sentra came in contact with a vehicle driven by Mary Rogan Hurst, RD 2, Box 131A, Tunkhannock.

Witnesses say the Hurst vehicle was nearly in the intersection when Bell pulled out. Hurst's 1980 Dodge Colt, which was struck in the side, then skidded into a ditch. No one was injured.

Property transfers

(The following Back Mountain property was transferred in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds at the Luzerne County Courthouse this week:)

JOSEPH A. ELLSWORTH, al, to VERA G. and GILBERT D. TOUGH, ux, Box 33, Lehman, Property--Lehman township, \$100.

Park

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a grant from the Community Development made possible the fencing.

The amusements in the park for children included such features as mazes, tunnels and tires in the ground for bouncing; cubes and other geometrics were planned in keeping with the futuristic theme as well as railroad ties and spools used originally by utility companies for wrapping cable.

Benches for elderly persons and wooden horses for the children were also included in the plans.

The generosity and willingness of the residents and organizations were overwhelming. Bob Kelly and Sylvia Hughes spread the top soil.

Jack Banks of American Asphalt supplied a load of gravel for the paths in the wooded area; John Vivian of North Branch Lumber Co., donated lumber for a cargo net platform and various other play equipment and Tony Sharpe of Bridon-American donated the two large cargo nets. Back Mountain Lumber and Hardware supplied all the nuts and bolts needed.

Money for benches was contributed by the United Penn Bank, Metropolitan Wire, Franklin Family Restaurants, First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barnes, and one by a friend in memory of the late Edward Rees, a member of the Bicentennial Committee.

Trees, including red oak, dogwood and Canadian hemlock were available as memorials at \$10 each and these were made possible by Doris Labar, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Koehl, Sr., Daniel Waters, Mrs. Louis Maslow, Frank Paczewski, Bonner Chevrolet, Miss Agnes Agregon, Mrs. Tex Wilson, Francis Barry, Mrs. James Davies, Mrs. Charles Lemmond, Gate of Heaven Altar & Rosary Society, Mrs. Donald Watchulonis, and Mrs. Thomas Kingston.

Commonwealth Telephone Company supplied the poles to support play equipment and also sent machinery to dig the holes, and Sordoni Construction Company supplied all the wood chips used in most areas instead of grass.

Trees and benches carry a stainless steel plate with the names of memorials requested. The late Chris Elvans planted all the hemlock trees as a Boy Scout project.

On Heritage Day, Sept. 25, the Dallas Borough Bicentennial Commission presented the Luzerne County Bicentennial Commission with a microfilm copy of the minipark plans, together with a brief summary of the Dallas Borough's group activities for the Bicentennial year, a list of committee members and donors to the park. These items were buried in a time capsule on the portico of the Luzerne County courthouse with similar mementoes from the other communities.

Members of the committee worked with Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Molen, Worjciechowski and Hurst, were Mrs. Robert Krostag, the late Edward Rees, Patricia and Claire McCarthy, Hugh King, Richard Willett, Jeanette Grieves, Elizabeth Layou, Carol Bynon, Tom Reese, Tom Doughton, Charlotte Watchulonis.

Others who contributed were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beavino, Leo Rutkoski, Weis Markets, Kern Brothers and the Dallas Senior Women's Club.

A large flagpole put up by Gary Boyer stands in the center of the park and each day someone, Mrs. Hughes does not know whom it might be, makes certain that the American flag flies from the top of it. She is appreciative of the fact that someone is making certain, the red, white and blue proclaims "This is The Bicentennial Park".

Lehman

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reconsider passed by a 9-0 vote. Wolfe then moved to amend the motion to appoint Sharok as golf coach. Sharok's appointment passed unanimously, but Wolfe's motion to direct Superintendent Dr. David Preston to advertise the position of athletic director in-house and outside the district passed by a 7-2 vote with Donald Jones and Joseph "Red" Jones voting against.

In response to Donald Jones' question as to who would be responsible for athletic equipment orders coming into the district, Noon said the supply staff member would carry that responsibility.

Faculty member Bob Roberts, in the audience, reminded the board that every Fall all athletes must be certified through physical examinations and coaches must be provided with eligibility lists by the athletic director. He also stated that all equipment for senior high sports

programs are sent to the senior high school and asked who would be responsible for checking and putting away this equipment.

In answer to another question from a taxpayer in the audience, Keiper answered that he would take under consideration a special meeting to appoint an athletic director prior to the beginning of the Fall athletic programs, some of which begin in early August.

Bearde has been athletic director in the Lake-Lehman School District for the past four years and prior to that time, served as assistant athletic director to Edward Edwards. Professional staff and numerous taxpayers in the audience attested to Bearde's qualifications and dedication to the students.

The Health Assistant program, beginning with the 1986-1987 school year, was eliminated due to lack of interest and the school nurse involved will be assigned to pupil services.

Board

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advised. Until tax dollars begin to come in, the board also adopted a resolution to authorize the issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in the amount of \$1,100,000 from the First Eastern Bank.

The board also adopted a resolution to continue the Dallas Educational Alternative Learning Program (DEAL) for the 1986-87 school

year and to appoint Maryanne Storz as DEAL coordinator.

In addition, the board named Berkeimer Associates as the earned income tax collector for the following school year and to collect occupational privilege tax, excluding those persons employed in the district whose annual income is less than \$1,500.

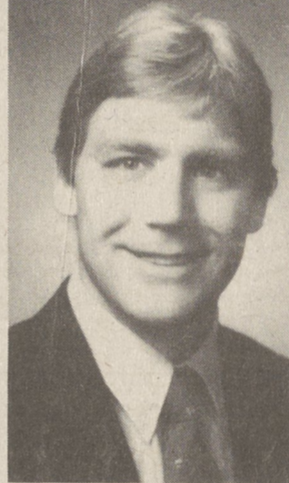
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Dr. Kurello is a life-long resident of Wyoming Valley. He is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School and received a BS in Biology from King's College. He earned his medical degree from St. George's University in 1983. He recently completed a three-year residency at Wyoming Valley Family Practice, a program of the Nesbitt Memorial and Wilkes-Barre General Hospitals.

Dr. Kurello's practice will include: pediatric, adolescent, and geriatric health care, as well as, emergency medicine, gynecology, and minor surgical procedures.

He is a member of the AMA, Luzerne County and Pennsylvania Medical Societies, and the American Academy of Family Practice. Dr. Kurello is also a member of the Nesbitt Memorial Emergency staff.

Dr. Kurello resides in Lehman with his wife, the former Debbie Van Ethen, and son Phillip.

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