

Main St. barn gets a facelift

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One of Dallas Borough's oldest buildings, a barn at 66 Main Street, is getting a facelift and a new lease on life.

Purchased February 1 by Scott Parkhurst of Kingston Township, the structure is approximately 120 years old, according to the title search.

"I like old buildings with interesting histories," Parkhurst explained. "All of my renovations to the building have been aimed at maintaining its historic look while modernizing the water, sewer and electrical service."

He plans to retain the brick sidewalk, art glass windows, exposed beams and the structure's rustic exterior appearance. The newly renovated 1,000-square-foot second floor apartment is already rented.

According to deeds filed at the Luzerne County Courthouse, the barn was built by the Ryman family, who also owned the home across the street and several other Main Street businesses. It was part of two parcels of land on Main Street purchased by John J. Ryman from the Jacob Rice family.

The Ryman home later housed the Back Mountain Memorial Library for many years.

Ryman's heirs sold the barn to Tom and Anna Reese, parents of Dallas Borough Tax Collector Tom Reese, in 1943. The Reese family operated the Glenview Coal Company at that site for more than 20 years.

"My dad started the Glenview Coal Company, which delivered coal to Back Mountain customers, down on Lower Demunds Road opposite the present Parker Fuel Company," Reese reminisced.

"Our coal came in by rail on a railroad spur which ran into Fern Brook. But when rail rates increased, it became cheaper to haul



REFURBISHED - A 120-year-old barn at 66 Main St., Dallas, has been divided into an upstairs apartment and a downstairs storefront during extensive renovations by its new owner, Scott Parkhurst. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

the coal in by truck. Early in the 1940's, we bought the Ryman barn, where we stored our trucks," he continued.

Reese said that the one-story concrete building next door was built for Glendale Coal on the site of Ryman's former horse paddock by Art Calkins. Presently the Dallas Borough tax collector's office, it originally served as Glenview Coal's office. Calkins also put a cement floor in the basement of the barn.

Burt Stitzer of Shavertown reinforced the barn's first floor to accommodate the coal delivery trucks. Its old-fashioned wide-cut, diagonally laid boards are still sound

and sturdy.

The stone and brick foundation of the Ryman family's old ice house still stands behind the barn.

Tom and Martha Reese took over the coal business in 1965, selling the barn in 1973 to Barrie and Paulett Cliff of Pittsburgh, who converted the structure into an antique shop.

It changed hands again in 1975, when Erman and Goerge Dolan, also of Pittsburgh, set up another antique shop there.

In 1977, Gerald and Susan Reisinger acquired the barn to use as a combination store, office and home. They added a deck to the

front of the second floor and a stone and brick patio, used partially for wood storage, to the first floor.

Parkhurst has added a foyer and separate entrance to the first floor and hopes to rent it out as retail space. "I think that it would make a great old books store, antique shop or health food store," he said.

"Dallas has many interesting old buildings," Parkhurst concluded.

"When I look down Main Street, I see the great potential for restoring many of them into a small historic district."

Harveys Lake will be stocked with trout

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After first deciding not to stock Harveys Lake with catchable trout this year, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission has reversed itself, and will stock trout after all.

In order to accelerate efforts to establish a trophy trout population at Harveys Lake, the Commission will close the lake to all fishing at 12:01 a.m. March 16 until the opening day of trout season, April 18 at 8 a.m.

During that period, over 6,000 legal-size brown trout will be stocked. This will allow time for these fish to become well established. In the fall, the Commission plans to stock 25,000 fin-clipped fingerling browns.

"In the past we've focused on rainbow, but what we found were big brown trout, we didn't get that many rainbows," said Tim Copeland, fisheries technician. "We know the brown trout can out-compete those other fish. Conversely, they're harder to catch."

The stocking of adult fish is going to be a one-time action to jump start the Commission's effort to make Harveys Lake a haven for trophy trout, said Copeland. After this the Commission will stock fingerlings.

One of the challenges the Fish Commission has faced in providing good numbers of catchable and trophy trout at Harveys Lake has been the dense population of predator fish, primarily walleye.

The Fish and Boat Commission netted 55 walleye ranging from 10 to 25 inches in 18 hours during its survey at the lake last fall. The

Commission did net some excellent trout, but not many; a 29-inch brown and five others ranging from 21 to 26 inches.

"What we're trying to do is establish a trophy trout fishery in Harveys Lake. Based on the netting results, we know the lake has the potential to produce some big trout," said Copeland. "There are all these predators in the lake there and we have to work with and they're not going to go away."

Because Harveys Lake has such an abundant walleye population, walleye stocking will be stopped. The Commission will conduct walleye sampling and stomach analyses after the stocking of adult trout in the spring and again after the fall fingerling stocking to determine relative survival rates.

