

**Art fest**

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the campus, who is also a founding member of Arts at Hayfield along with Belk. "The festival has grown so. We spent several months getting ready for it. I think what's really grown is the entertainment and the number of exhibitors. "The first entertainment was Just Us, and a barbershop quartet."

The festival has drawn about 2,000 people to it in recent years.

This year, the folk rock trio Just Us will be back, along with the Anzalone Brothers and Company.

This will also be the first year that the Hayfield Library Friends will be extensively involved in the festival, said Diana. Among the attractions will be Dallas resident Linda Stallone's reading of her children's book "The Flood that Came to Grandma's House."

The donation for the festival is \$1. The funds raised from the festival support a scholarship at the campus, and the poetry festival held each spring.

Belk's favorite part of the festival is how it allows her to work with people who are her Back Mountain neighbors.

"The organization's bylaws specify that more than half of the board

**Arts at Hayfield schedule**

Noon to 1 p.m. — Karate demonstration by Dr. Dudley Snyder  
 12:30 p.m. — Hayfield House Tour  
 1 to 2 p.m. — Anzalone Brothers and Company  
 2:15 to 3 p.m. — Scenes from "Spoon River Anthology" staged by Showcase Theatre  
 3 p.m. — Hayfield House Tour  
 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. — Magic Show by Pat Ward  
 4 to 6 p.m. "Just Us" folk/rock group  
 9 p.m. "An Evening with the Stars" at the Friedman Astronomy Dome adjacent to the Center for Technology.

Hayfield Library Friends Program at the Gazebo

1 p.m. — Readings for preschoolers  
 1:30 p.m. — Readings for elementary students  
 2 p.m. — Guest author Linda Stallone will read her book "The Flood that Came to Grandma's House"  
 3 p.m. — Readings for adults

Arts and Crafts Show/Sale  
 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Donation is \$1

of directors have to be from the community," said Belk. "The people from the college who serve on

board from the college do so on their own time."

**Deaf Boy**

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The out-of-court settlement concluded two years of legal wrangling, begun when the Dutton family requested a due process hearing after Mark was placed in classes with the intermediate unit. The due process hearing favored the district.

The Duttons appealed the due process decision to the Pennsylvania Special Education Appeals Board, which decided that the school for the deaf could best meet Mark's educational needs by providing him with interaction with deaf peers and education in deaf history, culture and role models.

The district then went to federal court in an attempt to overturn the appeal, prompting the Duttons to seek an injunction to allow Mark to attend school for the deaf while the courts decided the course of his education. The injunction was denied.

Lake-Lehman School District then made its out-of-court settlement with the Dutton family.

"Mark can't wait to go to S.S.S.D. He starts classes September 9," said his mother, Mrs. Susan Dutton, through a special telephone communications service for the deaf. "He feels good to be able to communicate with deaf children again. He's looking forward to

catching up in the subjects that he missed."

"Mark communicates 100 per cent of the time in sign language. He will be able to communicate with everyone on campus — something that hasn't happened for him in two years," said Antoinette Szarek, the Duttons' attorney.

Szarek and the Dutton family have contended that Mark was isolated from his fellow students at Dana Street School because they do not understand sign language. A few of Mark's teachers understood some individual signs, which were often used erroneously or in the wrong context, Szarek said.

Mark's case had received nationwide attention through *The Endeavor* and *Deaf Life*, two magazines produced by the deaf community.

"This agreement doesn't replace the requirements of Mark's education. Only the suppliers of that education have changed. Mark will receive the same education, with appropriate mainstreaming at Dunmore Area School District," said Lake-Lehman School Board president Liz Sichler.

Sichler added that the \$35,000 settlement was paid by the district's liability insurance.

According to Ray Bowersox,

Lake-Lehman's finance manager, the district has spent \$79,228.63 on the Dutton case, \$74,319.97 of which paid for legal fees and attorneys' expenses, \$1,630 to pay sign language interpreters and \$2,278.60 for expert witness fees. The remaining \$1,000 paid the liability insurance deductible for the \$35,000 fee. The district has not yet received final bills from the attorneys, Bowersox said.

