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Library auction is volunteer tradition

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The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction has come a long way since that warm day in 1947 when the first sale was held on the lawn of the old library building on Main Street in Dallas.

Organized by a group of community-minded women under the direction of the late Howard Risley, the event was more like a summer lawn picnic with a one-day sale and auction of old furniture, glassware, china and a few odds and ends items ready to be discarded by housewives.

But the picnic sale drew plenty of visitors and the event raised more money than expected for support of the library.

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Back Mountain Library Auction Schedule

WED., JULY 3—5 p.m.-10 p.m. Craft Booths & Auction
THURS., JULY 4—11 a.m.-6 p.m. Barbecue; 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Auction; 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Square Dance
FRI., JULY 5—5 p.m.-10 p.m. Auction
SAT., JULY 6—10 a.m.-noon Children's Auction; 5 p.m.- Midnight Auction
SUN., JULY 7—5 p.m.-Closing Auction

Timed Items (New Goods)

FRI., JULY 5 8 p.m. Gas grill
FRI., JULY 5 9 p.m. Swing
SAT., JULY 6 8 p.m. Man's watch
SAT., JULY 6 9 p.m. Amethyst & Diamond Ring

Special 4th of July festivities planned

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Special events for a great Fourth of July celebration are planned again this year by Back Mountain Library Auction volunteers.

A day filled with fun, food and friends will include a craft fair, a chicken barbecue, auctioning of some items and—new this year—a square dance to top off the evening.

"We had also hoped to have a fireworks display, but municipal ordinances prevent such an event so near the center of town," said chairperson Connie Scott.

The craft fair and barbecue on the library grounds will kick off Independence Day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some items will be auctioned

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More boats, fewer problems at Lake

By RICH JOHNSON
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Hot, sunny weather has drawn more boaters than ever before to Harveys Lake, but so far the increased traffic has not meant more accidents, officials and boat owners say.

"There seems to be more and more people on the lake," said boater Richard Wilson of Dallas. "But everyone seems to be playing it pretty safe, so far."

Concern has been expressed during the past few summers that the increased speed and boat population has made the lake unsafe. This season boaters don't seem to be as worried but say the concern is still in the back of their minds.

"I've been doing this for years and have seen my share of close-calls," said Thomas Rafferty of Wilkes-Barre. "So far boaters have respected each other and I haven't seen any accidents."

Linda Spruce of Harveys Lake agreed. She said she often sits on the dock and watches the traffic on the water and believes that boaters are safer this year.

"There is a set of rules on the lake and everyone is following them," she said.

There aren't many laws for boaters on the lake but many go along with some of the "unwritten rules", such as traveling in a counter-clockwise direction and keeping enough distance between watercraft.

Officer Kerry Messerle, of the state fish commission, said that there is no limit on the size of the boats and no speed limit in many areas, but he added that boaters are not allowed to create a wake within 100 feet of shore.

Messerle also agreed that boat-

Extra patrols are planned for the holiday weekend

ers seem to be safety conscious this year. "So far things have been running real smooth," he said. "We have had no real major problems and I hope it stays like that."

Messerle said the Fish Commission has had one incident of a person boating under the influence of alcohol and added that patrols will be watching for more violations as the Fourth of July holiday approaches.

"We have extra patrols scheduled for the lake and they will be watching for all violations, especially anyone under the influence," said Messerle.

"With this being a holiday, alcohol is always a factor and that leaves a possibility of a tragedy that we want to avoid," he said.

