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Dallas cheerleaders to perform in London

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Four Dallas High School senior cheerleaders were the first from the Back Mountain to receive national honors at the NCAA Penn State cheerleading camp held in July.

Tami Landon, Wendy Vaughan and Ginger Williams were three of four girls who chose to try out for National All Stars offered only to seniors, and all three were selected to participate in a performance in London, England in December. The girls, accompanied by their mothers, will stay in England from December 26 to January 2 and will perform for the Lord Mayor Of Westminster's New Year's celebration and at the Royal Albert Hall.

All Stars from all over the United States will be in the group, which in past years has numbered approximately 100 girls. The cheerleaders will also be reviewed by members of the Royal Family whom they may meet while in England.

While in London, the All Stars will tour Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor, Oxford and Cockswald where they will see the famous thatched roof cottages. They will also visit Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and other historic sites.

Jamie Maniskas, the fourth Dallas cheerleader, Wendy Vaughn and Ginger Williams also qualified to try out for positions on the National Cheerleaders staff who teach all over the country, and possibly qualify for judges.

The girls chosen for the staff are the best in the nation and have been observed by national officials for attitude, appearance and skills since they have been freshmen. Their grades are also taken into consideration when they are selected as seniors. The local girls will be called in the near future to report to one of the states where they will perform and be told whether or not they qualified.

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THEY'LL CHEER IN LONDON - Dallas cheerleaders Tami Landon, Wendy Vaughan and Ginger Williams will be among an American contingent who will show off their skills during a trip to England later this year. And Jamie Maniskas will try out for a position training cheerleaders across the nation. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

Charges expected after lake crash

By ERIC FOSTER
 Post Staff

Charges will tentatively be filed against Daniel Cochran, 23, of Dallas in connection with a boat accident at Harveys Lake late September 1, in which two boats carrying a total of eight passengers were involved.

Cochran was allegedly the operator of a speedboat carrying three passengers, when at about 11:30 p.m., his boat rammed the rear of a slower boat and jumped over it, landing back in the water at the front of the other boat.

According to Waterways Conservation Officer Claude Neifert of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, tentative charges against Cochran include reckless operation of a watercraft, negligent operation of a watercraft, going too fast in a no-wake area, failure to assist at the scene of an accident,

and fleeing and eluding police. Cochran fled the scene of the accident, and turned himself into Harveys Lake Police Monday.

Cochran's three passengers, Molly Hockenberry and Jeff Hockenberry, both of Dallas, and David Hopkins of Trucksville, were treated and released from area hospitals Monday.

Bill Sickler, the operator of the Bayliner boat which was run over, was also treated and released along with his three passengers, Colleen Reagan, Anthony Guduz, and Michelle Lokuta, of Avoca.

After the accident Sickler docked his boat and ran across the street to Hanson's restaurant to get help.

As he and David Hanson, 29, of Harveys Lake, ran across the road to the lake, they were struck by a car. The driver of the car was re-

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SHOWOFFS - Richard Sylvia and his sister, -----, of Dallas, will be among the exhibitors at the Luzerne County Fair, which runs this Wednesday through Sunday. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

Fair overflows with exhibits and animals

By ERIC FOSTER
 Post Staff

If Old McDonald were to go to the Luzerne County Fair this year to sing his song, he'd be mooing a long time.

A record 127 cattle have been entered for competition at the 29th annual Luzerne County Fair, on its tenth year at the new fairgrounds.

"Six years ago there were 17," said Ralph Sands, livestock supervisor at the fair. "It's grown for the simple reason that we've given them cooperation."

Many of the 50,000 people expected to attend this year's fair will be mainly interested in picking up some food, then sitting back and watching some entertainment. But for farmers, children in 4-H clubs, people who make crafts, and the fair volunteers, this week is the culmination of a year's worth of work.

"We're bursting at the seams. We have more entrants than we've ever had before."

Jim Rogowski
 Co-chairperson for arts and crafts

"The county fair is the end of the 4-H year," said Susan Sylvia of Dallas, chairperson for the small animals competition and leader of the Noah's Ark 4-H Club in Dallas. "4-H is very project oriented and there's a lot of stress on basic life skills. Every year the kids are asked to put together a form detailing what they've done for the year and it's really a kind of a resume."