Szarek said that the \$35,000 settlement will be applied against the Duttons' legal fees and costs. The remaining point of difference is in Mark's transportation. The district doesn't want to transport him five days a week to the Scranton school, but objects to paying to house him in a dormitory, which would require fewer trips to the school.

"Lake-Lehman is responsible for Mark Dutton's transportation, either by taking him every day or by letting him live in the dorm. Mrs. Dutton is not responsible by law for his transportation," said Szarek. She added that Mark wants to live in a dormitory at Scranton State School for the Deaf so that he will be able to participate in school activities and play football and soccer.

**Fire territory**

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"We want the coverage area back that we had ten years ago," said Blaine. "I'd rather have more trucks and more people there than what we needed and send them back."

Before Harveys Lake Borough was formed in 1969 out of Lake and Lehman Township's, the southern part of the borough was part of Lehman Township and within the J.R. Davis Fire Company's coverage area.

"You can't have two chiefs running into each other," said Latinski, concerned that recognizing another company will create confusion over who is in charge at the fire scene.

"As far as chiefs are concerned, they can take over when they get there," said Blaine. "They're worried about too many chiefs and not enough Indians, I'm worried about

having enough Indians. There's no sense of wrecking a vehicle just to get on the scene first. We have a straight shot down to the lake."

D.C. Roberts Fire fighter Clarence Hogan wanted to know why the council recognized J.R. Davis in the first place.

"Can we have too much fire protection?" replied Boice.

Boice: "If Jack's Amaco catches afire, why shouldn't J.R. Davis immediately be dispatched. The comm center would not dispatch J.R. Davis because they were not a recognized company."

At the July meeting, councilmen Thomas Kehler, Boice, Martin Noon and Joseph Miscavage voted to recognize the company, while David Abod, Ed Kelly, and William Wilson abstained from the

vote.

"Idetown is a great fire company, but it's Lehman Township, this is Harveys Lake Borough," said Hogan. "I don't think another fire company should come in without our approval."

Boice said that council would be willing to reconsider the decision to recognize the J.R. Davis Fire Company, and asked for a copy of the written mutual aid agreement between the two companies.

"We had two or three meetings with the fire companies and nothing could be resolved, so we resolved without them," said Boice. "It's not D.C. Roberts Fire Company, it's Harveys Lake Borough Council that is responsible for fire protection."

**Lake-Lehman expects grant for day care**

By GRACE R. DOVE  
 Post Staff

According to Lake-Lehman Superintendent Nancy Davis, the district is "99 per cent sure" that its application for a day-care grant will be approved.

The last step in the process is for the district to identify families who will use the program.

Partially funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the School-Age Child Care Site grant pays for personnel to provide supervised educational activities for children ages five to twelve whose parents cannot be home during the day due to employment or job training. The school district provides the space.

"This is not simply babysitting," Davis said. "The day-care providers will work on educational activities with the children."

Proposed day care hours will be from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. before school and 3:15 to 6 p.m. after school. The district will select the building to be used after interested families return completed survey forms.

The child care provider is Sharon Considine of Wee Care Foundation.

Any fees for this service are based on the federal guidelines for free and reduced lunch programs as printed in the August 19 edition of *The Dallas Post*.

School-age children of families most qualified for assistance will be accepted first, followed by children of parents most qualified to pay based on a sliding fee scale following federal income guidelines, Mrs. Davis said.

Anticipated sliding fees range from \$20 to \$60 per week, all or part of which may be picked up by

assistance.

Confidential day care survey forms are available from:

- Lake-Noxen, Lehman-Jackson and Ross Township elementary schools.
- R&R's General Store, Route 118.
- Cook's Store, Lehman Center.
- M&J's, Sweet Valley
- Penn-General, Routes 118 and 415.
- De Veronica's Store at Sunset, Harvey's Lake.
- Taft's Economy Market at Sandy Bottom, Harvey's Lake.

Davis said that Wee Care Foundation can still operate the before and after school day care program at Lake-Lehman for similar prices if the grant is not approved.

