



Young readers

The Back Mountain Memorial Library summer reading program attracted many participants, who gathered last week for a season-ending party. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

L-L will take questions at special meetings

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Lake-Lehman School Board voted unanimously to change its policy on special meetings to allow for questions from visitors on business to be transacted during the meeting.

Previously, visitors were allowed to ask questions or offer comments only at regular meetings. The agenda for special meetings did not allow for public input.

"This is a good step; I'm really glad to see it," commented Mrs. Pat Gold of the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers Association.

School board president Liz Sichter reported that the Auditor General's report was satisfactory, with an overpayment to the district of \$1,234 for pupil transportation the only criticism.

"It was simply a miscalculation by both the district and the state," she said. "It has been rectified. No harm was done and there were no other complaints."

Mrs. Sichter said that the Auditor General's office verbally com-

mended the district's new policy of requiring tuition for children of Lake-Lehman personnel who live outside the district but attend school at Lake-Lehman. Outside students starting school in the district after the 1991-92 school year will be required to pay tuition, while those already enrolled may finish their education tuition-free.

In other business, the school board approved the following personnel matters:

- A medical leave of absence until January 21, 1993, for Deborah Kopko.
 - Resignation of Dawn Smith, junior high field hockey coach.
 - Retirement of Phyllis Wolfe, Ross Twp. school cafeteria manager.
- The following staff appointments were approved:
- Pamela Elenchik, substitute teacher, elementary/early childhood.
 - Florence Finn, junior high field hockey coach.
 - Petty Tawes, girls' volleyball coach.
 - Elizabeth Mahle, part-time

custodian at the Lake-Noxen school, at \$4.30 per hour for the first 90 days and \$4.40 per hour thereafter.

• Elizabeth Rakowski, part-time cafeteria worker at the Lehman-Jackson school.

A wage increase of 45¢ per hour for secretarial and clerical staff was approved, with Ed Kern casting the lone dissenting vote. "The cost of living has risen only 3.2 per cent. This increase is 6 per cent," he explained.

Elimination of a health assistant position, to be replaced by a school health/nurse aide position, was approved, with Joseph Jones casting the lone dissenting vote.

Due to increasing enrollments in the Senior High, the board approved the creation of a position of teacher associate for special education. Action on a proposed instructional support teacher position at the Lake-Noxen and Ross Township schools was tabled.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Music Box to audition for 'Love, Sex and the I.R.S.'

The Music Box Players, a non-profit theatre company, will hold auditions for their September comedy: Love, Sex and the I.R.S. on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes Street, Swoyersville.

Love, Sex and the I.R.S. is a wild farce by William Van Zandt and Jane Milmore with a plot filled with twists of fate, sight gags, and mistaken identities. It is a story of two young out-of-work musicians, Jon Trachtman, and Leslie Arthur, who room together in New York

City. To save money, Jon and Leslie file their tax returns as a married couple. But the day of reckoning comes when they are investigated by Mr. Spinner of the I.R.S. The fun begins as Leslie masquerades as a housewife in order to give credibility to the young men's "marriage".

Performance dates for this production are September 18 to 20, 24 to 27, and October 1 to 3. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m. and will be held evenings and weekends.

Kevin Costley, director, has announced that all those wishing to audition will be asked to read selected scenes from the script. Auditions are by appointment only and can be made by calling the box office at 283-2195.

Love, Sex and the I.R.S. is a "Dinner/Theatre" production, and all performances, rehearsals, and auditions are held at The Music Box Dinner Playhouse, conveniently located off Route 11, Wyoming Avenue

A new chef rules The Castle Inn

By ERIC FOSTER
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Omar Hallsson has prepared meals fit for a king — literally.

The native of Iceland remembers cooking for the King of Sweden, the Queen of Denmark, and Grace Kelly.

Now, as the new manager of the Castle Inn on Route 415, he's ready to cook for the residents of the Back Mountain. The grand opening for the restaurant will be Wednesday, August 19 at 4 p.m.

"I had a five-star restaurant in Iceland," said Hallsson, who studied eight years to be a chef. "I've been in the business since I was 17 years old. I started in 1964."

Five years ago Hallsson moved to the United States to become manager of the Grand Plaza and Banquet Center in Dickson City.

"They offered me \$1,500 a week in New York City," said Hallsson. "I don't want to live there."

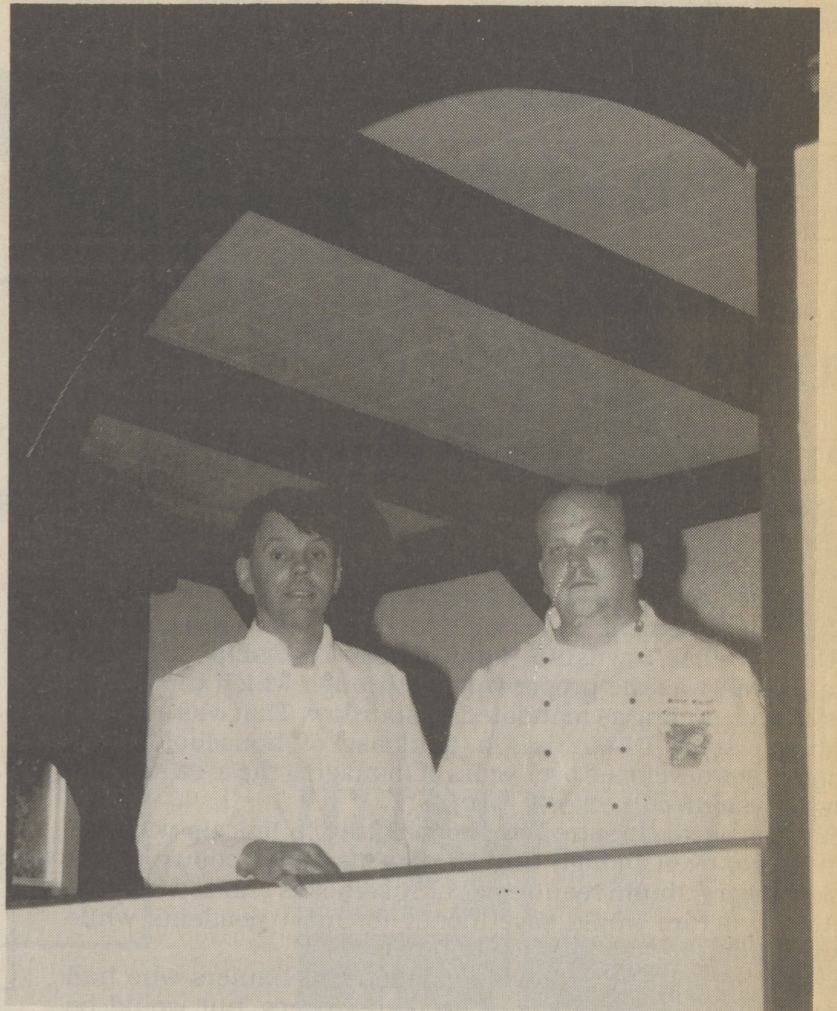
Instead, Hallsson chose the more rural Back Mountain to set up a restaurant of his own.

