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2 youths stole pistol, cops say

According to Kingston Township police, a 14-year-old Dallas boy and a 15-year-old Trucksville boy accused of stealing a handgun will be petitioned to Luzerne County Juvenile Court.

The boys took the handgun, a Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol valued at less than \$100, from a Trucksville home October 27 during the early evening, police said.

During the investigation the boys told police that they had been involved in an altercation with a group of boys from the valley, and had thought that the gun would help them if it happened again, according to the police report.

The boys said the gun could be an equalizer in a fight with other youths

The handgun wasn't loaded and didn't have an ammo clip, but would fire individual bullets placed in the chamber, police said.

"This type of ammo and clip are very easy to buy," said investigating officer Sgt. Michael Moravec. "In my 10 years of police work in Kingston Township, this is the first time I've seen juveniles this young stealing guns."

Knights prepared all week

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Lake-Lehman high school's students and faculty have planned a week-long series of events leading up to the Old Shoe Game, a Back Mountain tradition.

Monday was Halloween, and students were encouraged to come to school in costumes.

Tuesday was "hat and tie-dye day," in which students were encouraged to wear tie-dyed clothes. They were also allowed to wear hats to classes, which they're normally not allowed to do.

Wednesday was "twin day," when friends dressed alike.

Thursday will be "class color day." Students will wear clothing the same color as their lockers, located in color-coded halls in the school: freshmen, red; sophomores, orange; juniors, green and seniors, blue.

Friday will be "black and gold day," when students will wear the Black Knights' school colors.

There will also be a senior auction and a huge pep rally. The pre-game bonfire will be held at 6 p.m. at the high school.

Friday will also be a special day for the senior players, who will

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It was a happy Halloween parade

The annual Dallas Kiwanis Halloween parade was held under sunny skies Sunday, as dozens of youngsters met at the old Dallas Township school on Church Street and paraded to the Order of the Eastern Star hall on Foster Street. Judges selected winners in five categories. Above, Stephen, left, and Matthew Ruch took best group honors with their circus outfits, complete with a caged Simba, the Lion King. Photos of all the winners on page 3.

Harrises will play bridge at national table

By JACK HILSHER
Post Correspondent

The Harrises of Dorchester Drive have played bridge together as a husband and wife team for many years. In September they won a "qualifying game" which sends them on to Minneapolis where they will play other teams in the American Contract Bridge League's fall championship tourney. Play starts in mid-November.

Win or lose, that experience promises to be great fun, and not a reason for any stress in their relationship as can, and sometimes does, happen to husband-and-wife teams. Melanie, a classic blond with a disarmingly direct gaze and an infectious smile, explains why: "It's just a game! There won't be any problems...we've had some heavy discussions after a tough match, but we never, ever, throw things!"

To reach this point the Raymond R. Harrises won a tie-breaker against Jane Ressa of Dallas and Vicki Kazimi of Kingston in ACBL's qualifying round for 49'ers...those members with less than 49 points.

"Then, in the middle of my first session, I thought: What am I doing here?"

Melanie Harris

Now attending nat'l bridge meet

Tournament points won are turned in to and recorded by the league's Memphis headquarters. It is a way of rating players' skills...you get a point for each result you beat, a half-point when you tie. And there are, just to be confusing, red points, silver points and gold points. A lifetime of playing can amass thousands of points - when you really stand out from the crowd. The Harris team has 20 points...at this point. That's pretty good.

The ACBL has hundreds of thousands of players, and sanctions tournament bridge in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Bermuda. Each year more than 2 1/2 million "tables" are played under ACBL auspices. North America

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HL business gets May 1 deadline

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Several Harveys Lake residents have learned that complaints get results.

Problems with dirt, dust and noise at all hours at the former Twin Lakes on Carpenter Road were dealt with at a Harveys Lake zoning hearing board meeting October 25, when its owners were told to limit noise and deliveries and stop using the property for landscaping equipment storage by May 1, 1995.

Representing owners R. N. Fitch and Son, Drew Fitch requested permission for his son to store equipment for his landscaping business at Twin Lakes for a year, until he could make alternate arrangements.

"We have no permanent storage buildings there," Fitch said. "He plans to move everything to another location when he's able to. The landscaping business will shut down operations within the next month anyway."

Neighbors Dorothy Ricci, Richard Heintzler, Stephanie Stevenson, Wayne Shannon and Teddy Moran testified that many large

trucks have begun to use Carpenter Road since Fitch's Landscaping began operations there.

At least 50 trucks a day come up Carpenter Road, many ignoring the stop sign and speed limit, they said.

This summer a tractor-trailer pulled up to Twin Lakes at 2 a.m. and parked at the front gate with its motor running and lights on for the rest of the night, neighbors said.

