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Water rate hearing July 22 in Harrisburg

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

customers of the Dallas, Shavertown, Harveys Lake and Noxen be given an opportunity to testify. water companies will have it's first public hearing on July 22 in Har-

hold a pre-hearing conference giving those people who have filed formal complaints against the sumer Advocate also has filed a proposed increases a chance to formal complaint, and is pushing

ing conference is establish the residents can testify.

issues and set the hearing dates," said Sharon Wilmarth, of the Public Utilities Commission. Only indi-The proposed rate increase for viduals who have filed a formal complaint against the increase will

As of June 19, four individuals had filed formal complaints with the PUC, and 103 informal pro-An administrative law judge will tests had been received, said Wil-

The state's Office of the Confor at least one hearing to be held "What they'll do at the pre-hear- in the Back Mountain area so local Decision on local hearings will be made then.

To file a formal complaint, you can call (717) 787-2395, or write: Secretary, Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265.

Because the company is allowed time to respond to formal complaints, Wilmarth said it would be at the discretion of the judge whether or not someone filing a

complaint at this time would be allowed to testify at the pre-conference hearing.

If the requests were approved, typical customers of the four companies can expect to see their quarterly bills jump by the following amounts:

• Shavertown: from \$99.27 to \$127.02 for 13,000 gallons, or

• Noxen: from \$59.19 to \$95.82 for 9,000 gallons, or 61.74%

• Dallas: from \$68.93 to \$136.04 for 14,000 gallons, or 98.90%

· Harveys Lake: a flat rate of \$32.74 to \$118.70 or 338.94%

The new rates would mean that customers of each company would pay approximately the same amount for a given gallon of water

The manager of the water companies, Michael Coyle, has maintained that one of the reasons the rate hike is necessary is that improvements have been made to the water system since General Waterworks purchased the compa-

nies in 1990.

The hearing will be at 10 a.m. in the North State Office Building on the corner of North and Commonwealth streets, Harrisburg.

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ENJOYING THE AUCTION - Ray and Betty Wrightman of Falls made a day of it Saturday They had recently returned from South America, but found time to visit the auction.

Library auction drew 1000's of visitors, plenty of bidding

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Enthusiastic bidding, congenial visitors and overwhelming community support helped to make the 46th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction this past weekend a great success, according to chairperson Connie Scott.

The auction was truly amazing. I am very pleased with the results, especially considering Friday night's threat of thunderstorms, which kept many people from the valley away," Scott But visitors were ready for Sunday night's show-

ers, transforming the bidding area into a sea of umbrellas which suddenly popped up as the first Spirited bidding both Saturday and Sunday

nights continued until 1 a.m., with an exhausted

finance committee working until 3 a.m. to care-

fully keep track of the correct price and purchaser

of each item sold.

Scott commended the finance committee, headed by Patrick Bellardi of the accounting firm Kronick, Kalada and Berdy, for its work. Other finance volunteers included employees of First Eastern and Merchants banks, Jean Hillard of The Dallas Post, and Bob Delconte of Sam's Hairdressers in Shavertown.

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The plant booth was completely sold out by 9:30 Sunday night, according to chairman Loretta Jones. Cactus, redwood seedlings, annuals, bird houses and feeders - everything disappeared. Kim Stager had to get up early Saturday morning to make more firefly houses because they had all

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Summer is time for pool safety

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Hazy summer days are perfect for poolside fun, from neighborhood swimming parties to a quiet afternoon lounging by the backyard pool with a cold pitcher of iced

But an unforeseen accident which sometimes could have been prevented can completely ruin an

Red Cross offer some safety tips to keep the backyard pool a source of good times throughout the sum-

Chip Morgan, a member of the Red Cross Water Safety Commission and director of the pool at Irem Temple Country Club, advocates restricting pool access with a six-foot fence with a locked gate.

Although there may be no chil-

enjoyable time. The YMCA and the dren in the household, the neighborhood could have many youngsters who might be tempted to sneak a quick dip in an unattended or unsecured pool on a hot

day, Morgan said. According to nationwide drowning statistics, 3,000 people — 40 percent of recorded drowning victims — died in unsupervised back-

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zoom

John Halbing races to hillclimb record

By ERIC FOSTER Post Staff

Question: What climbs faster than John Halbing driving up a

Answer: John Halbing's racing

For 15 years one man has dominated the Giant's Despair Hill Climb in Laurel Run. Oscar Koveleski; who in 1977 rocketed up the mile-long stretch of twisting road in a McLaren open cockpit sports car in 44.127 seconds, a time nobody could beat.

That is until John Halbing of Dallas decided he was going to

beat the record. With only five years of serious racing under his belt, Halbing zoomed up Giants Despair Saturday. July 11 in a new record time of 43.491 seconds. And as if to prove it was no fluke, on Sunday, he covered the semi-vertical mile in 43.883 seconds, crossing the finish line at 120 miles an hour. The next fastest time was 44.241, horse-power engine. He decided run by Jerry Coffee of Avoca in a against it. Formula Atlantic.

In his other races this year,

Halbing is batting over .500. Outo seven sports car races, he has driven the Grotto Pizza Camaro GT-1 to first place four times, three of them at Pocono Raceway.

"We spent a ton of time prepar ing this car over the winter," sai Halbing. "Not just for the hill climb but that was the center of atten

Though preparing the car cos money, Halbing says that mone isn't what broke the record a Giant's Despair.

"There were people in the pit who had a lot more money in their cars then I had in mine," sai Halbing. "Over the winter we tor the car apart down to the bar chassis."

Halbing purchased the eight year-old car in Chicago last year Determined to break the hill climb record, he considered boosting th car's speed just for the event b renting a new 700 horse-power engine for it in place of it's b

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NO MOPS NEEDED HERE — David Moser with extra cleaning equipment he uses for his buisiness which may be in violation of the township's zoning ordinances because it is stored in a small building behind his home in Kingston Township.

Kingston Twp. sups will appeal zoners decision

By ERIC FOSTER

Post Staff

When David Moser moved from Church Street in Dallas Township to Pioneer Avenue in Kingston Township last December he moved his business with him. In doing so, he may have run afoul of Kingston Township's zoning ordinances.

Or he may not have, depending on whether you listen to the township supervisors or zoning hearing

Moser, who owns a commercial cleaning business, uses a room in his home for an office, and uses a smaller house behind his home to store extra cleaning equipment. While it's not unusual for a businessman to have an office in his

home, the sticking point for the supervisors is his using the small house for storage. About 25 feet square, the house

is just barely larger than a shed. In it Moser keeps seven vacuum cleaners, seven mop buckets, three large jugs of cleaning chemicals and about a dozen gallon-sized bottles of cleaners.

"I don't have any customers come to my house. I don't have sign," said Moser. "My employees don't come to my house. Ninety five percent of our business is on regular routine basis. We keep al of our equipment on site.'

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