

Assault

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When she arrived, Harvey said that she got into OBrien's car and he grabbed her by the neck and pulled her down and then two drove away. Harvey testified that OBrien took her to Harveys Lake. During the trip, she said that he threatened and assaulted her. "He kept ranting and raving about a note he wanted to show me," she testified. "He kept hitting me in the face and would tell me that I might be dead by the end of the day."

The woman said that once at his trailer, OBrien took off Harvey's clothing to keep her from running away. "There was no reasoning with him," she said. "He told me he had to do this to get me out of his system," she said.

She said that during the two and a half hour ordeal, OBrien continued to threaten and slap her and she thought that he might kill her. "When we got out of the car he told me if I tried to escape he would leave me dead on the sidewalk," Harvey testified.

Harvey said that she was able to escape when OBrien went into the bathroom. The woman grabbed her coat and boots and ran across the road to a store from which the police were then called.

During Harvey's testimony, OBrien's glare never left the woman. Several times he interrupted the hearing with outbursts directed at her. These outbursts began at the start of the trial when Harvey's husband did not come into the courtroom. OBrien told the woman to have her husband come into the courtroom. When she refused he called her husband a coward.

During the woman's testimony, OBrien continuously shook his head in denial of her accusations. At one point he even tried to correct a statement of Harvey's by saying, "Let's get the truth out here."

Under cross-examination by public defender Basil Russin, Harvey said that during the 20-year affair, OBrien was never violent towards her. "I never believed he could get that violent towards me," she said.

She also testified that most of the assault took place in the car on the way to Harveys Lake.

OBrien has a history of violence. Police records show that he has been charged with assault and battery in the past. His wife, who is in the process of filing for divorce, also said that he became violent towards her and their children.

OBrien was bound over for a court date and released on his own recognizance on charges resulting from the incident. However, he was taken back to Monroe County where he is being held on \$100,000 bail on kidnapping charges in connection with the case.

His preliminary hearing on the kidnap charge was last month, but OBrien fired his public defender when the attorney tried to plea bargain the case. OBrien said that he fired the attorney because, "I don't want to go to jail for something I didn't do."

Also testifying in the case was Dallas Township police officer Wayman Miers, who assisted in the arrest. The arresting officer was Harveys Lake Assistant Chief Ronald Spock.



RECOGNIZED FOR HIS EXCELLENCE - Lake Lehman senior Ed Kelly, Jr., was given a plaque in recognition of his achievements in football. The plaque was presented last week by the Harveys Lake Borough Council and was given to Kelly for being named to the 2nd team all-state football team for 1989. Kelly is shown above accepting the plaque from Harveys Lake Mayor Joseph Boyle. The two are flanked by Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly Sr.

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figures released by the borough. The council also heard a complaint from Robin Jones, a resident who said that work needed done to the roadway near her home. She said the road, which is unofficially called "Jones Avenue" is in such poor shape that the residents have to park their cars and walk to their houses.

She noted that repairs needed to be done and the road maintained for safety reasons. "If we ever needed to get emergency equipment to those homes the trucks would not be able to make it up the road," she told the council. Jones submitted a petition signed by all the residents of that area asking that something be done to alleviate the problem. The council said it would look into the matter.

The council also presented Lake-Lehman football player Ed Kelly, Jr. with a plaque congratulating him for being named to the 2nd team All-State Football squad for 1989. Mayor Joseph Boyle made the presentation to the outstanding high school player.

Harveys Lake recreation center is open to the public

By Rich Johnson
Staff Writer

If you happen to drive past the Harveys Lake recreation center during the week you might find something interesting — people are using the center. This is a fact that pleases Harveys Lake councilman Joseph Miscavage very much.

Miscavage said recently that the recreation center is there for use by the citizens and he is hoping that they will take advantage of this opportunity. "This is something that is good for the community," Miscavage said last week. "We already have some groups using the center and if others want to use the building I'm sure we can work out an arrangement."

Miscavage said that there are currently three groups using the facility. A local Brownie troop and a local Cub Scout group both use it as a meeting place. There is also an aerobic class that uses the center three nights a week.

Currently there is not a lot of equipment in the center but Miscavage said that is going to change. "Right now it is just a shell," he said, "but we have some items being donated and we are hoping

to clean up the area a bit to make the center look better."

Miscavage said that a refrigerator, a stove, and a sink are all being donated to the center to help put in a kitchen area. Once these are installed, Miscavage said that even more opportunities will open up for the center. "Once the kitchen area is in place there will be the chance for (wedding and baby) showers to be held at the center," said Miscavage.

There are hopes for even more improvements after that but the reality of funding now comes into play. Miscavage says that there are really no funds set aside for improvements to the center, but he is hoping that the borough could find a grant to get the needed money.

For now however, the facility will still be open to those who are interested in using it. Interested parties should contact Miscavage to find out scheduling for the center.



WALK VOLUNTEERS - Member of The Harveys Lake Women's Club will be assisting with the Super Cities walk for Multiple Sclerosis Sunday. Shown from left, Pat Sandstrom, President Mary Jude Swanson, Beverly Vespico, Chairman; Carol Llewellyn, Co-Chairman.

Harveys Lake Womens Service Club volunteers services for Super Cities

Thirty members of the Harveys Lake Women's Service Club of the General Federation of Women's Service Clubs will volunteer their time and efforts for the National Super Cities Walk for Multiple Sclerosis which will be held Sunday, April 1 around Harveys Lake.

The Women's Club members will perform such services as greeting the walkers, helping serve food and drink at the rest stops and cheering on the 600 walkers expected to attend the walk.

"The Harveys Lake Women's Service Club is excited to be involved with the Super Cities Walk," said Mary Jude Swanson, President of the club. "The walk not only unites Northeastern Pennsylvanians at our scenic lake, but it helps the Multiple Sclerosis

Society raise money to find a cure for a disease which is a major concern to women in our area. As a service club we are proud to lend our support to such a worthy cause."

For more information concerning the walk, call 824-7411.

Dallas Twp. subdivisions get approval

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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In a meeting of Dallas Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board held March 20, prior to the township supervisors meeting, the zoning board members approved Anthony Wisniewski's application for a subdivision on 11 acres of land owned by Wisniewski on Lower Demunds Road where the Pinebrook Inn is located.

Wisniewski requested a permit to sell two acres of the land on which the Inn is located to a party by the name of Mooney. He told the zoning board, he planned to keep the remaining nine acres for his own use.

Mary Crispell also received approval from the zoning board to subdivide the property where she presently resides. She told the board she plans to keep the front parcel of the property where her house is located and sell the parcel of land in the back. The zoning board gave approval with the understanding that Crispell will have a 15-foot driveway put in along the side of the property as an entranceway to the parcel to be sold.

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