

## Beach

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work that he says is going to cost an estimated \$100,000.

Paglianite said the work will be done in phases over a three-year period, but hopes to have the beach open to swimmers next summer.

Paglianite will not be allowed to begin work until the board of directors of the Harveys Lake Beach Association gives final approval of the sale.

This approval will never be given if some members of the association have their way. Even though the membership of association gave its approval at a meeting last month, some members feel the vote was not fair.

Dissenting members have set up a meeting this Friday evening at the Harveys Lake American Legion to protest the sale of the property.

"I just hate to see the beach go into the hands of a private individual," said Nick Deveronica. "I am not against Joe. I am sure he will make it nice if he buys it, but I think it should be public owned not privately owned."

He added, "When an individual owns something he is the boss, but there is some freedom to a public owned property in which a board has to report back to the community."

The Beach Association owns the property but did not have the funding to put the restrooms in when told to do so by DER. In 1987 the association leased the beach to Harveys Lake Borough but tax-

payers said they did not want to pay to put the restrooms in.

Deveronica said if it was a matter of money the association should go about getting it. "You can't run anything with no money but they can raise dues or hold some fundraisers and get the money."

Other members feel that the decision to sell the property was made before the meeting was held last month. Some have complained that a letter sent to the members did not say what the meeting was about and that they did not have enough time to consider the sale when it was brought up at the meeting.

"It was forced upon us," said one member who wished to remain anonymous. "There are a lot of people who really didn't have a say in what was going to happen and that is why we want to meet this week." These members are hoping for a large turnout at Friday's meeting and will then consider ways to stop the sale.

Paglianite said that he has not had any problems with the beach association during negotiations. Members of the board of directors could not be contacted for comment.

As the Fourth of July holiday hits, the beach is closed to the community and anyone caught swimming will be fined by the police. Whether this situation will change next year is still undecided.

## Lake

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boaters. He said the commission personnel should be doing something about the bigger boats on the lake instead of worrying about minor things.

"There are too many boats out here and some of the bigger ones come buzzing past the small aluminum ones without thinking and something should be done about that," he said.

Other concerns were brought to the Harveys Lake Borough Council last month when Florence Shultz asked the council why the borough didn't have a patrol on the lake handling the boats. Council president William Wilson told her it was a matter of jurisdiction. "We do not have authority on the lake, it is the fish commission that handles that," he said. "We handle things on the shore. We have looked into this in the past and were told it was up to the fish commission when it is on the water," he added.

Other boaters feel that things are safe on the lake. "I haven't had any problems," said Ron Kirkutis. "We go out there and fish and the boats watch out for us and we have not had problems," he said.

Daniel Hudack of Wilkes-Barre agreed. "Things are pretty good and everything is safe," he said. "As long as everyone watches what they are doing there are no problems."

A new concern has been seen at the lake the last few years are jet skis. These "water motorcycles" are

continuing to grow in popularity across the county and this area is no exception.

However, some people feel that these new watercraft can be dangerous when mixed with bigger boats. This concern is not felt by Duke Pierce, who spent Sunday on the water with his jet ski.

"As long as you know what you're doing on these they are safe," said Pierce. "The boats are pretty good to us and give us the required distance on the water."

Pierce said that the popularity of the skis will continue to grow. "You're going to see a lot more of these on the water," he said. Messerle said that the operators of jet skis must follow the laws on the water just as boaters do. He also said that the patrols are watching for any waterways violations. "We are trying harder to crack down on things," he said. "So far most of the stops made are for boats that are not properly registered or have violated the speed policy."

But there are few areas on the lake that have a speed limit. The most common place where boats are cited for speed is near shore, where no-wake speed is supposed to be maintained.

The lake is expected to be full of boats over the holiday period as high temperatures are expected. Messerle said that his patrols will be right out with them.

## A new package for milk at Hillside Farms

By RICH JOHNSON  
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Hillside Farms is offering "an utter" way for shoppers to buy their milk. The store, located in Trucksville, offers shoppers the opportunity to buy milk in a polyethylene bag.

The bag, which was described as a "thin skin around the milk", by William Conyngham, an owner of Hillside Farms, is a new container that is working its way into the United States.

"More than half the milk sold in Canada is put in these bags," said Conyngham. "Now they are trying to get it to catch on in the United States."

Conyngham said that there are a lot of benefits to having the milk in the packages; including convenience, cost, and ecological factors.

Anyone who buys the milk packaged in the bags must have a pitcher to put the bags in. Then the person snips open the top of the bag and they are ready to go. When the milk is finished the bag is thrown away and a new one is installed.

This convenience is the reason some customers, like Charles Naperski of Larksville, buy milk in the bags. "It is easier and more convenient to take it out of the refrigerator in the pitcher than in the big jugs," said Naperski.

He also said he likes the fact he can throw out the bag when he is done. "It's easier than lugging around a glass bottle; now we just throw it out."

Conyngham said that Hillside Farms started to carry the new packaging two years ago and it has continued to catch on in the area. Hillside Farms is the only dairy in the area to package milk in the bags but feels that it is

something that will gain acceptance.

One benefit for the stores that package the milk is that it is cheaper. "There is less material to deal with, so it is cheaper to do," said Conyngham.

He admitted that he was skeptical when he first saw the process. After some improvements were made and other options fell into place, Conyngham felt that maybe the Back Mountain was ready to try this type of packaging. Now he says that one-third of his milk sales are from the bags.