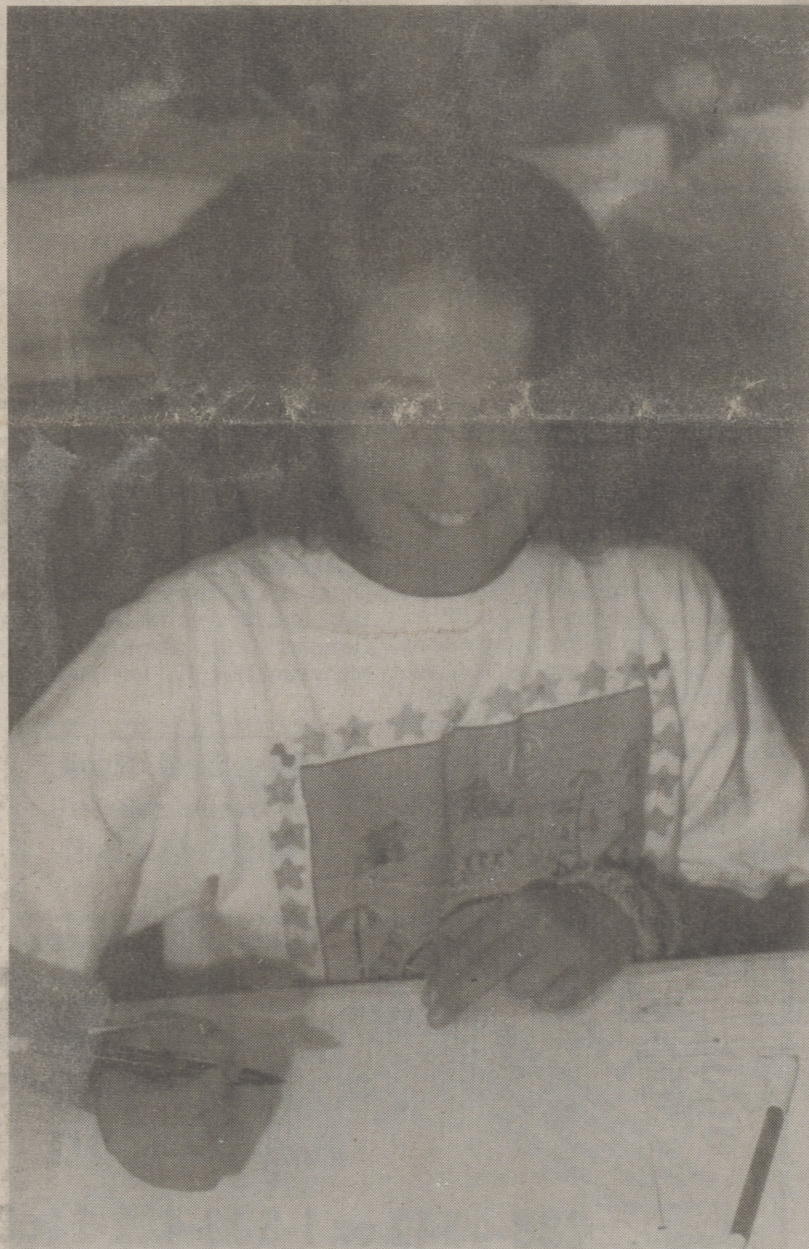
Boaters say the Fish Commission is making itself more visible this year and that helps keep boaters on their toes.

"I've been stopped a couple of times," said one Harveys Lake resident who asked to remain anonymous. He chuckled and added, "Now when I'm out there I watch for them."

Frank Bowers of Chase said he was pleased to see the Fish Commission on the lake. "It shows some of these larger craft that they can't just do what they want on the lake," said Bowers. "I'm glad to see them out here."

As the holiday approaches, Messerle reminds everyone who will be at the lake to be safe while boating by wearing personal flotation devices and not operating a craft while drinking.

Summer fun!



Sara Weisberger, 12, of Harveys Lake takes part in an arts and crafts class at the Jewish Community Center camp in Idetown. She is one of nearly 300 children attending the camp, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary. See story on page 3. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Dallas ok's 17 mill school tax hike

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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After two hours of discussion and nine votes, the Dallas School Board passed a \$14,837,246 budget for the 1991-92 year, raising property taxes by 17 mills to 158. The action came at a special meeting June 29. Voting against the final plan were Ellen Nagy, Ernest Ashbridge and James Richardson. Jack Cleary, John George, Thomas Landon, John Litz, Clarence Michael and Tom Stitzer voted for the budget.

The budget appeared to be a compromise between a tentative budget that contained a 15 mill tax hike, and the demands of some residents and teachers for a 22 mill increase.

In an early vote on a motion made by Cleary for 17 mills, Richardson explained that the two-mill increase allowed only enough increase to bring back one teacher. "To me that's pick and choose," said Richardson. "I'm against that."

At one point chairman John Litz explained that voting beyond 15 mills created a problem. "At 15 mills, we knew what was cut or curtailed in the budget," Litz said.

"There is no agreement about what should be done," said Cleary. "Next year may be worse than this year. We must move ahead so we're not running so close to the bone. We must have some fat in the event of an emergency."

Board member John George said

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100+ turn out for final Dallas budget hearing

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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More than 110 people turned out for the final public meeting to discuss the 1991-92 Dallas School District budget June 28, one day before a vote on the spending plan.

A tentative budget of \$14.7 million included curtailment in programs as well as cuts in staff despite a proposed tax increase of 15 mills.

Many of the taxpayers attending the meeting appeared to disapprove of the increase while a few teachers and several taxpayers spoke in favor of an even higher increase.

Dallas Education Association

President William Wagner addressed the board expressing the teachers concerns on the proposed curtailment in programs and the furloughing of six teachers and four district employees.

"For the past month we have met and heard input on the state's cut in funding," said Wagner. "It's no secret that the state is not providing adequate funds for the school districts. It's difficult to understand when the Governor does not explain where the earned income tax has gone, so that educational programs cannot be maintained and must be cut or curtailed."