"It's peaceful. I love this area," said Hallsson. "We're going to keep the Castle and build up the reputation."

He's already refurbished the interior of the old restaurant. All of the walls have had fresh coats of white paint. Old carpet has been torn up to reveal solid oak floors which have been sanded and refinished.

Eventually, Hallsson would like to offer live after-dinner entertainment, and make use of the four acres of ground the restaurant is located on for clambakes and barbecues. In the Fireside room of the old restaurant, which reminds him of Scandinavian architecture, he expects to serve lighter, more casual meals.

"I'm not going to scare people away. It will be more for the family," said Hallsson, with prices in the \$6 and \$7 range, and \$13 and



TOP CHEFS — The new manager of The Castle Inn Omar Hallsson of Iceland, at left, and his assistant Steve Kerns.

\$14 range.

What can you expect in the new Castle?

Hallsson describes his own favorite dish: fresh smoked fish, cooked in butter and vermouth.

"I'm from Iceland and we have the best fish in the world," he said. "I have good contacts with Boston that are going to have fresh fish."

Add fresh dill and his own spices to the fish. Serve it with crab meat and shrimp and wrap it all in foil.

And when it reaches the table, all of the flavor is there for the diner to enjoy, says Hallsson.

"I have already started booking Christmas parties. It makes me happy that people still remember the Castle Inn as it was."

Helping in the kitchen will be Steve Kerns of Scranton, formerly head chef at Valentino's in Moosic.

"Steve is very good. I'm going to have a good team," said Hallsson. "The success is the good people."

Girl Scouts accepting new members and leaders

The Girl Scouts are accepting new members.

Scout activities include bicycling, camping, skating and swimming, as well as trips and projects.


Girl Scouts come in all sizes: Daisies (kindergarten), Brownies (grades 1 to 3), Juniors (grades 4 to

6), and Seniors (grades 10 to 12). Girls, or parents with girls interested in being Girl Scouts should call one of the following numbers.

For girls living in Kingston Township, Carverton, Shavertown, or Trucksville, call Jamie at 696-

3595. For girls living in Dallas, Harveys Lake, or Lehman, call Debbie at 639-2817. The council office may also be called at 829-2631.

The Girl Scouts are also accepting adult volunteers.




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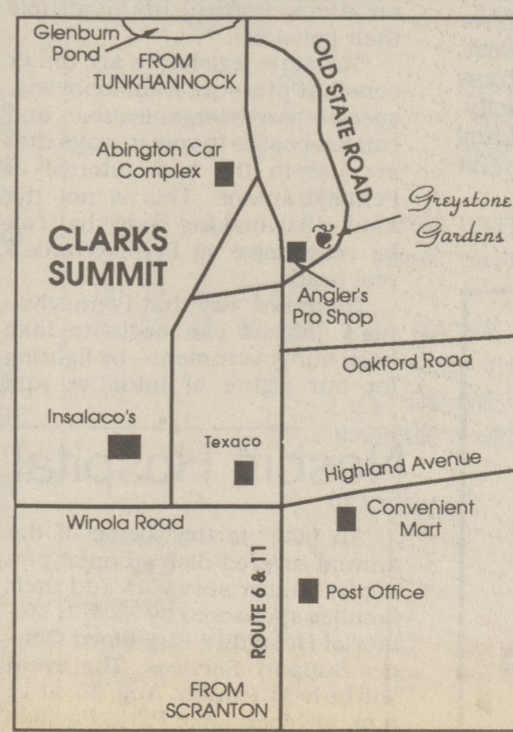
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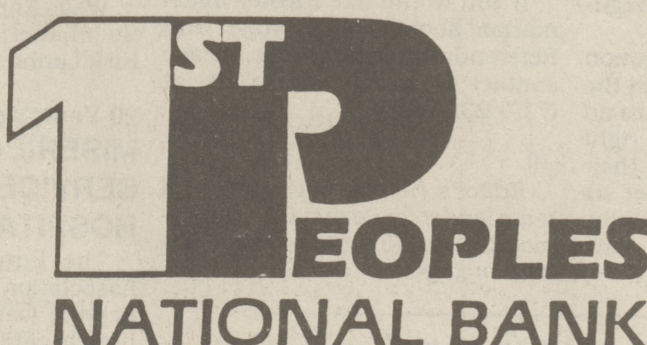
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