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HL, Idetown fire co's dispute territory

By ERIC FOSTER
 Post Staff

After several meetings with the Harveys Lake Borough Council over the past year, the D.C. Roberts and J.R. Davis Fire companies still don't agree on what role the companies are to play in fighting fires in the borough.

At the council's August 18 meeting, about a dozen firefighters from the D.C. Roberts Fire Company protested the council's July decision to recognize the J.R. Davis Fire Company, which is about 100 yards south of the borough line in Idetown, Lehman Township.

"We feel that in recognizing another fire company from outside the borough, it creates competition in getting to the scene and could be a public safety hazard," said Frank Latinski, vice president of the Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Association (D.C. Roberts).

Latinski was also worried that by recognizing J.R. Davis, there would be more competition for borough, and state funding between the companies.

Council president Richard Boice said that he contacted the auditor general's office and recognizing a

fire company doesn't mean that the borough has to provide any funds to the fire company.

"We have no intention of giving any money to any other fire company," said Boice. "In the beginning, we made it perfectly clear, no boundary lines, no money."

Joe Blaine Sr., chief of the J.R. Davis Fire Company said that the company has no interest in obtaining borough funding.

"We don't care about borough funding, we never got it," said Blaine. "We get it from the people that we cover. We probably get 70% of our fund drive from people

in the borough that we cover, where we have covered for 30 years."

Blaine himself lives in Harveys Lake Borough, as do most of the company's 38 members.

"I was burned out in 1980. I lost everything I owned. This fire company (J.R. Davis) was here in five minutes," said Blaine, who lives near the Idetown fire hall. "They want me to dial Harveys Lake Borough, my house will be gone by the time they get here. We're just out for the safety of the people."

Latinski argued that when it comes to fighting fires, D.C. Roberts and J.R. Davis already cooperate,

and recognizing J.R. Davis isn't necessary, because there is already a mutual aid agreement between the companies.

"Before we're out of bed, we call them depending on where the fire is. On this side of the lake, we always call J.R. Davis," said Latinski. "Mutual aid is a necessity in rural firefighting. We automatically call the nearest department."

Blaine would like to have J.R. Davis called first if the fire is on the south side of the lake.

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Paintings in miniature

The Cider Painters of America, a worldwide organization of artists who create paintings no larger than a 3 by 5 inch note card will hold an exhibition at College Misericordia from Sept. 12 to Sept. 26. The exhibit will be in the Kennedy Room of Merrick Hall. Exhibit hours are Tuesday and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. An opening reception will be held Sunday, September 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. There are Cider Painters from across the United States, Canada, Australia, Europe and Turkey. Jim Rogowski of Pikes Creek, a Cider Painter himself, is shown at Sue Hand's Imagery judging the hundreds of paintings submitted for this year's exhibit for awards. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

L-L dispute over deaf boy settled

Mark Dutton will be allowed to attend Scranton State School for the Deaf

By GRACE R. DOVE
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An out-of-court settlement reached last week between Lake-Lehman School District and the Dutton family of Harveys Lake will allow 13-year-old Mark Dutton to attend Scranton State School for the Deaf (S.S.S.D.), a move which he and his family have requested for the past two years.

Mark, who communicates only in sign language, has been the subject of a two-year long legal battle between his family and the school district, which had assigned

Mark to special education classes operated by Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 at the Dana Street School in Wyoming Valley West School District.

According to the agreement, Mark will attend Scranton State School for the Deaf as a nonresidential student five days a week with Lake-Lehman School District being allowed to monitor Mark's progress. The district is also required to pay the Dutton family a settlement of \$35,000.

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Arts at Hayfield at Penn State Aug. 30

By ERIC FOSTER
 Post Staff

Eight years ago a group of people from the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus decided that something needed to be done to make the campus a more integral part of the community.

"Probably Jim Ryan, who was our CEO at the time, was the person who first started talking about how the campus could be more of a cultural center," said Phyllis Belk, director of public relations at the campus. "Most people thought of

us as an engineering extension." The results of Ryan's talk, and many other people's interest in the group Arts at Hayfield, which was organized in 1984.

Two years later the first Summer Arts Festival was held and we still reap the benefits today, with the annual Arts Festival scheduled for Sunday, August 30, at the campus.

"It started out small, it's grown," said Joan Diana, head librarian at

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Area police plan to 'blitz' for safety

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Three police departments along the Route 309-415 highway corridor are applying for state and federal funds in grants of up to \$10,000 per municipality to set up highway safety programs.

According to Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers, the Highway Corridor Safety Grant is an

18-month program in which local police departments pool their men and equipment to run a "safety blitz" on targeted areas of local highways.

Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township plan to work together on the proposed "safety blitz," in which police install a portable digital speed sign

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D.C. Roberts Fire Co. fair Aug. 26-30

The Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company of Harveys Lake will hold a firemen's fair Wednesday, August 26 to Sunday, August 30, at Hanson's Park.

The fair, which begins at 5 p.m. each day, will feature musical entertainment each night from 7 to 11 p.m., food booths, amusement rides, and game booths.

"Shirley Hanson and Thom Greco are donating the use of the land to the fire company," said Charles Evans, chairman of the fair. "All proceeds go strictly to the fire company."

Co-chair for the fair is Bill Davis Sr.

Admission is free. Wednesday and Sunday are family nights, with a special price of \$6 to ride all the rides from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, there will be a firemen's parade starting at 6 p.m. at Oak Street, which is near Hanson's. Members of Harveys Lake Council will sit in the dunking booth on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The entertainment will be blues guitarist and singer Mickey Daniels on Wednesday, C.E. Inc. on Thursday, featuring Charlie Evans and his band playing songs ranging from Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis to country and western. Little



WORKING ON A FAIR — Shown from left are some of the volunteers who worked to set up the grounds at Hanson's Park for the D.C. Roberts Fire Company's fair. Standing are: Charles Evans, chairman of the fair. Wayne Smith, fireman, Dave Hanson, grounds owner, Dave Forster, fireman, Bill Davis, co-chair of the fair. Kneeling are Corey Hanson and Jason Wilson, a junior fireman. (Post Photo/Eric Foster)

Rock will play Friday, and The Wazoos will play Saturday. On Sunday, Chick Reeves and The EZ Ride Band will play country and western music.

For the kids, there will be guest appearances by Batman, the Joker, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Cookie Monster, and Big Bird.