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Group wants to reopen Sunset Beach

By ERIC FOSTER
 Post Staff

The Harveys Lake Beach Association will reopen its beach at Sunset next season, but not to the general public.

Instead, at their meeting August 31, the association passed a resolution to admit associate members, who could use the beach, but would not have voting rights in the association for three years.

Associate membership would be open to residents of the Harveys Lake area near the beach, including Idetown. The cost of associate membership was not set, but Ed Bilder, who was elected the new president of the association, said that he knew of more than 150 families who would be interested in joining for \$100 a year.

"We're like a family, and like all large families, we sometimes have arguments."

Ed Bilder
 New Harveys Lake Beach Ass'n president

Currently the association has 68 members in good standing.

Bilder, and his wife Gloria, who was elected treasurer, were among 14 people who filed a lawsuit in November of 1990 to stop the sale of the 175 feet of beach to Joe Paglianite for \$13,422. The sale had been authorized at the Beach Association's June meeting in

1990.

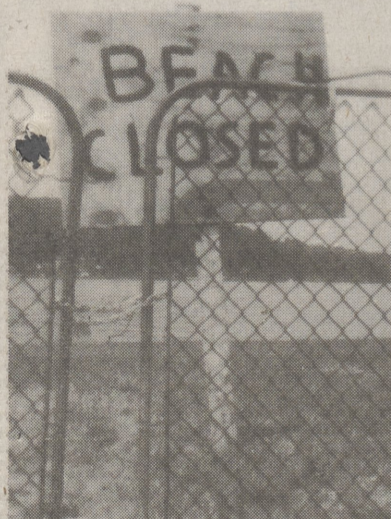
Paglianite, who sits on the association's board, withdrew his offer to purchase the beach early this August.

Despite the legal battle over the beach, the vinegar was left at home at the association's latest meeting. It was all reconciliation as John McKeown president of the former board gave a farewell speech for the old board members and officers before a new board was elected.

"The goals of the association are the same," said McKeown, "to open a beach at Sunset. There's no hard feelings, let's get on with the reorganization."

McKeown said that the board had decided to sell the beach to Paglianite, owner of Grotto Pizza,

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CLOSED FOR NOW - Sunset Beach at Harveys Lake was closed all season. The group that owns the beach hopes to reopen it to members next year. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

Back Mountain competitors fare well in triathlon

By ERIC FOSTER
 Post Staff

Three Back Mountain athletes captured top-three places in their brackets in the Greater Wilkes-Barre Area Triathlon September 1, and dozens more completed the course for their own satisfaction.

Dale Hayden, 43, of Dallas, came in second in the male, ages 40 to 44 group, completing the course in 2 hours, 21 minutes, and 25 sec-

onds. Daniel Silverstein, 40, of Shavertown, came in 5th with a time of 2:29:56.

Gerry Kavanagh, 59, of Dallas, came in second in the male, ages 55 to 59 group, with a 2:55:37 time.

Crista Schineller, 22, of Harveys Lake, came in second in the female, ages 20 to 24 group, with a 2:51:20 time.

Mike Tomalis, 28, of Ashley was the first area finisher, at 2:11:39.

Minutes behind him were Chris Hackett, Shavertown; Con McCole, Wilkes-Barre; James Blaum, Forty Fort; and Kevin Augustine, of RD3 Wyoming.

Other finishers from the Back Mountain area were:

Keith Augustine, Shavertown; Charles Eckman, Dallas; Mark Corgan, Shavertown; Robert Friedman, Shavertown; Leonard Romanowski, Shavertown; Wayne Devine, Harveys Lake; Stephen

Gilligan, Shavertown; Michael Judge, Dallas.

Also, Dwight Cummings, Dallas; Joseph Persico, Shavertown; Tom Berezich, Trucksville; Colleen Reed, Dallas; Len Barlik, Dallas; Gene Cannon, Dallas; Robert Scovell, Dallas; Rob Nygren, Sweet Valley; Keith Martin, Shavertown; Sean Reynolds, Dallas; Lee Turner, Lehman; Frank Sgarlat, Dallas.

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ARTISTS FOR ART - through Sept. 22, MacDonald Art Gallery, College Misericordia. Exhibition by 45 artists. 674-6250.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEETING - Wed., Sept. 11, 7 PM, Dallas American Legion, Rt. 415. All veterans and interested persons welcome.

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