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Hard ball

Dugan's Pub topped Jim-Jon Tomatoes on the way to winning the Dallas Recreation Center summer basketball league title last week. In photo above, Keith Hillard of Jim-Jon pulls down a

rebound. Shown from left, Jeff Poorman, Jim-Jon; Mike Carey and Rick Pincovski, Dugan's; John Thomas, Jim-Jon; Hillard; John O'Donnell, Jim-Jon. Complete story on sports page.

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New machine will ease leaf collecting

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

It's a bit early to begin thinking about autumn leaves, the joy of fall color watchers and kids looking for a big leaf pile to jump in - and the bane of every homeowner trying to keep a neat lawn.

Planning ahead for the fall leaf-raking season, Dallas Borough recently received approval of a grant through the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) for a \$19,080 grant to buy a vacuum leaf collector and container.

"This machine will streamline our leaf collecting program and make it easier for people caring for their lawns. They won't have to bag their leaves," said borough manager Milt Lutsey.

Currently, the borough sends a truck and two men from the road crew around periodically during the fall to pick up bags of leaves from the curb, Lutsey said.

The men must empty the bags of leaves into the truck; leaves are then given to area farmers for mulch.

Using a vacuum leaf collector will make yard cleanup easier for residents, who will only need to rake their leaves into piles at the curb. It will also be a less labor-intensive operation for the road crew, who won't have to dump countless bags of leaves into the truck, Lutsey said.

Vacuum leaf collectors cost between \$8,000 and \$19,000, Lutsey said. Dallas Borough will

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Lake-Lehman grants administrative raises

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Administrative salaries were the order of the day at the Lake-Lehman school board meeting Tuesday, August 17, in which superintendent Dr. Nancy Davis was reappointed for the next four years and raises between 1.9 and 10 percent given to the administrative staff.

Dr. Davis received a 4.5 percent raise in salary, from \$72,000 to \$75,557, retroactive to July 1, and an additional \$500 for having recently attained her doctorate degree.

Last year Dr. Davis had refused a salary increase which the school board had offered.

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NANCY I. DAVIS
Lake-Lehman superintendent

Noise foes plot strategy

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Thirty Harveys Lake residents gathered at the American Legion on Route 415 Monday, August 23, for an organizational and informational town meeting concerning their objections to concert promoter Thom Greco's operations.

Saying that they were acting on the advice of their attorney, Marion Attanasio and Sandra Perez asked reporters from this newspaper, the *Citizens' Voice*, the *Times Leader* and the *Suburban News* to leave the meeting.

"Our attorney told us not to have any contact with the media, because of things that have happened," the two women said.

The only explanation which they could give was that at a previous meeting, one disgruntled member of the group had spoken for about 20 minutes with a television reporter, who later severely condensed the man's statements.

Attorney Theodore Krohn, legal counsel to "several individuals" from Harveys Lake, later said that commenting on his discussions with his clients would jeopardize their cases.

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Greco touts '100 jobs', defends right to his use

By GRACE R. DOVE
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During the public comments to the Harveys Lake Borough council at its August 17 meeting, concert promoter Thom Greco took advantage of the opportunity to tell his side of the story.

First, he attempted to clarify a statement which he had made during a radio interview.

"When I said on the radio that the majority of concert-goers are HL residents, I meant that the majority of HL residents have attended concerts."

In explaining his definition of entertainment, he said, "When I said family entertainment, I meant entertainment that would appeal to the entire family, shows for everyone. This includes the youth. The makeup of my shows has

been: 25% youth, 50% ages 30-45 and 25% age 45 and up."

Greco then continued with an explanation of changes which he has made this year in concert security, gate admission, the bar setup and parking arrangements.

