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ing devices designed for one or two people. These machines are smaller, lighter and more maneuverable than boats. But some area boaters feel that the size of the jet skis and their ability to quickly change directions could cause a hazard.

However, the operators of the jet skis are quick to point out that they are registered water crafts and they must obey the same laws on the water as the boats.

"We have the same rules as everyone else out here," said Gerald Congdon of Harveys Lake. "It is not that bad as long as you watch what you are doing on the jet ski and you are courteous to everyone else on the lake."

Kevin Gibson of Loyalville agreed. "Things get tough when there are a lot of boats out here, but they often give us the room we need," he said. "It gets a little dangerous when you fall off and they may not be able to see you because you are just like a swimmer in the water."

One youngster who was operating a jet ski said that it is the boats which cause the danger for the jet ski operators. He said that it is common to see jet skiers cut off boats and then the boater retaliates.

Frank Kann of the state Fish Commission says that they have not had many problems with jet skis. "If (a jet ski) is a registered

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Kevin Gibson
Jet ski rider

water craft and as long as the operator has a PFD (personal flotation device) and the craft is registered and the operator is obeying the law they are all right," said Kann.

He added that the big complaint of boaters is jet skiers riding over wakes. "The machines are designed to do that and boats are not, so the boaters become a bit concerned," he said.

While the original jet ski was designed for use by one rider in a standing position, today there are several makes and models. Most are designed for two persons, who can sit while operating the craft.

Despite the concerns it looks like the jet skis are here to stay, simply because operators say they are so much fun.

"I've been on ATVs and motorcycles and boats," said Congdon. "But this is the best." Gibson agreed. "This is the best thing I've ever ridden," he said.

Hugh and Linda Woodward working on last fair

By RICH JOHNSON
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Every summer for the last three years, the Luzerne County Fair has consumed a big chunk of Hugh and Linda Woodward's lives. After this year, the fair will be just a memory for the couple who has put so much time and effort into the event.

Woodward, who works for Proctor and Gamble, has been transferred to Cincinnati, so the family is packing up and moving. But before they go the couple is determined to again help out with the fair.

The Woodwards have been working as chairpersons for different parts of the fair for the past three years. Hugh has been president of the fair council and general chairman, while Linda headed the ticket booth.

During a recent interview, Hugh said that he has mixed emotions about leaving the area.

"I am very excited about my new position," he said, "but at the same time I am sad about leaving the fair which has been a big part of my life for the last three years."

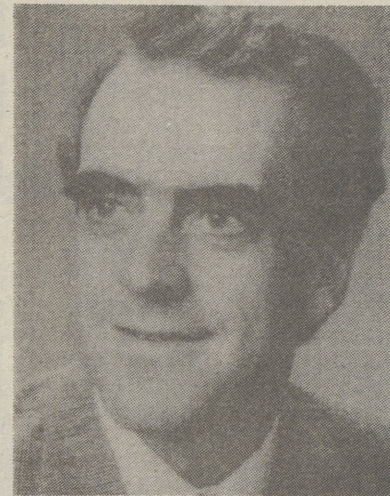
He said that the fair has allowed him to experience a lot and highly praised the work of other volunteers who help with the annual event.

"I really appreciate the commitment some of these people give towards the fair," said Woodward. "A lot of times it has made our jobs easier."

He said that the fair depends largely on volunteer help and he



LINDA WOODWARD



HUGH WOODWARD

hopes that Back Mountain residents will come out and help again this year.

"The chairpeople are trying to get their final staffing and we could always use more help, so I hope

people will respond, because without the volunteers we wouldn't have a fair," said Woodward.

Other fair board members feel the same way with many saying the volunteer work of the Woodwards has been one of the big

reasons for the success of the fair in recent years.

Lillian Piatt, who worked with the Woodwards the last two years gives a lot of credit to the couple. "They have done an excellent job," said Piatt. "Hugh is a very caring and methodical person who really put his heart and soul into the fair. He has been an excellent leader throughout," she added.

