

Burning

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permitted provided the fire is attended. Tires may be burned only to help in agricultural work, such as removing tree stumps.

The pave cut ordinance, modeled after Kingston Township's, is more detailed than the previous ordinance.

The supervisors also awarded a contract to Wilkes-Barre Construction to pave Gates Road for \$16,900.

A study of Gates Road will be done to determine the speed and weight limits for the road. Police chief Don Jones asked that the speed limit be posted at 25 miles per hour.

The supervisors donated \$3,000 to the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department as they had budgeted for this year.

The September Supervisors meeting has been changed from September 7 to September 14 at 7:30 p.m. because of the Labor Day Holiday.

Hybirds

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was a working farm for many years. Mrs. Ray began to plant trees on the rocky hillsides where soil has worn thin; black locusts are especially good for replenishing soil and adding nitrogen, she says. And trees help combat air pollution by "inhaling" carbon dioxide and "exhaling" oxygen.

"The trees are here for the land, to give something back to it after so many years of taking from it," she reflected. "I want to give my land a little T.L.C. because it's been worked so hard. And I don't use any sprays or additives that might affect the water table."

Although Windy Hill has not yet developed into a full-fledged commercial nursery, Mrs. Ray has a nursery license and is a member of the Pennsylvania Conifer Association, whose members exchange information and seeds and conduct educational seminars.

She is currently experimenting to determine which dwarf variants can survive the area's harsh winters.

Her son, Jim, is her business partner; she hopes to have her

other sons, Walter and David, join to make Windy Hill a commercial nursery. Daughter Betsy Pitcavage also lives at Windy Hill, where Betsy's husband and sons help take care of the trees.

Mrs. Ray's son, Walter Billings, discovered the funny-looking hemlock variant that later was named *Tsuga Canedensis Chase* in honor of the family's hometown, while hunting in the nearby woods 20 years ago. A five-foot specimen occupies an honored place in the garden alongside the house.

Out of 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren (and another on the way), two of Mrs. Ray's grandsons have followed in her footsteps: Victor Billings, who owns a landscaping business outside of Quakertown, and Carl Dymond, who just graduated from Penn State with a four-year degree in horticulture.

"More than the trees, I feel that my biggest work in life has been developing a love of the land in my family," she said. "That's my immortality. If I can pass that down, I've contributed something to the world."

And if tree spirits actually exist, they have probably found a permanent home among the peaceful trees of Windy Hill.

Sulfur smell

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"This isn't something we just put there," said Coyle. "DER approved this."

"It stinks," said Alexia Baum, of Main Street, Shavertown. "To me, the water doesn't smell any different. I didn't notice any overpowering odor. I don't notice any difference now."

"You can't have the windows open and you can't sit outside, it smells so bad," said Josephine Whittle, who lives closest to the aerator.

The smell isn't constant, said Whittle, it comes and it goes.

After complaints about the smell, the company added the metal stack to the aerator to raise its height to 30 feet so the smell would be released further from the ground.

The stack hasn't helped, said Whittle.

"It's gotten worse if anything," said Whittle. "Not only do we have rotten water, we have rotten air. I would like to move at some time to a warmer climate, but I don't know who would buy this home."

"As far as I'm concerned, it's not acceptable because it's a poison," Baum. "What happens with me. I get a headache, my throat gets dry, and I feel off center."

Whittle said that she's had headaches since the aerator has been operating, and after she

planted trays of plants in her yard they all died.

"I don't see how it can be just a little poisonous," said Baum. "It's like being pregnant. You either are, or you aren't."

But in the tiny amounts released by the aerator, Coyle and DER both say there is no health threat.

Coyle said that the aerator releases between .0005 and .0025 parts per million of hydrogen sulfide in to the air while operating — far below the maximum level recommended by DER of .1 part per million.

"There may be isolated instances where they can smell it," said Mark

Carmon, of DER. "I don't want to make light of it. It's not a very pleasant smell. It's a nuisance, not a health threat."

