

## Back Mountain man starts fund to help the Amish

By ERIC FOSTER  
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After the Agnes Flood devastated the Wyoming Valley in 1972, the Amish were here to help rebuild.

In 1987, when a dozen area farmers lost their barns to arson fires, the Amish were here again to help build new ones.

Now, six barns destroyed by arson fire in mid-March have left the Amish in need of help.

The arson fires in Centre County, which is where Penn State University is located, have killed 38 draft and driving horses, and about 130 cows, according to Robert Frey, of Dallas, who has established a fund to help the Amish replace their losses.

"I lived in Kingston in the 1972 Flood and a lot of the Amish came to help," said Frey, who moved to the Back Mountain from Lancaster County where many Amish live in 1953.

"I want to help these folks because I know what they're up

against," said Frey. "What made it so bad, spring is the worst possible time. In April they should start planting. They don't have the equipment or the horses either."

While the barns have all been rebuilt, Frey said that animals, and horse-drawn equipment are needed so the planting can begin.

"They need horse-drawn farm equipment, especially harrows," said Frey. "Because of the lateness of the season, it should be in usable condition. They can repair it but they don't have the time."

If anyone has horse-drawn farm equipment that they would be willing to sell to the Amish, call Robert Frey at 675-4374.

"They don't want to take a lot for nothing, they're proud," said Frey. Those wishing to donate money to be used to replace the animals which were killed and burned can send the donations to:

Big Valley Fire Relief Fund, care of Kish Bank, 310 East Main Street, P.O. Box 917, Belleville PA 17004.



**A NEW BARN** — Ralph Sands at his barn in Carverton. The Amish helped build the barn after he lost a barn to an arson fire in 1988. The Amish in Centre County have recently lost six barns to arson fires, prompting Back Mountain resident Robert Frey to start a relief fund.

## Harveys Lake mulls direct payment for amphitheater expenses

By ERIC FOSTER  
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Harveys Lake Borough may not enact an amusement tax this year even though concert promoter Thom Greco has offered to pay the borough a 2% tax to reimburse the borough for extra costs brought on by crowds at the Harveys Lake Amphitheater.

Instead, council president Richard Boice said that the borough solicitor Charles McCormick was investigating whether or not it was legal for the borough to be reimbursed directly.

Boice feels it would be better to be reimbursed directly for the added police needed to direct traffic to the 4,000 seat amphitheater than have a tax, because the borough would have a more accurate idea of how much additional expense the amphitheater will create.

"We're looking at 4 or 5 extra police," said Boice. "I'd like to see how much additional funds it cost this year before instituting any kind of tax."

If the solicitor rules that Greco cannot reimburse the borough directly, then Boice said an amusement tax would be instituted.

With the 2% tax that Greco has offered to pay, based on selling 4,000 tickets at \$20 each, the borough would take in \$1,600 per concert.

The first major act scheduled to play at the amphitheater is Kenny Loggins on Memorial Day, May 24.

On Sunday, May 24, several local bands will play the amphitheater, including Strawberry Jar.

The Kenny Loggins tickets are \$18.75. The telephone number for the ticket office is 825-3333 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Other concerts scheduled so far include: a laser light show on June 6; Crosby, Stills and Nash on June 16; Dolly Parton on June 21; and Willie Nelson on July 20.

## Public hearing May 20 on Dallas Borough zone code

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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Dallas Borough's Planning and Zoning Board unveiled a map to accompany a proposed new zoning ordinance at its regular meeting Thursday, April 30.

Several changes in zone designation are contemplated in the proposal. A former R-2 residential section including Newberry Estates has been designated as a planned residential development, or PRD. According to Adrian Merolli of the Luzerne County Planning Commission, Newberry Estates is the only development of this type in Luzerne County.

The new ordinance also would allow planned residential develop-

ments to be built in C-1 (conservation) zones. That land is found near Huntsville Reservoir, on both sides of Reservoir Road.

Some residential zones will be changed to allow smaller lot sizes and the area of the borough along Main and Franklin streets will be designated a multi-family zone.

No changes have been made in the boundaries of existing conservation ("C") or business ("B-1" or "B-2") areas.

The borough council will hold a public hearing Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. to hear comments on the new zoning code.

Copies of the code are available for public inspection at the Dallas borough manager's office and *The Dallas Post*.



## Holmes receives \$550 donation for Habitat for Humanity

Tables were turned by the office personnel at a National Secretaries Week function at Penn State Wilkes-Barre when secretaries and other support staff presented a \$550 cash gift to faculty member Anne Holmes, physical education instructor, to help finance her participation in Pedal for Power, an organized cross-country bicycle tour between Los Angeles and Boston. The office support group raised the money in a three week candy sale project. Ms. Holmes will ride her bike 3,363 miles across 13 states beginning May 11 to help Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity. Shown are Anne Holmes, left and Karen Berlew, chair of the fund-raising project.

## Horse Show May 9-10

The Yellow Rose 4-H Club of Luzerne County will sponsor its Seventh Annual Spring Classic "Open Horse" Show on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Route 118, Dallas.

The show will begin on Saturday at 8 a.m. featuring a variety of Western classics. Events including Western Pleasure, Trail, Reining, and Gymkhanna for all ages from youth through adult will be held.

On Sunday, the show begins at 8 a.m. featuring English classes for all ages from youth to adult. A wide variety of Hunter classes including Pleasure and Over Fence classes will be held.

This year's event promises to be one of the best and will offer many incentives such as Division Championships and Reserve Champion. The \$300 added money Yellow Rose Pleasure Classics to be held each day and the Super Horse Award, which is given to the horse accumulating the most points at the end of each day.

The Yellow Rose 4-H Club members will donate a portion of their profits from this year's horse show to benefit other local children's organizations.

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For more information contact Diane Kreller, 477-2513.

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