Interested families may call the school district at 675-2165 for more information.

**Safety blitz**

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with a radar unit mounted on top of it alongside the roadway. The sign shows motorists their driving speed and sign stays in one place for a week.

The following week, the sign is removed and replaced with a cruiser and a police officer who will ticket speeders.

The "safety blitz" is intended to make motorists aware of the posted speed limit and their actual driving speed, so that they can slow down if necessary, Miers said.

Miers said that another safety program being considered involves sending two cruisers driving side-by-side at the posted speed down the highway, forcing all traffic behind them to obey the posted speed limit.

The Kingston and Dallas townships and Dallas Borough police departments have begun submitting the paperwork necessary to obtain the grant.

"We hope to use the Highway Corridor Safety Program to help reduce speeding on the highway," Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol said. "It's frustrating for both drivers and officers to see most of the drivers observing the speed limit while one or two drivers hit the gas pedal and pass the entire line of traffic."

"Every intersection on the highway has a very high risk of accidents," said Dallas Borough Police Chief Jack Fowler. "We have noticed that many drivers aren't paying attention to the road. My men have seen drivers talking on their car phones, fixing their hair or makeup or even reading the newspaper while driving."

Fowler added that his officers have noticed more traffic, both cars and heavy trucks, on Routes 309 and 415 since the opening of the Cross-Valley Expressway in November, 1991.

Chief Sabol said that officers also will enforce the seat belt law during traffic stops. Officers may not pull a car over simply because the driver is not wearing a seat belt, but may cite drivers for not

**Police Chiefs pinpoint 'trouble spots' on Back Mountain roads**

Although the Back Mountain's rural roads don't handle the volume of traffic that the highway does, police say that several of them could cause problems for motorists.

In Dallas Township, Chief Carl Miers has noted many accidents on Lake Catalpa and Kunkle-Alderson Roads, Ellsworth Hill, 42nd Street, Worden Place, Edinger Hill, Campground Hill, Hays Corners and the intersection of Old Lake Road and 42nd Street.

The "dog-leg" intersection of Pioneer Ave. and Overbrook Ave. can also be dangerous because traffic on Pioneer Ave. often moves faster than the 45 m.p.h. speed limit, while drivers on Overbrook Ave. may be tempted to try to run the stop sign, Miers said.

Mount Olivet Road and Eighth Street in Kingston Township are the two most prominent roads for accidents, according to Police Chief Paul Sabol.

Main Street in Dallas also has many accidents, according to Chief Fowler.

Although many Back Mountain secondary roads don't have posted speed limits, drivers must remember that the Motor Vehicle Code requires drivers to drive at a speed which will allow them to stop safely, Chief Fowler said.

Speed limits are set for driving under ideal weather and traffic conditions; drivers aren't obligated to drive at least 35 m.p.h. on a road posted for that speed, Chief Miers said.

"Drivers must use their judgement when they encounter hazards or bad weather," Miers said. "Police can cite drivers for going too fast for conditions in very heavy fog or during a snowstorm — even if they are driving at the posted speed limit."

using seat belts when they are stopped for other violations.

According to the latest reportable accident statistics available from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), 26 reportable accidents occurred on Route 309 in all three Back Mountain municipalities between November 1, 1991 and February 29, 1992, while 5 reportable accidents occurred on Route 415 in Dallas Borough and Dallas Township during the same period.

Don Jacobs of PennDOT's Highway Safety Division explained that reportable accidents must involve injury, death or enough damage to have one of the vehicles towed from the scene.

"Although police send us all of

their accident reports, we only count reportables," Jacobs said. "Many smaller accidents, which we call fender-benders, may occur along a given highway, but we don't count them in our statistics."

After preliminary paperwork is completed and several meetings are held, the final grant applications are due September 21, with approval possible by the end of November, Miers said.

"The Route 309-415 corridor is a very dangerous highway," Fowler said. "People don't pay attention to how fast they're driving — their only concern seems to be getting to their destination as quickly as possible. The concern of the police is that they get there safely."

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