Carmon said in an enclosed space, such as a mine or sewer, hydrogen sulfide is very dangerous.

In open air it diffuses, said Carmon, but, "you can smell it at very very low levels."

Both Baum and Whittle drink bottled water. Baum does note that the water has improved in the past year.

"Previous to that," said Baum. "I turned on the water and it came out the color of mud."

Machell Ave. will be closed for water line replacement

Machell Avenue in Dallas has been closed to all non-local traffic so the Dallas Water Company can replace 1,800 feet of main, according to Michael Coyle, manager of the company.

Coyle said that 3-inch cast iron main that may be as much as 90 years old will be replaced with 8-inch PVC pipe. The cost of the work, done by R.N. Fitch and Sons, will be about \$50,000, said Coyle.

"It will help improve flow throughout the system," said Coyle, who estimated that over the years, the present three inch pipe may have become so clogged that it is about as wide as a quarter.

When the Machell Avenue project is finished in two to three weeks, Coyle said that 900 feet of water lines will be replaced on Poplar Avenue, Dallas Township at a cost of about \$20,000.

Legends of the lake

In years gone by, longtime residents of Harveys Lake told tales handed down by their ancestors about events that happened at the lake. True or not — nobody really knows, but they are entertaining in the telling and hearing.

Before her death last September, Charlot M. Denmon compiled some of these legends. Hard as it may to believe, they are...

The petrified wagon driver

In the early days of timbering and ice-cutting, a team of horses drawing a wagon full of logs across the ice, went through and sunk to the bottom of the lake with the wagon driver on board. Despite attempts to get them out, the rescuers were unsuccessful, and horses, wagon and driver were never found. Years later, stories began to be told by various swimmers and divers that they had seen the team, wagon and driver, carefully preserved in thick ice near the bottom of the lake.

Sinking ice

In the 1800's a settler living at the lake left his home early one morning, walked across the lake on the ice to the other shore and went on to town to do some shopping, returning to the lake about dusk. To his surprise, when he got to the lake the ice was melted from shore to shore, proving the old settlers tale that the ice on the lake sunk in the evening and surfaced again in the early morning.

The homemade diving helmet

For years the story was told that a man made a diving helmet out of a hot water boiler and went diving in the lake. He claimed it worked, but one day when he went down in the waters he got into trouble and disappeared. Later, the makeshift helmet was discovered and it was found he had no airlines on the helmet. The man's body was never found.

A wet Model T

A man driving a Model T truck drove out on the ice where it was thin and he and the truck went down. It is said that Fred Swans was successful in getting the man to shore but the truck was never found by divers who went looking for it.

The drowned flirt

During the Depression years, a girl in a boat was flirting with men who were swimming. It is said that she hit one of the men and he went down in the lake. Despite repeated attempts his body was never recovered.

A steamship waits

Somewhere near the Outlet, the remainder of a steamboat quietly rests on the bottom of the Lake. The steamship was once used as a dry dock.

An Indian encampment

For years the Post Office at Sunset was known as Shawanese because it was told by early settlers that a tribe of Shawanese Indians once camped along the lake shore and that the early settlers who purchased land in the area found many Indian relics when they turned over the land for planting. Years later, it is claimed these reports were mistaken and that the Indians camped along a lake nearer the New York border.

A bite from a lobster

One day in the 1880's a gentleman entered a Harveys Lake stagecoach at Wilkes-Barre and placed a bag and a fishing basket on the seat beside him. Soon after, a young lady boarded the stage and sat in an adjoining seat. After traveling a short distance, the young lady began to give frequent looks of annoyance at the gentleman who appeared unconcerned about her annoyance. Suddenly she jumped to her feet and said to him "Insolent" and boxed his ears. The gentleman was surprised and asked what was wrong and she said "You pinched me". Imagine the young lady's surprise when the gentleman looked under the seat and recovered a large, live lobster that had escaped from the bag on his seat. The lady apologized.



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