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## 'Pizza Wars' winners named

The gourmets of pizza have spoken, choosing providers of the Back Mountain's best. The winning restaurants in The Dallas Post's "Pizza Wars" contest are:

- Thin crust - Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake
- Thick crust - Pizza Perfect, Trucksville
- "The Works" - Apple Tree, Too, Chase Corners

But it was close! In fact, Pizza Perfect was only one vote behind Apple Tree for "The Works" title, while Apple Tree ran neck-and-neck with Grotto in thin crust.

1,300 votes were cast on the nearly 500 ballots turned in during the three-week contest, with all fourteen area pizza shops pulling in a share. The strength of support for many of the restaurants surprised some observers, as newcomers fared well against their established competitors.

Each of the winning restaurants will be presented with a framed certificate describing their accomplishment. Also, two lucky voters have been chosen to win \$35.00 gift certificates to the pizza restaurant of their choice. They are Richard Arland of 25 Amherst Avenue, Wilkes-Barre and John F. Handley of RD 1, Dallas.

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## Hanson's rezoning put on hold

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

An attempt to rezone part of the former Hanson's Amusement Park at Harveys Lake has been turned down, at least for now.

An application by Don and Shirley Hanson to rezone approximately 29 acres of property from commercial to multi-family residential did not receive a recommendation from the Harveys Lake Planning Commission on Monday.

Members of the planning commission said they needed more information before they could send a recommendation to the borough council to approve the rezoning, which is the first step in an effort to begin building a townhouse com-

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## Coming up:

### Arts at Hayfield Arts and Crafts Fair

Sunday, August 26  
11 a.m.-6 p.m., Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman. Arts and crafts exhibits, musical entertainment, one-act play "Amelia" and children's activities. Donation \$1.00

**HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD** - Tues., Aug. 28, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415  
**LEHMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION** - Mon., Aug. 27, Zoning Board 7 PM, Planning Commission 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.



## Daddy's little helper

Three-year-old Courtney Goodrich helped her dad, Robert, put a shine on his restored 1953 Chevrolet during the Back Mountain Auto Show Sunday. The annual event sponsored by the Lake-Lehman Band Boosters draws hundreds of entrants and fans. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)

## Comm Center to send paramedics despite firemen's complaints

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

It couldn't have been a more timely start to last week's meeting of the Back Mountain Communication Center's board of executives. Just before the meeting started a call came over the beepers of some emergency personnel who attended asking for an ambulance. The message went on to say, "...a paramedic unit is also requested."

The controversy on how Advanced Life Support (ALS) units are dispatched in the Back Mountain is still going on and debate at the meeting was long and loud as voices were raised on both sides of the issue.

In the end the communication center will stick with its policy of simultaneous dispatching, despite complaints from various fire and ambulance personnel.

At last week's meeting, Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson said that the decision to go with simultaneous dispatching was made behind the backs of those whom it would affect the most.

Dodson, who acts as a liaison between the executive board and the fire and ambulance crews, said he felt that ambulance personnel should have been allowed to take part in making the decision to change policies.

"When you guys went to talk to EMS and others about this I was under the impression that I would be part of the process," Dodson told the board. "But when it was done I wasn't contacted about

anything. I wasn't even told it was being considered for a vote until after it was done," he added.

Paul Sabol, president of the board and Kingston Township Police Chief, denied that things were done in secret. "We didn't do this behind your back," said Sabol. "I'm trying to do it for the people in the Back Mountain. I have nothing to gain by this and it seems like it

is just a personality conflict," he exclaimed.

Dodson, and some others in attendance, said that at a meeting earlier this year the board said that it would not go ahead with simultaneous dispatching and felt that the issue should be left up to the ambulance crews and the

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## Emergency medical pro praises dispatch move

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The executive vice-president of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) of Northeastern Pennsylvania said he is happy to see the Back Mountain Communication Center adopt a policy of simultaneous dispatching.

John Campos said last week that the decision to send paramedics with ambulance crews on certain emergency calls will help everyone, especially the patient.

"That is what it is all about for the advanced life support (paramedic crews) and basic life support (ambulance crews)," said Campos. "In order to provide quality care you must do what is in the best interest of the patient."

Campos said that ambulance and paramedic crews often have to be able to work together at a scene. "We are not taking anything away from the basic life support units but we feel by dispatching the advanced life support crews we are providing a higher quality of care," said Campos.

Studies have shown that not only can a paramedic crew help with saving a life at the scene of an incident, early intervention can reduce the long term effects of an injury or trauma, according to Campos. "Not only can you save lives out in the field but you can also shorten the stay in the hospital and some of the other long term effects," he said. "There

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## Jones' bar to be shut for month

### Also face \$4000 fine for liquor law violations

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Eleanor Jones, the liquor licensee of the Lake Silkworth Hotel has been fined \$4,000 and will have her liquor license suspended for 30 days after the Bureau of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Enforcement found that minors were served on various occasions at the establishment.

The Bureau of Enforcement charged Jones, who is the holder of the liquor license, with two counts of serving alcohol to mi-

nors, two counts of allowing minors to frequent the establishment and one count of supplying liquor to minors.

The charges stem from two separate incidents in 1989. One case dealt with incidents that occurred around June 10, 1989 in which students of the Lake-Lehman High School were served at the bar. During a hearing at the Bureau of Enforcement office in Wilkes-Barre in May, testimony was given that Jones' husband was the bartender who sold beer and liquor to the students.

Thomas Duffy testified that David "Jigger" Jones sold him two eight packs of Rolling Rock Beer on Saturday June 10, 1989. At

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## Smith judgement reversed; now called self-defense

By RICH JOHNSON  
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The state Superior Court, in a decision last week, overturned a decision by a Luzerne County Court and released a Lake Silkworth teen from a Philadelphia reform school.

Chris Smith, 18, was released Friday after a three judge panel reached a decision which said Smith acted in self-defense when he shot and killed Richard Hillman in the early morning hours of June 11, 1989.

Hillman, who was 18 at the time,

was shot outside of Smith's house after the two were involved in an argument. Court records show that the two youths were at a graduation party when they began to argue over a girl.

The records show that the two again began to argue outside Smith's house when Smith went inside and secured a .22 caliber revolver. A fight then ensued and Smith fired a warning shot in the air.

The court decision said that

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**BAREFOOTING** - Rocky Davis, age 6, goes barefooting across the waves on Harveys Lake behind a boat driven by his dad. (Photo contributed)

## Lake youngster skis barefoot at age of six

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Early risers at Harveys Lake aren't imagining things when they see a small, blond-haired boy skimming across the lake waters barefooted. They are actually seeing six-year-old Rocky Davis barefoot water skiing behind his family's boat.

Rocky made national news when he began skiing at the age of 13-months-old. Back then, he had to be fastened to the rope

since he wasn't strong enough to pull up out of the water on his own.

The son of Jack and Jackie Adams Davis, he was the subject of a PM Magazine feature story. Now at the age of six, he has been doing barefoot skiing for several years, first learning on a boom but now using the rope.

Rocky has also been slalom skiing for the past year but his

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