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smith described Gordon as a gentleman and a born teacher.

"He always made sure that you knew what you were doing before he left you alone," Goldsmith said. "He wanted us to have confidence in our authority as fire police, to keep the traffic moving and things under control."

"He spent many thankless hours out in all kinds of weather with the fire police," Woolbert said. "We'll miss him."

"Sometimes Pappy G. and me, we worked from dark to dark on the firetrucks," reminisced Kingston Township road foreman Butch Chamberlain. "We called him 'Can and Will' because whenever we asked him if something could be done, he always said, 'I can and I will.' He was a great mechanic."

Chamberlain recalled that he and Gordon rebuilt two Army surplus amphibious vehicles - a "duck" and its smaller cousin, a "Weasel" - for the township to use during times of high water.

During a heavy snowstorm in 1971, a woman at Meadowcrest broke her leg and the only way to get her to the ambulance, stranded in the storm, was to use the Weasel, Chamberlain said.

"If you told him you had a problem, the first thing that he said was that he'd be right down," Chamberlain said.

Shavertown fire chief Gary Beisel recalled that Gordon lent a helping hand whenever he knew that there was a job to be done.

"He always came to our fires as well as Trucksville's," he said. "We knew that we could always count on Jim and the fire police to have traffic under control."

The fire company never had to ask Gordon to direct traffic at its bazaars and auctions - he automatically showed up for every one, Beisel said.

Beisel chuckled as he remembered Gordon's enthusiastic traffic control last fall during Dallas High School football team's 1993 championship season, when a screaming convoy of fire apparatus escorted the team into the Back Mountain after every playoff game.

Gordon directed traffic at Carverton Road, then somehow managed to beat the boisterous parade up to the intersection near the high school to let them through.

When the crowd began to disperse, he was ready to assist the stream of cars and firetrucks leaving the school's parking lot and mobbing Conyngham Ave.

"You don't see people giving 52 years of their life to their community any more," Beisel said. "Usually they're around for a couple of years, then move on. We'll really miss Jim."

Fields

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School board president

of where they had come from."

Phillips and attorneys Ted Krohn and Gifford Cappellini, Jr., had threatened legal action if the school board had pursued plans which they said included construction of two access roads from Westminster Drive to the fields.

"Our concern is the fields' possible impact on our properties, which we have worked our entire lives for," Cappellini said. "Without any increased traffic, young people going back and forth to school have turned Westminster Drive into their own personal garbage dump, throwing soda cans and beer bottles along the road. More traffic could cause our property values to plummet."

"It's wrong to prejudice this project when the best has yet to be described," said district solicitor Ben Jones, III, calling the plans circulating in the neighborhood "a work of speculative art."

Board members said that they had given no official guidelines to Quad Three Group, an engineering firm which drafted a tentative set of plans calling for two softball fields, a soccer field and parking

lots.

"Many of us never dreamed that there would be parking, lights and loudspeakers," said board president Ellen Nagy. "This has been blown way out of proportion."

The board accepted two proposals from engineering firms to develop a feasibility study of the land, deciding to take no action until property committee chairman John George finds copies of a survey of the area reportedly done in 1985.

Quad Three's \$4,700 proposal included survey maps and development of a plan for one regulation softball field, one regulation soccer field and several practice fields.

The company will also provide a construction cost estimate and report to the board within four weeks.

Pasonick Engineering's \$3,900 didn't define the scope of the work which they would perform, simply stating that their knowledge and survey maps of the Toby's Creek watershed storm water regulations would make it cheaper for them to do the work.

Greco

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fee arrangement with Greco for this season, but refused to release any details.

Greco said that he will pay for police services and follow the existing ordinances, paying a fee based on the attendance for each event.

"The money generated from these concerts will benefit the community," he said.

Greco said that although he doesn't have a firm schedule for the amphitheater yet, he plans to hold performances by Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Tammy Wynette, Hank Williams, Jr., and Lori Morgan.

"For them we're a small book-

ing, so we have to take their open dates," he said.

He added that he is now a partner in the concert venue at Montage, which has welcomed him "with open arms."

"I have used my private money to bring good entertainment to the area," he said. "I don't have to do all of my shows at Harveys Lake. If there are any unnecessary problems with the borough officials or the neighbors, I'm not going out of my way. I don't have to operate the place as a concert facility. I don't know what I'll do with it, but I don't have to do all of my shows there."

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Thom Greco
Concert promoter

Sweet Valley Fire Co. to hold Flea Market

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co. will host the season's first Flea Market April 9.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. at the Fire Hall, Main Road, Sweet Valley. Refreshments will be available. To reserve a table call Alice Walsh, 477-5239 or Connie Doty, 477-3417.

Hanover Bank becomes First Valley

Hanover Bank became First Valley Bank on March 18. First Valley has been a part of UJB Financial Corp. of Princeton, New Jersey since 1988. The corporation changed the Hanover and Hazleton National bank names to First Valley. Both banks had been affiliated with First Valley Corp. prior to the merger. With the consolidation, UJB Financial Corp. has four banks and nine active non-bank subsidiaries. Its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol UJB.

Lehman Twp. taxes are due April 11

Lehman Township property owners and residents are reminded that the rebate period for real estate and per capita taxes will end Monday, April 11.

All payments made prior to the close of the tax collector's office hours Monday and those that arrive by mail postmarked by April 11, will be accepted at rebate. All payments made in person or postmarked after April 11 through June 10 will be accepted at face.

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