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Local volunteers make triathlon run

By ERIC FOSTER
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When the 1992 Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is run Sunday, August 16, one winning team will be back again and the odds are they'll be as successful this year as last.

Directed by attorney Jim Harris and Joanne Gensel in 1991, the triathlon and its hundreds of volunteers attracted some 450 competitors from all over the world.

This year, the team of Harris and Gensel are back as race co-directors, and the event will be

larger and the competition keener than ever before.

More than 575 racers are expected to swim, bicycle, and run their way through the Back Mountain. The race will determine the six men and the six women professionals who will represent the United States in the world championship held in Canada. The top amateur triathletes in the country are being drawn to the race because it's been named a qualifying race for the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. So far, the competitors hail from 28 states and four other

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countries.

Though the number of competitors for the race has increased, Harris and Gensel say they'll still be outmanned by the volunteers, who will be passing out water, directing traffic, and setting up the starting areas to name just a few of their jobs.

"Joanne and I don't run the race by any means," said Harris, of Dallas. "The volunteers, they run

the race. For us, it's a matter of getting the right people together."

"The focal point is these people put hours and hours in and they've done it for years," said Gensel.

Many of the volunteers at the triathlon will be apparent, people handing out water all along the course, paramedics standing by at the swimming area and the finish line, scores of volunteers firefighters and fire police at busy intersec-

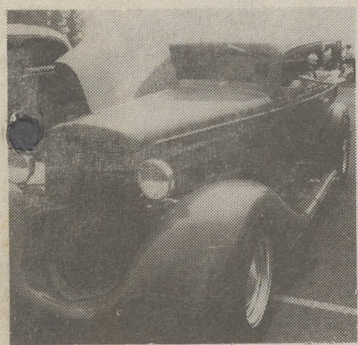
tions along the course.

Others will be invisible, like divers under water at the swim course.

"Divers will be in the water at all times," said Luzerne County Sheriff's Department Lt. Rich Zeglin of Dallas. "If any swimmer gets in trouble, we'll be able to respond immediately."

Besides divers the Sheriff's Department also will have its motorcycle unit helping local police officers direct traffic, and seven

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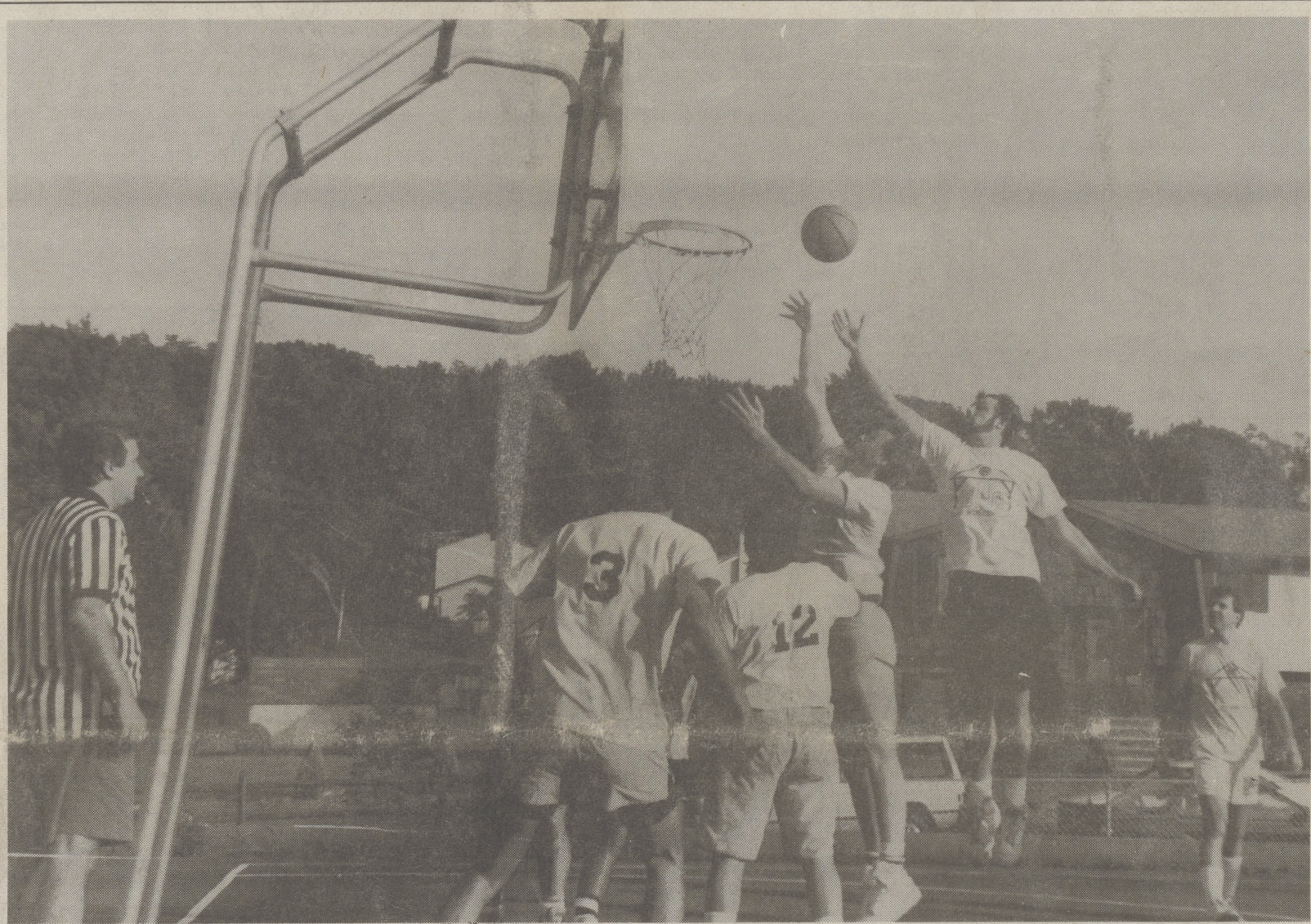
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Going for the score

