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Lifelong friends remember 'Mayor of Lake Silkworth'

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LAKE SILKWORTH - He played cards with Jimmy Hoffa but wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty helping out his friends.

Best known for his salty language and arsenal of wisecracks, William Samuel was also known as the unofficial mayor of Lake Silkworth.

"Bill knew everything and everyone," said long-time friend Don Kivler, reminiscing about Samuel with Fritz Chamberlain two days

after the funeral. "He almost took the place of Jigger Jones, Sr."

Both Kivler and Chamberlain knew Samuel their entire lives; Samuel's sister was married to Kivler's uncle.

Samuel was a very active Republican and worked closely with John S. Fine before Fine was elected governor. No stranger to public service, Samuel served on the Lehman Township planning board and was a Lehman Township supervisor.

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Fritz Chamberlain
Lifelong friend

cost him the next election," Chamberlain said. "That was back when there was lots of federal money available for these things. The lake still doesn't have sewers."

"He wasn't afraid to pitch in and get his hands dirty," Kivler added.

Samuel was partner in the Pure

Ice and Coal Co. in Nanticoke and owned several buildings in Nanticoke.

When David Frey set up Harold's Farm on the Sans Souci Parkway, Samuel was there to lend a hand, even pitching in at the greenhouse.

"When a company which leased

a building from Bill went bankrupt, Bill helped them make it through everything," Chamberlain said. "They eventually paid him back every cent they owed him."

When a neighbor and his wife had to go into a nursing home, Samuel took care of their property and their affairs, Kivler added.

"Bill was a crusty old fellow on the outside, but he had a heart of gold," Chamberlain said. "He was loud and boisterous, but he didn't mean to be offensive or vulgar with his vocabulary. It was simply part of him. Bill would try to help

out anyone who asked him."

"Bill could tell you some of the doggondest tales about the pranks and political tricks he pulled, including how he got to play cards with Jimmy Hoffa," he added.

Back when Samuel and his business partner, "Packy" Glowacki, were starting the Pure Ice and Coal Co., they ran up against the Teamsters' Union because they didn't have a union shop.

"In those days, matters were

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Water system a wreck, they say

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HARVEYS LAKE - National Utilities provides Harveys Lake residents with water they say reeks of chlorine bleach and tastes worse. Its "temporary" water lines, installed at least eight years ago, snake through streets people's yards, a culvert and a creek bed.

Even Mayor Rick Boice has no kind words for the owner of the Harveys Lake Water Company, which he describes as "one of the sorriest water companies in the area."

When Betty and Larry West found water leaking under their kitchen in April, they assumed it was a leaking pipe and asked National Utilities to fix it.

A National Utilities representative says the problem wasn't the company's responsibility at all, and there are few problems in the Harveys Lake division.

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HANGIN' OUT AT THE LAKE



Allen Raczowski, Lake Silkworth, left, and Janet Parsons and Mary Jo Conrad of Harveys Lake cooled it on the bridge at

Sunset at Harveys Lake recently. The long, hot summer makes a trip to the lake almost mandatory this year.

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Board puts off vote on schedule

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DALLAS - The Dallas School Board will wait until its October meeting to take a final vote on the move to "intensified scheduling," which would change the high school day from seven 50-minute classes to four 85-minute sessions.

By postponing its final vote until the high school teachers have had more time to review material on intensive scheduling, the school board reached a compromise of sorts with the teachers at its August 14 meeting.

"This is the right way to go," said Dallas Education Association president William Wagner, a high school biology teacher. The teachers had voted twice, in April and in June, on adopting a four-period day for high school students. While most teachers were undecided about the plan in April,

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Planning ahead

Kingston Twp. forms water commission

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TRUCKSVILLE - After being disbanded several years ago, the Back Mountain Regional Water Commission has resurfaced with a new name. But its goal hasn't changed - to protect the area's precious water resources.

The Kingston Township supervisors recently appointed Jim Ward and Ellie Rodda to the newly formed Kingston Township Water Commission. Both Ward and Rodda were instrumental in forming the Back Mountain regional commission in 1989.

"People think that water is like electricity - all they have to do is drill a well or tap into a water supply," Rodda said. "We must study our water supplies and systems and work on improving them before another drought or emergency hits us."

Obtaining a reliable water supply in the Back Mountain can be like navigating through a maze, with 13 separate water companies operating in Kingston Township alone.

The entire Back Mountain is served by at least 40 independent water companies, two reservoirs and two filtration plants - a haphazard patchwork of small neighborhood systems and independent water suppliers of all sizes, each with its own set of customer regulations.

Depending on where a person lives, he may or may not be allowed to drill a well, wash the family car, water the lawn or fill the swimming pool, if he follows

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Kingston Twp. Water Commission

his water supplier's rules.