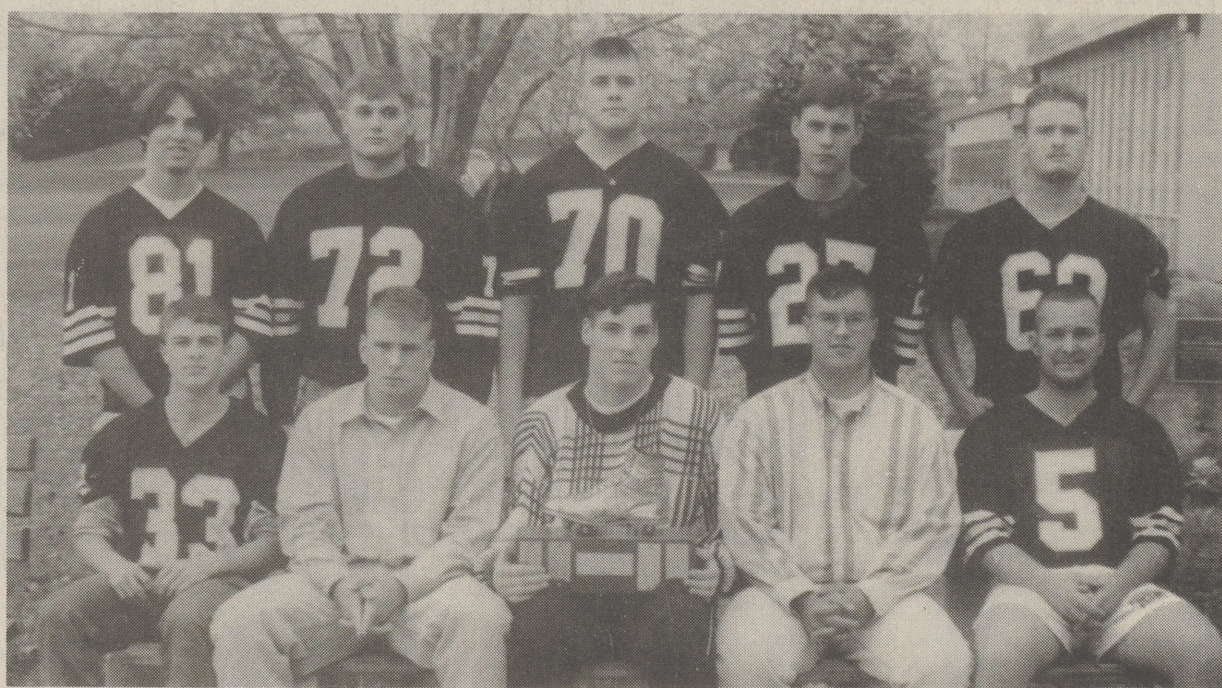
Motors on the landscaping equipment start up as early as 5:30 a.m., accompanied by tests of noisy hydraulic systems and tailgates banging, which they say violates the 1991 noise ordinance.

"There are at least 50 trucks a day and deliveries by tractor-trailers," Ricci said. "It goes on 10 hours a day, seven days a week. There are many children on Carpenter Road, which is winding and narrow. It's also the most popular route in to Fitch's business."

The background noise from the trucks and equipment is "very stressful," she added.

Ricci said her home is approxi-

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COVETED TROPHY - Showing off the famous "Old Shoe" trophy, a bronzed size 11 football cleat once worn by Kingston Twp. captain Bill Griffith, are Dallas co-captains and Lake-Lehman senior players, front row from left: Bob Roberts, Lake-Lehman; Dallas co-captains Rich Butcofski, Marty Straigas and Ed Langdon; Jamie Patton, Lake-Lehman; back row: Lake-Lehman seniors Tim Waslick, Dave Thomas, Chuck Kindler, Tom Smigielski and Jason Stockage.

'Old Shoe' valuable to seniors

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

It's a 45-year-old Back Mountain tradition, a football game whose winning team keeps a trophy made from a bronzed size 11 football cleat once worn by Kingston Township captain Bill Griffith.

For the senior Lake-Lehman football players, this year's Old

Shoe Game is a chance to bring the Old Shoe back to their school, where it hasn't been since they were freshmen.

The Dallas seniors just want to keep the coveted trophy for another year.

Both teams are looking forward to Saturday's game, their last time playing against each other as a team, which they describe as challenging.

The Black Knight squad chooses a different captain from the team's seniors for each game. Underclassmen players will choose the Old Shoe Game's captain later this week.

"This is a big Back Mountain show," said Tim Waslick. "I'm really looking forward to it. I want to play as well as possible."

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Another Townsend generation on the line

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

David Townsend is his family's second generation to play for the Dallas Mountaineers in the Old Shoe Game.

He even wears the same number, 78, which his father wore as a sophomore in the 1963 game.

Dave's father, Jeff, class of 1966, played guard and offensive/defensive tackle in the 1963, '64 and '65 games - all of which Dallas won.

"I had a hard time convincing the boys that we wore leather helmets until the late '60's," Jeff

Townsend, who was often seen cawing on the sidelines in a Mountaineer outfit during last year's state title drive, said.

"In the photos they didn't look like leather," Dave fired back. "They looked like our plastic helmets."

Like his father, Dave plays offensive/defensive tackle, but Jeff says Dave is "faster, bigger and stronger than I was."

Dave was the starring tackle in last year's state championship team, which he says was simply the result of good teamwork.

"It's been basically the same group of guys playing together

since eighth grade," he said. "We really work well together, which is a great advantage."

Dave didn't know that he is wearing his father's number until Monday night's interview for this article. The Townsends live in Franklin Township.

"It's nice to have that," he said. "It's special. I would have liked to have known about it earlier."

Jeff Townsend was the first Dallas player to wear the modern-style face mask with several metal bars across the front, known in those days as a "bird cage."

He had been injured and had lost some teeth in the Luzerne

game during his junior year. For his senior year, the coach issued him the "bird cage" to protect his face.

Jeff was named all-scholastic and all-conference during his senior year at Dallas.

Dave has also earned a reputation as a fine athlete, receiving football scholarship offers from the University of Virginia, Wake Forest, the University of Pennsylvania, Army and Navy.

He says he's still weighing his options on schools because he's also been offered track scholar-

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