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Night speed limit imposed at Harveys Lake

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Boaters on Harveys Lake will have to travel more slowly after dark, now that the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has imposed a speed limit for the 658-acre lake.

The commission enacted the law setting a no-wake speed limit between dusk and sunrise in response to a borough ordinance enacted June 15, 1993, which set the same speed limit.

According to Waterways Conservation Officer Kerry Messerle, the Harveys Lake borough council had asked the Fish

Commission to enact the law because council members were concerned about the safety of boaters, especially after dark.

The fine for violators will be \$25, Messerle said.

Because the no-wake speed limit is a borough ordinance as well as a state law, borough police and the Fish Commission will be able to enforce it, he added.

In the past, police have seen at least half a dozen near misses, in which boats traveling at full throttle barely missed hitting boats lying stationary in the water with no running lights.

Very fast motor boats whose noses

Accidents showed need for limits, pg 12

rise out of the water as they travel fast make it difficult for boaters to see people swimming at night and other boats, even with running lights, according to assistant police chief Ronald Spock, who has observed them while out in the police patrol boat.

Two more new boating laws will affect Harveys Lake's mariners.

The first requires that boats carry at

least one Coast-Guard-approved wearable (vest-type) life preserver for every passenger.

Violators will pay a \$25 fine and \$10 for every person without a life preserver.

The second law requires young people between ages 12 and 16 operating a boat whose motor is more than 10 horsepower to take an eight-hour Fish and Boat Commission basic boating course and have a certificate with them when operating a boat or personal watercraft (wave runner).

Children younger than 12 years old won't be allowed to operate motor boats or personal watercraft at all, Messerle

said.

The first basic boating course will be held March 24-25 and is free.

Violators of the statute will pay a \$25 fine.

Harveys Lake has been the scene of five serious accidents since 1983, which have resulted in the passage of stricter boating laws. Three accidents resulted in the deaths of six persons and the prosecution of boaters for homicide by watercraft and boating while under the influence. At least one accident, on September 1, 1991, in which a speedboat rammed the rear of a slower boat, then jumped over it, occurred after dark.

Two new officers in works

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Kingston Township is the first Back Mountain municipality to receive a federal grant for additional police officers, and two are expected to begin work by the beginning of April.

The \$58,000 grant will pay for 75 percent of an officer's wages and benefits for three years. At the end of the three years, the township will pick up the entire tab. The township supervisors had included one new officer in the 1995 budget.

The federal program funds community police forces which work with members of the community to help devise solutions to community problems.

"The supervisors have voted to send an officer to train for the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, which has been devised for fifth-graders," said police chief James Balavage. "One of the new officers will definitely go for DARE training."

Kingston Township officers have gone into the schools in the past to discuss drug abuse with the students, he added.

"It's very important work, but we need more manpower to do the job properly," he said. "When we

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Going for the goal

Carrie Fetterman drove for the hoop against Wallenpaupack in last week's District AAA quarterfinal game. Sara Barlow, left, and Stacey Suda watched the drive. The Lady

Mountaineers pulled out a surprise 49-47 win. Fetterman scored 10 points, including two 3-pointers, second only to Robin Suda's 11 points.

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Keeping an eye on crime

Harveys Lake neighbors form watch group

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Several Harveys Lake residents concerned about burglaries at summer cottages met February 22 to take the first steps in forming a neighborhood crime watch.

"Harveys Lake isn't exactly a high-crime area, but four burglaries in one month are a lot," said Denise Sult, who attended a recent informational meeting on neighborhood watch, hosted by the borough's advisory council to the mayor.

"There have been some break-ins on our road. Maybe a crime watch program could help our neighbors," she said.

Mayor Rick Boice reported that the police investigated four burglaries and complaints of three suspicious persons, six damaged properties and one gunshot in January. Last year borough police investigated 48 burglaries, many found and reported long after they occurred, he added.

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Withey's on top of the world

Dallas native leads int'l newspaper design group

By GRACE R. DOVE
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When Dallas native Deborah Ann Withey was a child, she enjoyed drawing - so much that she took classes with the art teacher, her mother, Dorothy T. Withey, while in high school.

Recently named president of the International Society of Newspaper Design, Deborah credits her mother with spurring her to success.

"She's a good role model," Deborah said. "I think I inherited her creativity, enthusiasm and her zest for life."

Withey has earned more than 40 national and international awards for her work in newspaper design and has taught courses in newspaper design as a visiting professor at the University of Navarra in Spain. In June she'll present newspaper design seminars in four European cities through the European chapter of the Society of Newspaper Design,



DESIGN LEADER - Dallas native Deborah Ann Withey has been named president of the International Society of Newspaper Design. She is design director of Knight-Ridder, Inc., which publishes *The Detroit Free Press*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and other major newspapers.

which had also sponsored her work in Spain.

Teaching in Spain was "the best thing I ever did in my life," she said. "I wouldn't hesitate to do it again."

Taught in English, her course at Navarre focused on visual journalism, designing newspapers to

be as eye-catching and appealing to the readers as possible.

"The Spanish papers are excellent - dynamic, fresh and high-quality," she said. "They are giving American papers a major challenge. It's interesting - the Europeans learned a lot about newspapers from us and now we're

learning from them. My students are very creative - they have taught me a lot, especially about enthusiasm for the work."

She has learned another valuable lesson from her Spanish

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Borough stiffens park rules

Violators face \$300 fine or 30 days in jail

Residents using parks in Dallas Borough will have to mind their manners from now on.

The council passed an ordinance listing the rules for using the Kenneth A. Young Memorial Park and the Dallas Bicentennial Park at its

regular February 21 meeting.

Glass containers, littering, loitering, pets, loud noises of any type, foul language and possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted in the parks and nearby streets. Park hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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