His reply to the problems which residents blame on his businesses was, "Look at what I have done for the community: I have created 100 jobs, raised money to benefit the fire company and given July 4th fireworks at my own expense - something which hasn't happened at the lake in a number of years. I welcome a meeting - not through the press - of truly concerned citizens who want to work together with me. We have a right to be here. I will try to do whatever I can to be a good neighbor, but

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100 raise their voices for and against amphetheatre

By GRACE R. DOVE
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More than 100 Harveys Lake residents stormed the Harveys Lake borough council meeting Tuesday, August 17, to complain about the Bud Light Amphitheatre and its associated businesses (Chicky's Bar and Coop, the Tijuana Bar and the Beach Club) operating at the former Hanson's amusement park.

All council members were present, but not Mayor Joseph Boyle.

Here are excerpts from some of the comments for and against the

amphitheatre and allied entertainment businesses.

The amphitheatre is an asset to Harveys Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas DeLeur wrote council a letter, stating that they wished to go on record that they live near the amphitheatre and have no problem with noise from the amphitheatre and its associated businesses, parking or trash left along the road on concert nights. These are "minor problems" which the DeLeurs say

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Zone change for medical center approved

By DAVID KONOPKI
Post Correspondent

The race may not have been won just yet, but General Medical Services Corporation has cleared a big hurdle in their bid to bring a multi-million dollar medical office complex to the Back Mountain.

The Dallas Township Supervisors unanimously voted last Tuesday night to extend the boundaries of land zoned for business (B-3) in the township to include 10.6 acres of land near the old Dallas Drive-In. Only a small handful of citizens attended the meeting and none expressed serious opposition to the decision.

Wilkes-Barre General Realty Corporation, a subsidiary of Wyoming Valley Health Care (the merger of Wilkes-Barre General and Nesbitt Memorial Hospital), is looking to purchase the property in order to build a two-story, 30,000-plus square foot medical office complex. The final cost of

the facility expected to be in the neighborhood of \$3-4 million. The property had previously been zoned as agricultural.

Opposition to the vote came from township solicitor Frank Townend, who believed the complex would fall under the definition of a hospital and, therefore, a zoning change was not needed. Townend explained that land zoned as agricultural (A-1) can allow for semi-public use, including hospitals, churches, parochial schools, etc. Townend suggested the supervisors approach the zoning board with the "hospital" route and if that failed, re-apply for a variance.

But John Morris, general counsel for Wyoming Valley Health Care, argued that although the facility would allow for certain types of medical treatments, including primary care, physical therapy and diagnostic testing, it fell well short of the definition of a hospital. The supervisors agreed. Testimony was given during the

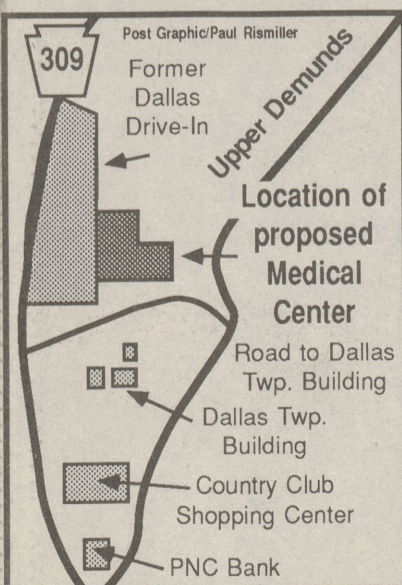
hour-long meeting by Mike Messersmith, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of General Medical Services Corporation and Peter Onukiwech, Supervisor of Maintenance for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, who specializes in planning and zoning.

The decision by supervisors Frank Wagner, Phil Walter and Glenn Howell left Messersmith feeling happy and appreciative.

"The vision and support of the township supervisors is recognized and appreciated," said Messersmith. "We're hoping to make health care more accessible, convenient and cost effective to the people of the Back Mountain."

Physicians in the Dallas Family Practice, currently located on Sterling and Machell Avenues, will move their practices into the new facility upon completion. That decision, according to Messersmith, was the spark which got the fire started.

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