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44th library auction kicks off holiday

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

This year's 44th Annual Back Mountain Library Auction has a lot of new ideas beginning with the opening date. The auction will open July 4 at 11 a.m. and continuing to 6 p.m. This is the first time the auction has started on the holiday, though it has always taken place immediately after the Fourth.

A picnic-day atmosphere has been planned with a chicken barbecue, barbecued ribs and shish-kabobs, prepared by 'Chicken with Curtis'. There will also be a craft fair featuring craftsmen from all over the state displaying stained glass, jewelry, brass, copper, baskets, stuffed animals, toys and a wide variety of hand-crafted items, most of which will be for sale. Craft lovers will be able to browse to their hearts' content.

The auction booths will also be open at various times throughout the day selling their items, and in the early evening auction items will go over the block.

Ice cream, beverages and pizza will also be available for hungry visitors and the popular folk group 'Just Us' will be on the grounds performing throughout the day.

Takeouts for the chicken barbecue will be available and tickets for the barbecue may be purchased in advance at the library.

The younger set will enjoy the return of the Children's Auction. Connie Scott, general chairperson of the Auction, has revived the popular activity, which will be held Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., giving children an opportunity to have fun bidding on items such as toys, video's and games, the most popular things for the tiny tots and their older brothers and sisters.

Clowns will be on the grounds throughout the day adding to the festivities.

The mouth-watering aroma of hamburgs, hot dogs on the grill, french fries, and other foods filling the air will draw the crowd to the Rotary food booth under the direction of Bill Eckert and staffed by Rotarians, their wives and other

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Sometime gardener

Bob Besecker was out tending the plants beside his building in the center of Dallas last week. The mural behind him lends an air of the outdoors to the center of town. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)

Sunset Beach sold to Paglianite; public use seen

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Sunset Beach at Harveys Lake will soon have a new owner, a fact that has some members of the Harveys Lake Beach Association up in arms.

Negotiations have been ongoing between the Sunset Beach Association and Joe Paglianite, owner of Grotto's Pizza, across from the beach. At a special meeting of the association last month its members approved a proposal to sell the beach to Paglianite for \$14,000.

Paglianite says he wants to bring the beach up to specifications set forth by the Department of Environmental Resources and open it next summer. The beach is currently closed to swimmers because it does not meet DER requirements

Paglianite says he will install restrooms and open the beach for "controlled use"

and there is no liability insurance on the property.

According to Paglianite, the biggest part of updating the beach is to put in restroom facilities. "We want to construct a DER approved beach and that mean putting in restrooms," he said. "We want to make this a first class beach that is presentable to the public."

Besides adding restrooms, Paglianite is planning to develop the shore line and do other excavation

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Patrols stepped up on Harveys Lake

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The arrival of warm weather brings an increase in boating activity on Harveys Lake, sometimes with disastrous results. But this year may be an exception, as many who use the lake say few dangerous incidents have occurred.

Both boaters and law enforcement officials feel that things are going smoothly. "Generally speaking things are going better than normal," said Pennsylvania Fish Commission region supervisor Sgt. Ken Messerle. "We haven't had too many complaints and boaters are being safe."

Messerle attributes this to a number of things but says the primary factor is that the fish commission is on the water and is making itself visible.

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Sgt. Ken Messerle
Pennsylvania Fish Commission

"We have some extra funding this year and it has enabled us to put extra patrols out," said Messerle. The patrols are being seen by boaters and are making stops when necessary.

However, some boaters feel that the fish commission is taking things a bit far. One boat owner from Chase, who wished to remain unidentified, said he thought the commission was "harassing" the

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Regional recycling center becomes possibility

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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It may be out of the sewage business soon, but the Dallas Area Municipal Authority could become the region's recycling center.

Dallas Township and Kingston Township have been investigating the possibility of authority becoming the recycling center for at least those townships and Dallas Bor-

ough, although the mandatory recycling for the borough is not necessary for at least another year or more, according to Frank Wagner, Dallas Township supervisor.

Kingston Township Manager Jeff Box has contacted the Borough and at their last council meeting, the council approved looking into the possibility.

"We're going to have to get into the recycling down the road so we may cooperate if it is feasible," said

Dallas Borough Council President Tim Carroll last week. Council member Pat Peiffer, who has been working with the other representatives said she hoped to have more information at the next council meeting.

Wagner, who has been working on recycling for about a year said he and Box hope the borough representative will meet with Professor Tom Winters of Penn State University and Frank Chadwick

sometime this month.

"We have also been talking with representatives at the prison," said Wagner. "Their barns are now empty and we would like to use them for re-sorting and perhaps some of their manpower. Sen. Charles Lemmond, Sen. Raphael Musto and Rep. Scott Diatterick have also been working with us. We need all the help we can get."

"Eventually, I believe Harveys Lake, Jackson Township, Lehman

Township and even Franklin Township will join us just as they have with the Back Mountain Water Commission.

"DAMA is a perfect set-up, I think," Wagner said. "They have the board with representatives from the various municipalities, the facilities and the manpower. It would be the perfect operation. I may not see it but I think in time

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- RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** - Fri., July 6, 1 to 6 PM, Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake
- Tues., July 10, 12 Noon to 6 PM, Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Rd., Trucksville
- BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION** - Thurs., July 5, 8 PM, Kingston Township Municipal Bldg., Carverton Rd.
- DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD** - Mon., July 9, 8 PM, Administration Bldg., Church St.
- JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** - Mon., July 9, 7 PM, Jackson Fire Hall
- KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Wed., July 11, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Mon., July 10, 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.

DA won't bring charges in fire truck accident

By RICH JOHNSON
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No criminal charges will be filed against the driver of a Dallas fire truck involved in a fatal accident June 3 in the borough.

Alvin Shaffer, a 40 year veteran of the Dallas department, was driving the truck when it collided with a car driven by Ruth Dunaj of Wilkes-Barre. Dunaj was killed as a result of the accident and her son, 9-year-old John Dunaj, Jr. was critically injured. The youth is now undergoing rehabilitation at the John Heinz Center in Wilkes-Barre.

In a press statement released last week, Luzerne County District Attorney Corrales Stevens said that after a thorough investigation "...there is no evidence to justify the filing of criminal charges."

"To justify bringing criminal charges in such a case, there must be evidence of criminal negligence," said Stevens in the press statement. "In short, there must be some evidence of a gross deviation

from reasonable care to justify the filing of criminal charges."

The statement noted that the state vehicle code allows the driver of an emergency vehicle to proceed past a red signal indication "...after slowing down" provided that his audible and visual signals are turned on. According to reports, the fire truck did go through a red light at the intersection in the center of Dallas.

In the statement, Stevens also said, "It is the duty of drivers of other vehicles to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle and to 'immediately' drive to a position parallel to the curb, and to '...stop and remain in that position until the emergency vehicle has passed.'"

According to Stevens, the decision was based on criminal law and "...there very well may be appropriate civil law principles which are applicable."

Stevens said that this decision deals with only this accident and urges all drivers of emergency vehicles to operate within the law.



DA INVESTIGATES DALLAS ACCIDENT - Luzerne County District Attorney Corrales Stevens spent some time in Dallas last Wednesday as he wrapped up an investigation into the June 3 accident involving a Dallas fire truck. Stevens said Friday that no charges would be filed in the case. Shown from left, Ass't DA Gerald Cohen, State Police investigator William Ross, Stevens and Dallas police chief Jack Fowler. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)