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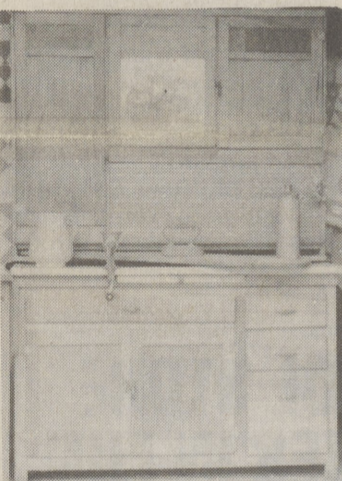
Trailer is point of contention in Harveys Lake. A zoning hearing June 29 will address the issue. Page 3.

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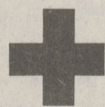


'Hoosier cabinet' will be among the top items going over the block at this year's library auction. Page 12.

Jeff Malak honored for outstanding work on the diamond. Page 11.

Reds, Rangers sit at top of the pack in Little League standings heading into final week of regular season. Page 11.

Soccer tryouts for Back Mountain travel teams will be held June 27-28. Page 11.



Red Cross blood drive will be held Monday, June 28 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 363 West 8th Street, West Wyoming. Appointments, call 823-7161.

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Harveys Lake noise foe throws in towel

By GRACE R. DOVE
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After fighting city hall since November, 1992, Harveys Lake resident Sandra Perez has called it quits.

Perez presented the Harveys Lake Borough Council with a petition containing 123 signatures asking it to place and enforce volume level limits on activities at the Bud Light Amphitheater and nearby Tiajuana Bar, but she

contends that the council did nothing.

"We complained about the noise at the September and October, 1992 borough council meetings," Ms. Perez said. "We presented the petition in November, 1992. We still don't know who is supposed to enforce the borough's noise ordinance - the Harveys Lake police, the state police or the Liquor Control Board."

According to the minutes of a Harveys Lake Borough Council

meeting which she gave to a reporter, the council adopted a noise ordinance on or about July 2, 1990, which limits noise levels within the borough.

The ordinance specifically lists devices to be limited; Section 1.3 includes "The operating or permitting to be played, used or operated, radio receiving set, television set, musical instrument, phonograph or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner

as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants..."

The noise produced must not be audible more than 50 feet from the building or structure where it originates, according to the ordinance.

The ordinance also sets quiet hours in the borough between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