Marge Moyer agreed with Piatt's remarks saying that members of the board will miss the Woodwards. "We are sorry to see them go; they helped bring the fair up to where it is now," said Moyer.

Hugh Woodward will be able to say goodbye to many of those people during this year's fair, but Linda is saying her goodbyes now. She is leaving for Cincinnati at the end of the week.

Both Hugh and Linda will remember the Luzerne County Fair and in turn the fair and its many members will remember them.

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deal to buy the restaurant fell through. Dorothy Chaney's name appears on the tax rolls as the person to whom property taxes are sent and is responsible for payment. Dick Chaney's name is listed on papers filed as the person who paid the sales tax.

But Dallas Borough Solicitor John S. Fine, Jr. served Equity in Action papers seeking to have the structure demolished on James B. Post, Jr. and Ron Post, trading as TLC Enterprises. That action was originally filed in Luzerne County Court in March, 1989, but the papers were never served. After one reinstatement, the complaint was finally served in March of this year.

A successful Equity in Action ruling would allow Dallas Borough to have the building torn down and charge the owner, plus a 10 percent premium.

Ron Post, through his attorney, Robert Scovell, has denied being a partner or owner in TLC Enterprises Inc. But his signature appears on the transfer of the State Liquor License from TLC to Cosmart Enterprises Inc., trading as The Pizza Hut. State regulations require the signature of an officer on a liquor license transfer.

Who owns the former Hearthstone Steak Pub? The Chaney's, or the Posts or someone else?

Repeated attempts over the past three weeks to contact Post, Chaney and Fine were unsuccessful, and messages to return a reporter's calls were ignored.

If the borough finally wins an Equity in Action case, the next question will be whether or not it will go ahead and raze the building. In the past, the borough has claimed it had no surplus funds. If the defendants are ordered to pay the costs, there is presently no assurance that they will, since they have already asked the court to dismiss the charges, claiming not to be owners of the building.

Given the length of time it has taken to get this far, which may not even be close, the former restaurant may haunt Main Street in Dallas for years to come.

Storm

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Reimer said that sudden storms like the one that hit the area raise havoc for the crews. "The severity of the damage along with the large number of outages made the work very time-consuming," he said. "In a case like this you really don't have enough men to send out to get things back in order quickly," added Reimer.

Road crews from area municipalities also spent most of the night clearing wires and cleaning up roadways. In Lehman Township the solicitors ran their monthly meeting as quickly as possible so that they could join the crews in trying to cut trees that had fallen on roadways and on utility wires.

Harveys Lake Borough was one of the hardest hit areas in the Back Mountain. Councilman Rick Boice, who is in charge of roadways, said that there were a lot of trees and limbs blown down during the storm. He noted two houses in the borough that had trees fall on them. Despite these two incidents he said that residents of the borough were lucky that there wasn't more property damage.

He also praised the efforts of cleanup crews in the borough. "We had a lot of people out there helping us," said Boice. "We even had council members, firemen and road

personnel who were out trying to help friends and neighbors and our crews."

The Country Club Road area of Dallas Township was also hit hard. UGI workers said that four trees toppled over there, taking out power lines along the way. One worker said that it took crews most of the night to clean up that area. Residents along that road were without power until Tuesday morning. According to one worker, the Irem Country Club experienced a power outage during a gathering but was able to use a generator to keep the guests happy.

Dallas Township Road Manager Phil Walters said that his crews didn't have too bad of a time compared to others. "Towards Kunkle there was a 66,000 volt line that was brought down, but they cut the power to the line and we could help clean that up. Basically we didn't have too much damage in our area," he said.

The Dallas-Shavertown Water Company issued a boil advisory Tuesday because of the power outages caused by the storm.

As crews continue to clean up the toppled trees, area residents with property damage are hoping to get things straightened out as quickly as possible.

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