

Two drown in stream near Rickett's Glen State Park

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Pennsylvania State Police are investigating the accidental drowning deaths of Timothy J. Moore, 31, of Evergreen Estates, Sweet Valley and Daniel M. Kraynak, 32, of Wilkes-Barre Sunday, April 25.

Police said that Moore, Kraynak and Raymond P. Coolbaugh, 31, of Dallas, were attempting to cross Fishing Creek near Jamison City Road in Davidson Township, just over the Sullivan County line when Coolbaugh fell into the water.

Moore and Kraynak fell into the creek while trying to pull Coolbaugh out, police said.

Coolbaugh was able to pull himself out of the water, but Moore and Kraynak became trapped in the water, failed to surface and drowned, according to the report.

Coolbaugh was transported to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital with internal injuries, where a hospital spokesman said Monday that he was listed in fair condition.

Benton Fire and Ambulance company was assisted at the scene by Millville Fire Company, police said.

Trooper Gerard Sachney of Troop P, Pennsylvania State Police Wyoming Barracks, is investigating the accident



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New officers

Officers of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association sworn in at the annual dinner Saturday, April 24, are: Lehman Township chief Harold Coolbaugh, who officiated at the ceremony; Harveys Lake assistant chief Dick Heuer, secretary; Dallas fire chief Bob Besecker; Kunkle fire chief Jack Dodson, president, and Jackson Township fire chief Rollie Evans, vice president. Originally planned for March 13, the dinner had to be rescheduled due to the blizzard.

Little change in new Jackson Township zoning ordinances

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Public hearings on the revised Jackson Township zoning ordinance are scheduled for Monday, May 3, but there aren't a whole lot of changes.

According to professional urban planner Marlene Pawlowski, author of the original ordinance, most changes deal with procedures for the zoning hearing board and advertising hearings.

"In terms of local policy, not much will be different," she said. "The updates are necessary to bring local zoning ordinances into compliance with the state Municipal Planning Code."

The zoning map hasn't been changed at all, Pawlowski said.

In addition to agricultural, residential (single family, two family and multi-family dwellings), special (for Chase Prison), and mining (American Asphalt's quarry on Chase Road), the busi-

ness, conservation and industrial districts haven't changed.

Industrial district? It's on the western end of the township, in the vicinity of Shuldice, Smith Pond and Shady Hill roads.

"I had originally suggested it because the area was reasonably flat and developable," Pawlowski said. "It looked like a good buffer area between the prison and the residences. The only industry there now is a junk yard."

According to the zoning map, the conservation districts are on Plymouth/Larksville Mountain, an area too steep for development, and around the Ceasetown Dam.

The two business districts are on Chase Road alongside the fire hall and a small area on Chase Road west of the industrial district, Pawlowski said.

Public hearings on the ordinance will begin at 6 p.m. May 3 at the township building.

Harveys Lake updates zoning

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Harveys Lake residents will find few changes in the borough's updated zoning ordinance, which has been sent to the Luzerne County Planning Commission for comment.

According to the borough's codes enforcement officer Paul Grimes, the ordinance, first enacted in 1974, was revised mainly to conform to the new state planning code.

Municipal planner Jack Varaly, who wrote the revisions, said that language pertaining to advertising procedures and public notices and definitions required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) were changed to fit the state code.

The FEMA changes mainly deal with flood plain management requirements and wetlands, Varaly said.

FEMA has specific requirements for homes built on flood plains, requiring that they have

special louvers which allow flood water to enter and drain out built into their foundations. Homes built on flood plains also are not allowed to have living space on any floors which have previously been flooded, Varaly said.

Harveys Lake's wetlands ordinance will use wetlands definitions compiled by the U.S. Department of the Interior, which defines wetlands according to their vegetation, soil type and hydrology, Varaly said.

"The only other change that I made was to rearrange the ordinance by topic to make it more comprehensible," he said.

For example, Varaly said that under the original ordinance, information on parking regulations was divided among several different sections, making it very confusing.

Now that the ordinance has been rearranged by subject, all regulations covering one topic are found in the same section.

No new regulations have been adopted and no zoning map

changes are anticipated, Grimes said.

After the borough receives the proposed ordinance and comments back from Luzerne County, it will be sent to the Harveys Lake planning commission for review.

The borough council will then schedule a public hearing for input from residents on the ordinance. The borough council will consider the revised ordinance for adoption after the public has commented on it, Varaly said.

Pet Week poster entries due May 15

In observance of National Pet Week, May 2-8, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association is sponsoring a poster contest for school-age children, kindergarten through 12th grade.

Locally, posters may be submitted to the office of Dr. Robert Bishop, who is currently the president of the P.V.M.A. Entries should be mailed or brought to 692 Shoemaker Avenue, West Wyoming, Pa. 18644 by May 15, 1993.

Any student may submit artwork, either individually or through the schools. Artwork must not be assisted by adults. The National Pet Week theme, HAPPINESS IS A HEALTHY PET should be represented on the poster, though it is not essential to include lettering on the front.

Posters should be no larger than 14" by 22" and not mounted. Any medium may be used except collages and photographs. Name, address, telephone number, school and grade should be printed on the back of each entry. Winning posters will not be returned.

Winners will be chosen by an impartial committee. The winner of each grade level will receive a \$10 cash award from Dr. Bishop, and their entry will be submitted to the judging committee of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Medical Association for further competition. Winners will also receive a cash award and their entry will be forwarded to the state association for state-wide competition.

The P.V.M.A. will provide a \$50 cash award and a plaque for each state winner, and their posters will be displayed at the annual meeting in October. For answers to any questions involving the contest, call 655-3731.

BMT Republicans to hold Candidates Night May 5

The Back Mountain Republican Association will conduct a "Meet the Candidates Night" social get together. The affair will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, Trucksville.

Republican candidates for county office including the two judgeship candidates will be pres-

ent to speak to the gathering. All other candidates for local offices are invited. No formal invitations will be sent.

All area residents interested in the upcoming May primary election are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served free courtesy of the Back Mountain Republican Association.

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