"People have a tough time conceiving the idea of how to use this," said Conyngham. "We try to let the customers know how to use it but it is unfortunate that those who have questions don't ask about them." He added that he believes once customers use the bags they will continue to do so.

He also said that he was surprised that some people were buying the containers for environmental reasons. "We can recycle the bags and they don't take up near as much room as other containers," said Conyngham. "This is part of the future when these containers go to a landfill or dump and it takes 50 bags to take up as much room as one jug."

Conyngham said that some school districts are looking into the possibility of buying single serving bags of milk to give to students. He says that these "mini-bags" will be given with a straw in school lunches and this will help cut back on the amount of garbage the schools have. "We already were contacted by one district and we are hoping to get into contracts with schools in the next few years," Conyngham said.



**MILK A NEW WAY** - Dyan Dimond, who works at Hillside Farms in Trucksville, shows off a gallon of milk packaged in polyethylene bags. The packaging is new to this area, though it has been used in Canada for more than a decade. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)

## Lake-Lehman budget has 18 mill tax hike

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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The Lake-Lehman School Board passed an 18-mill increase in its 1990-1991 budget for a total of \$11.4 million by a 6-3 vote at its June 28 meeting at Lake-Lehman High School. Directors Marc Elgaway, Mildred Dobash and Kenneth Williams cast the dissenting votes.

The new budget increases the millage in the Luzerne County regions of the district to 151 and to the Wyoming County Township of Noxen to 64-mills.

School board president Jeffrey Fritzen noted that to cut costs the district eliminated late bus runs for a savings of \$13,000; eliminated \$7,000 in travel costs; cut orders for \$27,000 in textbooks and \$50,000 for new equipment and also approved running the

summer program with volunteer teachers which will save the district \$5,000.

The directors also approved eliminating \$89,000 in capital reserve funds for building projects.

Fritzen also said that Lake-Lehman has only one assistant high school principal, at the senior high school. The position is open at the present time since former assistant principal Robert Roberts has been appointed principal of the junior high school.

A recommendation that present supervisor of curriculum Dr. Boston be named assistant high school principal for the 1990-1991 year was turned down by the board. Boston will continue in his position as supervisor of curriculum and a new assistant high school principal will be appointed at the

senior high.

The board also agreed unanimously to appoint retired principal John Zaleskas as acting superintendent at the rate of \$200 per day for a period of 75 days. Zaleskas will have the option of working two or three days per week or the entire week, according to director Elizabeth Sichter.

Zaleskas retirement as high school principal after 37 years with the district was effective June 30. District superintendent Dr. Charles Borchetta has resigned

effective July 27 and Fritzen said that further cuts in professional staffing could be detrimental to the districts.

The directors also denied a grievance by the Lake-Lehman Education Association concerning health insurance coverage for married couples employed by the district. Board member declined to comment on the subject because it will go to arbitration.

There will be no board meeting in July.

### General Hospital salutes nursing staff

Wilkes-Barre General Hospital recently honored its 644-member Nursing Services staff during National Nurses Week. A reception was held in the hospital's cafeteria for nurses on all shifts. Attending were members of General's nursing staff, Mary Prince, nursing assistant, Dallas; Kathleen Tryzenski, RN, West Wyoming; Betty Sikora, RN, Hunlock Creek; Jill Tupper, RN, Trucksville; Kim Lambert, RN, Dallas.

## Harveys Lake police ask help to solve break-ins

By RICH JOHNSON  
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The Harveys Lake Police Department is urging residents to help each other by watching their homes during the day as break-ins and vandalism have hit the borough hard in the last two weeks.

"A lot of it is happening during the day when people are at work," said Assistant Police Chief Ronald Spock. "What people have to do is just keep an eye on their neighbors' property and call us if they see something going on."

According to police reports, eight

break-ins took place in just seven days. Items taken from the residences included jewelry, VCR's, fishing poles and dog kennels, while the vandalism included broken windows, mailboxes and damage to vehicles.

Police believe that most of the break-ins are done by the same persons. Usually an unfamiliar vehicle is spotted around the residence that is broken into.

Anyone with information about the incidents or who sees something suspicious is urged to call the Back Mountain Communication Center at 675-9911.

## Harveys Lake zoning board turns down trailer

By RICH JOHNSON  
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The Harveys Lake Zoning Hearing Board has turned down a variance request to put a mobile home on a permanent foundation in the borough.

The decision came at last week's meeting of the board when Mr. and Mrs. Linford Evans asked for the variance to put the mobile home on a lot on Second Street.

### Blind Association seeks volunteer readers

The Wilkes-Barre Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind (P.A.B.) is seeking volunteers to help read mail to blind and visually impaired shut-ins.

The local P.A.B. is looking for responsible adults, teenagers, or members of service clubs to donate one to two hours of time per week in order to help a visually impaired neighbor on a one-to-one basis.

If you or your service organization would like to be a part of this volunteer program, please contact the Wilkes-Barre Branch, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind at 63 N. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701, or call 823-1161.

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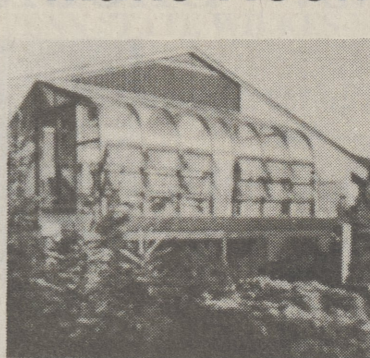
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