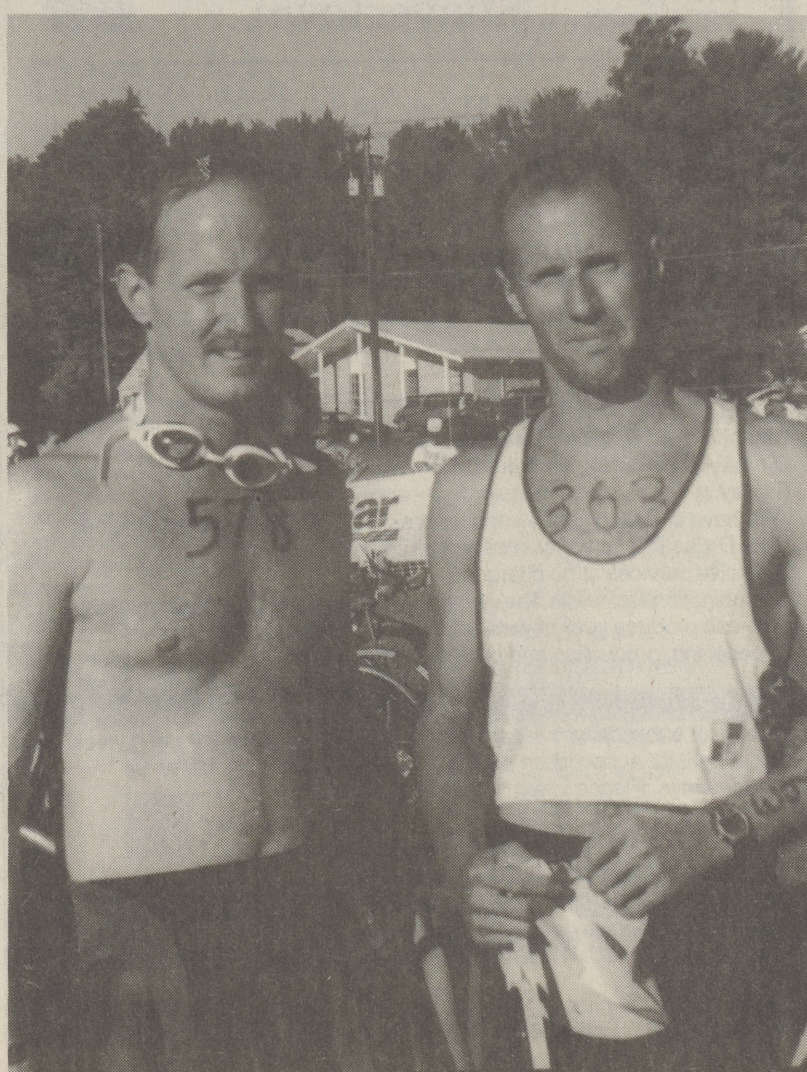
The Kingston Township Water Commission would like to see all Back Mountain water supply ordinances standardized, with each water supplier using the same sizes of pipes and following the same rules. This will make it easier for them if they eventually interconnect and form a larger system.

Interconnection of the area's 40 plus independent water companies makes economic sense, considering the increasingly complicated water standards set by the state and federal governments and the escalating cost of water tests required by the state and federal governments. Mandatory tests include continuous monitoring of certain biological contaminants and sediments, quarterly tests for PCB's and gasoline components, yearly tests for lead and copper, and tests every three or four years for radon, uranium, cyanide, thallium, radium isotopes, asbestos, arsenic and other heavy metals.

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IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR A TRIATHLON

Back Mountain athletes did the region proud in last weekend's Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon. Story, full page of photos, complete local times, pgs.9-11



Duane and Bill Sprau of Dallas came ready to race. Bill was the top local finisher.

Zoning plan passes on 3-2 vote

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - The supervisors accepted the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance from the planning commission and set a public hearing to take public comments for September 13 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

The commission had approved the proposed changes on a 3-2 vote, with Mark Millington and Hank Psolka voting against it.

Millington disagreed with the three-acre minimum lot size in the agricultural zones, while Psolka said he didn't like all the new rules and regulations, ac-

ording to township secretary Sandy Race.

The supervisors awarded a \$585 contract to Ide Paving to repair the tennis and basketball courts behind the municipal building.

The supervisors also gave contingent approval to the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company to invite other area fire companies to its September 24 fire school, as long as all participating units provide certificates of insurance to the township by September 5.

■ **Re-Building** The former "Duke" Isaacs showroom will be recycled, and replaced. See the plan on page 3.

■ **Showoffs** Annual Lehman car show is this weekend. Page 16.

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