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Early goals met, group still cares for Harveys Lake

By JACK HILSHER
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A newcomer to the Back Mountain might be excused for asking, "What does the Harveys Lake Protective Association protect against?" After all, the lake has its own police force. So could it be aliens from space, aggressive trout or savage gypsy moths?

The answer is, of course, none of the above. The name dates back 75 years ago when there was

no police protection against any peril, real or imaginary. That was the year 1920.

Since 1931 there was protection, when Ira Stevenson was appointed Chief of Police at a salary of \$175 per month, and the Borough of Harveys Lake has been guarded ever since, but the association never bothered to change its name.

One of the chief's first duties, incidentally, was to order 100 signs made, each 18"x24" and

The group once put up signs around the lake, reading, "Undressing in Cars Positively Forbidden."

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An early association prospectus - author unknown - said it would be "devoted to the protection of the value of your investment in your Harveys Lake prop-

erty and in your enjoyment of it."

The association charter reads, "Our purpose is the maintenance of a society for the improvement of the highways and public places, and for the furtherance of other civic improvements and better-

ments."

Such laudable goals continue to this day. A recent lake beautification project has placed over 60 flowering cherry trees along the lake's entrance, all sold to local interested persons. Past president Guy Giordano says, "That type of good work will continue, even though we blow hot and cold. The association will go along not being too active and then suddenly spring to life again!"

Guy adds, "We have about 160

families, out of a potential of about 1,600. That's only 10 percent, and we could stand more." Current president Joe Shaver points out, "Anyone wishing to join us can write H.L.P.A. Box 45, Harveys Lake, 18618 and a membership person will be in touch. Our dues are modest, we meet quarterly, and there's lots to do for members who like to be active."

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Taxes level in Lake-Lehman final budget

Meeting ends in shouting match

By GRACE R. DOVE
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LEHMAN - A special school board meeting June 26 ended with a new budget and a shouting match as board president Joseph "Red" Jones and Harveys Lake resident James Nelligan traded barbs.

Nelligan accused the board of postponing its approval of a tentative budget with a seven-mill tax hike until after the May primary election.

"You wouldn't have been re-elected. Do icicles melt in the spring? I challenge this board to vote on these issues before the elections so it can avoid charges of cowardice and politics," Nelligan shouted.

"This budget is only robbing Peter to pay Paul, but more important, it's robbing our children to pay the teachers," he continued, wagging his index finger.

"The majority of this board has been irresponsible time and time again, voting for huge teacher contract increases when the students need textbooks."

"You don't know what you're talking about," Jones fired back, noting that within the past 10 years the board has sometimes passed the tentative budget before the primary election.

The budget, which contains no millage increase, also came under fire from Patricia Gold, Dr. John Presper and Elizabeth Sichler, the only board member to vote against it.

Calling the budget "crisis management," Sichler said each year has seen maintenance budgets which

Several board members say plan is shortsighted

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Ranger repeat



Rangers are BMT champs

Tim Faneck scored the go-ahead run in the Rangers' half of the fifth inning in last week's Little League championship. Faneck had reached base on a double. He was congratulated by Darrell Evans, who pitched the first three innings, as Giants catcher Matt Eyt looked at the score. Story, more photos on page 9.

Road work now 2 years off schedule

Work on one intersection now planned for August

By GRACE R. DOVE
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Delays in plans and funding have set the construction schedule for improvements to Routes 309 and 415 back by two years.

The massive upgrade of traffic signals and intersections throughout the Back Mountain was originally scheduled to be finished by mid-1995, but only one segment of the first phase has been completed -

adding a center turning lane between Harris Hill Road and Center Street in Shavertown.

According to district engineer Chuck Mattei of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), upgrading and adding a traffic light at the Route 415/118 intersection in Dallas Township will begin in mid-August.

PennDOT hasn't let any of the other bids yet, Mattei said.

"We had to change some of the original designs," Mattei said. "It's a paperwork jungle getting them approved, then lining up for funding. It took longer than we expected because we had to hire design consultants. Doing the designs in-house would have taken much too long."

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Driver of car hit by rig charged with DUI

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Police have charged the driver of a car hit by a tractor-trailer June 23 with driving under the influence. The accident occurred shortly before 3 a.m. on Route 309 near Shadyside Lake in Kunkle, and closed the highway for more than eight hours.

The 1984 Ford LTD sedan was operated by D. A. Moyer, 21, of Tunkhannock, and also carried a passenger, Brad Casey, 21, of Tunkhannock, according to Dallas Township police.

Casey was taken by helicopter to Community Medical Center in Scranton, while Moyer was transported to the same hospital by the Dallas ambulance. Both are listed in satisfactory condition in the trauma unit, according to a hospital spokesperson.

The older model Freightliner cabover tractor-trailer, owned by National Freight of Vineland, NJ, was operated by Randy P. Korb, 38, of Olyphant, who was taken by the Kunkle ambulance to Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital, where he was treated and

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Boat fire injures two

By GRACE R. DOVE
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HARVEYS LAKE - Two men were burned and a fiberglass boat was destroyed June 18 after it caught fire while refueling near the Grotto Marina at 11 p.m.

Plains resident Ronald Reed, 35, was filling the boat's gas tank from a five-gallon container when the fumes caught fire, according to Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission waterways conservation officer Jim Stout.

Reed and a passenger, Christopher Civiello, 22, of Scranton, jumped into the water after being

burned in the fire. Reed then climbed back into the boat and attempted to use a fire extinguisher to control the blaze, Stout said.

Reed and Civiello suffered second and third-degree burns of the lower legs and were taken by the Harveys Lake ambulance to the hospital, where they were treated and released, Stout said.

Two other passengers, Michelle Civiello and Mike Kroski, weren't injured.

The Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Company and the police assisted at the scene.



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Lunchtime!

Girl Scouts Loren Rader and Danielle Mitkus line up to get hot dogs from Darlene McMahon at a picnic marking the end of Girl Scout Neighborhood 25's week-long day camp at Frances Slocum Park.

Publishing schedule for July 4 week

Because of the July 4 holiday, The Dallas Post will be delivered to subscribers a day late that week. Local home-delivered subscribers will receive their copies in Thursday's mail. Out-of-area subscribers should expect their paper a day later than normal. Copies will be available on local newsstands the afternoon of Wednesday, July 5.

The office of The Dallas Post will be closed all day Tuesday, July 4. All news and advertising deadlines will be on our regular schedule, but early submissions will be appreciated.

Wendy's plan hits snag

By GRACE R. DOVE
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DALLAS - It's back to the drawing board for developer Larry Claudia of Fallen Oaks Associates, who wants to build a Wendy's fast food restaurant on Route 415 on the site of the former Dallas Agway.

Based in Binghamton, Claudia has a purchase contract for the empty lot and the Robo Wash and hopes to begin construction as

soon as possible, eyeing the early fall as a possible opening time.

The proposed 2,720 square-foot restaurant would have an exit from its parking lot onto Mill Street, which neighbors objected to at a zoning hearing June 7. The hearing was continued to June 21 so Claudia could meet with his engineers to discuss the Mill Street exit and redesign several signs to

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