Walt Weir of The Fieldhouse went up for two points in a playoff game August 5 in the Dallas Recreational Basketball League. Sean McGovern tried to block from behind as Tim Suttiff (3) and Dennis Dacusin (12) awaited a rebound while Jack Wolensky

watched for fouls. The Fieldhouse won 83-76 and will meet Humphrey's August 12 for the championship. The league has played this summer at the Dallas Recreation Center. Story, more photos on sports page. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

Schooley Farms developers take the 'green' approach

By ERIC FOSTER
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If Leonard Romanowski and Dr. William Burak had wanted to, they could have sought permission to build 50 new homes on the 19th century Schooley Farm in Kingston Township.

Instead, their development on the 131 acres of land zoned agricultural will have no more than 29 new homes on it, and perhaps fewer.

Under the township's ordinances, the minimum lot size for homes in an area zoned agricultural is 2 1/2 acres. Romanowski and Burak's subdivision, named Hillbrook Farms, lots will have an average lot size of 4 1/2 acres. Located along Schooley Hill Road and Ondish Road, Hillbrook Farms lots range from 2 1/2 acres to 7 acres.

"The bottom line is, this is going to be developed one way or another," said Romanowski. "We thought let's buy the land and let's

not prostitute it. The most we can put on here are 29 other homes.

If the land has to take a hit, it's the smallest hit possible."

To further protect the land from over-development, property owners in the subdivision will have to abide by covenants. Among other things, the covenants restrict to 20%, or one-half acre in total, how many trees can be cut on the wooded lots. The covenants also stipulate that anyone purchasing two adjacent lots shall have the

lots conveyed to them as one lot, which means that there could be fewer than 29 new homes built on the farm because the covenants say that the property can never be subdivided further.

To meet storm water runoff regulations, individual lots will have detention basins to moderate the flow of water into Snake Creek, which winds through the area. The homes would be connected to the sewers, but would have individual wells. No new roads are called for

in the subdivision, but Ondish Road, now unpaved, would be paved.

"Our interest is keeping everything the way it is," said Romanowski, who wants the subdivision to keep its farm character.

Both Romanowski and his partner Dr. Burak live near the subdivision.

Burak's home on Howell Road overlooks the farm fields, while

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Jackson officials worry about quarry fencing

Fear someone could fall 100'

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Safety concerns have prompted Jackson Township supervisors to ask American Asphalt to repair a dilapidated fence behind the company's rock quarry in Chase.

American Asphalt is in violation of township zoning ordinances by not properly maintaining a fence around its operation, according to township zoning officer Robert Culp.

Culp said that owners of properties adjacent to the quarry have complained that only part of the quarry is surrounded by a six-foot chain-link fence as required by the township's zoning ordinance.

The rest of the quarry is surrounded by a badly deteriorated four-foot high turkey wire fence that has fallen down or has holes in several places, Culp said.

"The old fence was in place before 1968, when I became zoning officer," Culp said. "At that time it was a good fence, but now it has deteriorated very badly."

"If a hunter unfamiliar with the area accidentally goes through one

of the holes in the turkey wire, he's in for a long fall. It's more than 150 feet to the bottom of the pit."

Culp added that the chain-link fence has been broken through on several occasions, allowing dirt-bikers access to filled-in sections of the quarry. Although American Asphalt has repaired these breaks, Culp said that the fence is broken through again within several days of the repairs.

Wade Hoyt, whose parents' Hillside Road property adjoins the back of the quarry, said that he has walked right up to the edge of the quarry as recently as three months ago. "There's no fence where I was, just a clearing in the woods and suddenly, a big hole in the ground," he said.

Township solicitor Blythe Evans reported to the supervisors at their June 1 meeting that he had sent American Asphalt a letter in May asking them to repair the fence.

The supervisors directed Evans to write the company another letter about the fence at the August 3 meeting because they had not

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A LONG WAY DOWN - a drop of more than 100 feet awaits unwary hikers who might inadvertently walk through a dilapidated turkey wire fence surrounding part of American Asphalt's quarry in Jackson Township. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

Fugitive nabbed at mall

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Friday, August 7, was not a good day for Edward Price to go shopping.

Wanted by Dallas Township police and the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department since he escaped from custody Thursday, July 2, Price was spotted by off-duty Luzerne Borough Patrolman Charles Baloh, who was also shopping at the Wyoming Valley Mall.

"I wasn't sure if it was Price at first, so I kept walking by him," Baloh said. After contacting authorities to make sure that Price was still at large, Baloh detained Price until Wilkes-Barre Township police arrived to take him into custody.

"I've had previous dealings with Mr. Price and know that he is a runner," Baloh continued. "One of the first things that I did was to advise him not to resist."

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