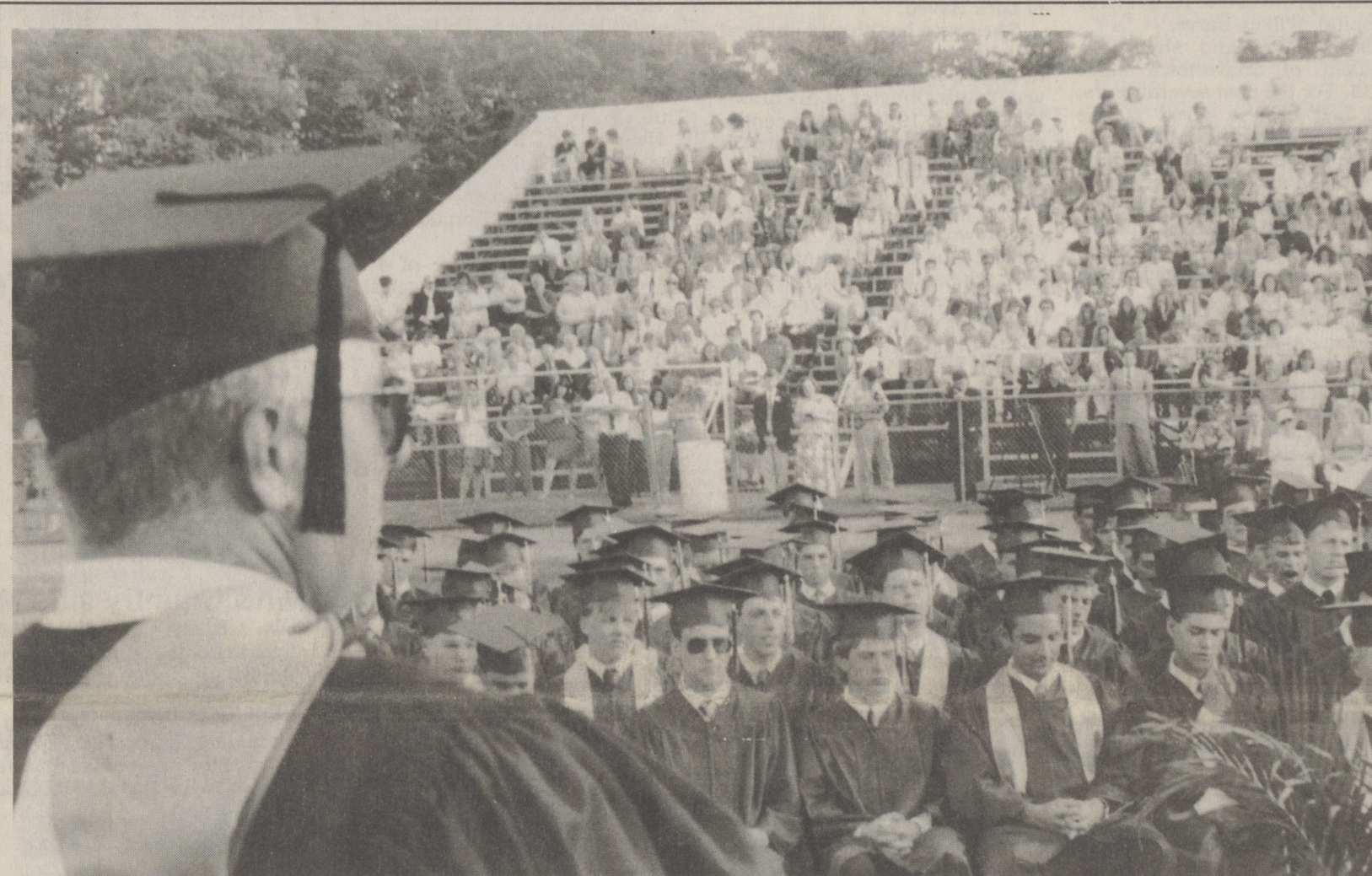
Borough solicitor Charles McCormick declined comment on the specifics of the ordinance,

stating that if the council asked him, he would review the ordinance and discuss it with them.

"I live 500 feet from the amphitheater. The birds in my yard were awake the other night at 1:30 a.m. from the noise at the amphitheater," Ms. Perez said.

She said that people who have told her that noise from the amphitheater is clearly audible at Pole 212, Warden Place and Point

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

PROUD PRINCIPAL - Dallas High School principal Frank Galicki looked over the latest crop of seniors during graduation

ceremonies last week. More photos, including the graduating class, on pages 8-9.

Dallas class president defends teachers

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Amid hugs, tears, the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and blasts from a fire engine's air horn, 178 members of Dallas High School's Class of 1993 graduated Tuesday, June 15.

Decorated with a congratulatory banner, the fire engine was present to honor five graduating volunteer firefighters from Kingston Township.

Perhaps more unusual was a commencement speech by senior class president Harry Haas IV of Franklin Township, who criticized the taxpayers' organization's attitude towards the district's teachers and spoke out in their support.

In his remarks, Haas reminded his classmates of those who had helped them graduate and achieve this milestone in their lives: family, friends, neighbors, church members, teachers and school administrators.

Haas said that he spoke out in support

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of the teachers because he felt that they deserved it.

"Every time that we turn around, the teachers are getting some type of abuse," he said Friday. "When the teachers are embarrassed, the students suffer also."