The purpose of the stomach analysis will be to determine if the walleyes are the ones eating the fingerling trout which the Commission has stocked for the past several years, but which don't appear to be surviving.

"We're going to check that out. There's a lot of other fish in the lake," said Copeland, but "walleyes would tend to be the most efficient."

In 1993 and 1994, a spring stocking of over 200,000 fingerlings and a fall stocking of 25,000 fingerlings is planned. In 1994, a gill netting in late fall and/or electrofishing will be conducted to determine the abundance of brown trout from different stocking times and different size fish placed in the lake. A stomach analysis on walleye will again be conducted, and an angler opinion survey will be taken in November or December.

Franklin Twp. to participate in materials buying co-op

Tele-Media Cable Television Service of Harveys Lake notified the Franklin Township supervisors that cable TV rates will go up to \$18.50 per month, as of April 1, it was announced at the March 2 supervisors' meeting.

The supervisors also established a wage and fee scale for sewage enforcement work done in the township.

Two supervisors were authorized to attend the annual township supervisors' convention and an all-day workshop at Penn State in April.

The supervisors voted to participate with Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough in the road materials joint purchase program, in order to take advantage of discounts for materials purchased in bulk.

Supervisors accepted the resignation of Fred Lohman from the zoning hearing board. Any township resident interested in filling this position is asked to call the municipal building at 333-4111.

The April meeting has been changed to Wednesday, April 1, at 8 p.m.

Rep. Mundy to be in Kingston Twp. Mar. 19

State Rep. Phyllis Mundy will be bringing her district staff to Kingston Township on Thursday, March 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

This is an opportunity for Kingston Township residents to meet Mundy and her legislative assistants Sara Woodard and Bernice Rabin.

Mundy and her staff will be

prepared to answer questions or handle problems residents may have with driver's licenses or registrations, property tax/rent rebate forms, PACE applications or any other state government programs. They also will have applications for many of these programs available.

Mundy is the state representative from the 120th Legislative District in Luzerne County.

Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from February 20, 1992 to February 28, 1992. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid. Many transfers such as those between family members, are exempt from tax, so no amounts are shown.

Elizabeth Ann Carter to James M. Carter, RD 2, Box 377, Dallas, property SR 1034, 3.05 ac., Lake Twp.

Roxanne R. Weinberger to David M. Weinberger, One Highwoods Dr., Kingston Twp., Wyoming, property 1) 5.023 ac.; 2) 5.006 ac., Kingston Twp.

John J. Hudak to Maplemoor Inc., PO Box A, North End Station, Wilkes-Barre, property Idetown Rd., Lehman Twp., \$15,000.

D & J Wesley Construction Co., Inc. to Robert M. Kaminski, 323 E. Poplar St., West Nanticoke, property Rte. 5-522, 1.27 ac., Ross Twp., \$6,900.

Charles Zannetti to Dolores Schake, 226 Poland St., Swyersville, property 3.545 ac., Franklin Twp.

Walter Davis to Wm. H. Haller Sr., 14 Susquehanna Ave., Forty Fort, property Layou Ave., Kingston Twp., \$6,000.

Estate Oliver S. Jenkins, Joan J. Chernego, Extr. to James J. Barlow, 97 Maplewood Ave., Dallas, property Maple Ave., Dallas Boro, \$5,000.

Sterling Farms Inc. to Raymond L. Miller, RD 1, Box 358, Second St., Harveys Lake, property Sr.

1024, .30 ac., Dallas Twp., \$47,000.

Per Sheriff, Youngsville Development Co., Inc. to First Eastern Bank, Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, property Newberry Estates, Dallas Twp.

Per Sheriff, Vincent W. Kristelvic to First Eastern Bank, First Eastern Plaza, Wilkes-Barre, property 129 Frangorma, Kingston Twp.

Per Sheriff, Mikhael Melamed to GMAC Corp., Iowa, 3451 Hammond Ave., PO Box 780, Waterloo, Iowa, property 3785 Chase Rd., Jackson Twp.

Per Sheriff, Lynn Obringer to Hanover Bank, 639 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, property 50

Southside Ave., Dallas Twp.

Albert B. Crake to Albert B. Crake, 71 W. Mount Airy Rd., Shavertown, property Hill St., Kingston Twp.

Youngsville Partnership II to Newberry Estate, Homeowners Assoc. Inc., 1140 Route 315, Wilkes-Barre, 1) 10.72 ac., Dallas Boro; 2) 23.29 ac., Dallas Twp.

Julia Romanowski to Judith Ganis, RD 1, Box 513A, Upper Demunds Road, Dallas, property L 4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2, Rose Manor, Dallas Twp.

John H. Graham to John H. Graham, 40 Elmcrest Dr., Dallas, property W. Elmcrest Dr., Dallas Twp.

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