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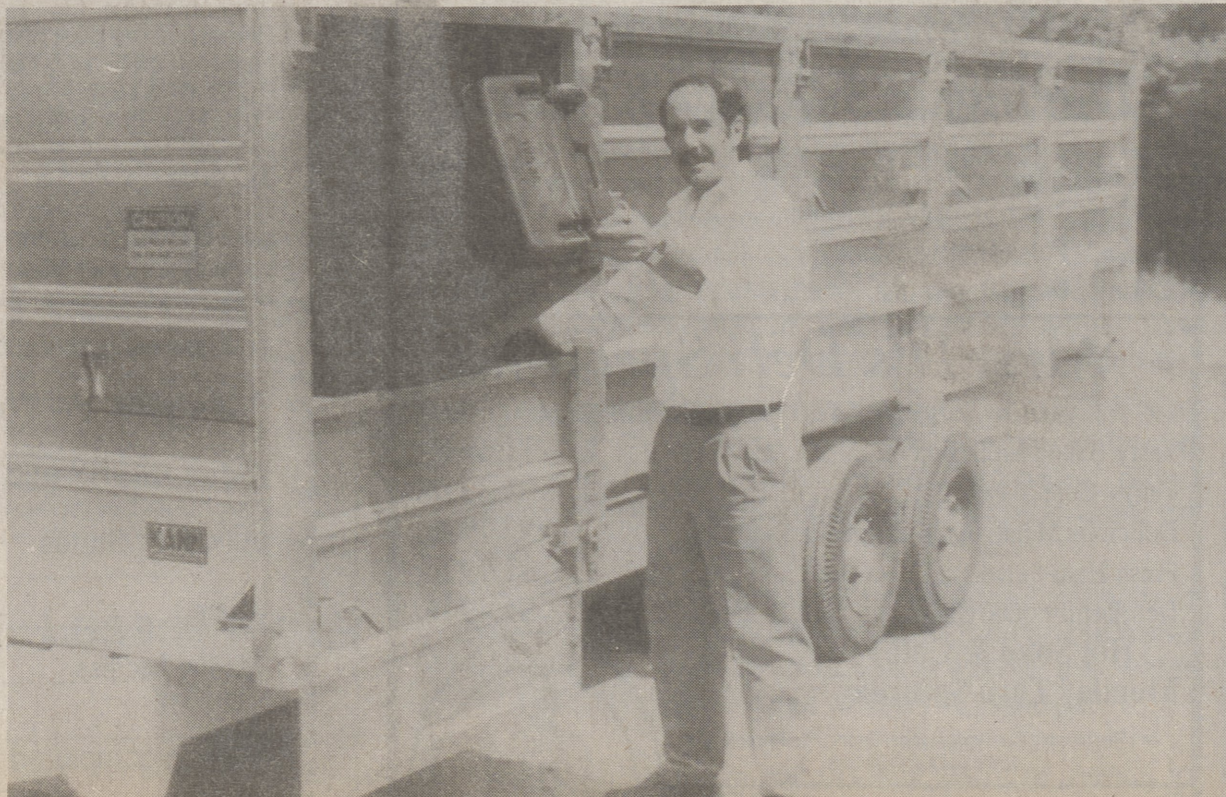
Lake-Lehman school taxes up by 25 mills

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Lake-Lehman School Board members approved a 1991-92 budget of \$13,770,788 by an 8-0 vote at a special meeting June 28. The budget represents an increase of 25 mills, raising the district's property tax to 176 mills in Luzerne County and to 76 mills in Noxen Township in Wyoming County. In the Lake-Lehman School District one mill raises \$29,000.

Board member Dr. John Prepper voted in favor of the budget but said, "I am not happy with this budget, nor are most of the other members, but we don't have much choice. We have cut or curtailed as much as we could."

"I don't believe that homeowners should be fully responsible for the taxes. It should be others as well. I wanted a 'pay as you play'



RECYCLING BEGINS - Harveys Lake Borough is set to begin its weekly curbside recycling program next week. All residents are expected to participate in the mandatory program. The borough has purchased special recycling containers for all homes and any resident who hasn't picked up the container can do so through Saturday, July 6 at the borough recreation center. Above, recycling coordinator David Abod empties one of the containers in the new trailer purchased for the program.

Curbside recycling begins July 8 at Harveys Lake

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In less than a week Harveys Lake residents will be required to recycle their household trash as the borough will begin a curbside recycling program. The mandatory program is slated to begin on Monday, July 8.

According to David Abod, recycling coordinator, the curbside program will be a benefit to the borough and its residents.

"We made it as easy for the residents as possible," said Abod. "We felt the need to recycle and the best way to do it was to set up a curbside program like the one we have."

The program calls for residents to put recyclable materials in a separate container from their regular garbage. The container, provided by the borough, will be put alongside the garbage and picked up the same day.

"It is actually quite convenient," said Abod. "We will be accepting the recyclables co-mingled and will

pick it up the same day as the garbage." Co-mingling is the process of placing many recyclable materials such as glass and aluminum cans in the same container, but separate from other garbage.

To help get the program underway, the borough garnered a grant

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