"I believe that the teachers are the students' friends and have been embarrassed by the taxpayers' association," he said. "The taxpayers' association, more concerned with their wallets than with promoting good education, is always trying to take potshots at them. This affects the school boards' decisions, which aren't always as effective as the ideas of the teachers, who have had many years' experience in the classroom."

One school board decision, to change the high school's schedule from an eight-period to a seven-period day, directly impacted on Haas when it forced him to miss taking Spanish IV, which he said was important to him because he will be a Rotary exchange scholar in Madrid, Spain, this year.

"I needed the extra year of working with the language and learning more about the culture," he said.

Nearly half of Haas's Spanish III class couldn't take Spanish IV because of the seven-period day, Haas said.

"This was not a good idea," he said. "The students had less access to the courses which they needed."

Class officers are Harry Haas, IV, president; Nina Marie Mathers, vice-president; Eva Marie Figueroa, secretary and Todd E. Paczewski, treasurer.

Rebecca Ann Yurko was valedictorian, while Karen Marie Wisnieski was salutatorian.

Lightning starts fire at personal care home

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The first day of summer roared into the Back Mountain Monday, June 21, as a fast-moving, powerful thunderstorm slammed through the area, downing power lines and causing a Dallas township personal care home to be evacuated.

According to Cindy Eddy, administrator of Mountainside Manor Personal Care Home on Route 309 in Dallas Township, the residents and staff heard a loud bang shortly after 3 p.m., followed by a power outage.

"A passer-by shouted to us that power lines were down behind our upper wing," she said. "We immediately evacuated everyone to the front of the lower wing."

Power lines on the ground arced and sizzled on the wet ground,

coming into contact with the back of the building and burning through a section of aluminum siding, according to Dallas Fire Chief Robert Besecker.

As the wire continued to snap around as it grounded itself, emitting bright whitish-pink flashes and a loud hum reminiscent of a loud arc welder, the rest of the line still attached to the pole across Irem Road danced overhead.

Police closed Irem Road at the Dallas School District administrative offices and Church Street between Irem and Center Hill roads until the danger was over.

The resulting power outage also shut down the traffic light at Route 309 and Center Hill Road, where police directed traffic until power was restored.

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POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

HOT WIRES - Electrical wires struck by lightning during a thunderstorm Monday, June 21, throw sparks on the ground behind the Mountainside Manor Personal Care Home on Church Road in Dallas Township.

Left on justice's doorstep

Woman waits in Freeland at 11 p.m.

By GRACE R. DOVE
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An incident at Lake-Lehman High School's graduation ceremony resulted in a woman being arrested on three charges and being stranded late at night on the front steps of the magistrate's office in Freeland until her husband could come to get her.

Attorney Clement E. Kisailus, representing Harveys Lake resident Ann McRoy of Harveys Lake, confirmed that after Mrs. McRoy had been arraigned on charges of simple assault, endangerment of children and disorderly conduct before District Magistrate Gerald Feissner in Freeland Friday, June 11, and released on her own recognizance, she was left to wait alone on the office's front steps around 11 p.m.

The police had taken Mrs. McRoy to Magistrate Feissner because he was the closest magistrate on duty that night. Freeland is more than an hour away from Harveys Lake.

Mrs. McRoy was cleared of charges of simple assault and endangering the welfare of children at a preliminary hearing Thursday, June 17, before District Magistrate Earl Gregory.

A charge of disorderly conduct was bound over for trial to Luzerne County Court.

The charges stemmed from an incident at the Lake-Lehman High School graduation Friday, June 11, in which police observed Mrs. McRoy, who was with a baby in a baby carriage, a little boy and a little girl, slap her three-year-old daughter with her hand in the back of the head after threatening to hit one of the children with her shoe, according to arresting officer Jerry Leedock.

Leedock testified that when he asked Mrs. McRoy what she was doing, she told him, using objectionable language, that it was none

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