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## Rec fields languish from lack of attention

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**JACKSON TWP.** - A family friendly park complete with picnic pavilions, nature walks and baseball fields still eludes Jackson Township. Although a soccer field was recently created for area kids, some people involved in the program believe there could be much more if the community pulled together.

Volunteers banded together eight years ago to create the Jackson Township Recreation Committee. They entered the project expecting more than 140,000 in county and federal grants.

A \$100,000 grant for the project from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) did not pan out, said Walter Glogowski, township supervisor chairman. HUD determined Jackson Twp. average family income was too high to qualify for the grant. The township did receive \$47,000 from Luzerne County.

"We tried to do what we could with that money," said Glogowski. "Taxpayers' money was not available. We couldn't take money from road repair and police." Volunteers were trying to raise money, he said.

Tom Dougherty, the former recreation committee treasurer, said he resigned from the position because of a lack of cooperation in the township.

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## Sculpted squash

Mitch Cybulski of Dallas showed off a goose gourd at his daughter's stand at the intersection of Rts. 118 and 415 in Dallas. The stand sells fresh fruits and vegetables from his daughter's farm.

## Golf course will receive environmental award

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**LEHMAN** - Huntsville Golf Club will be honored Oct. 9 for their trailblazing efforts to enhance and protect the environment. Huntsville is the recipient of an Environmental Partnership Award presented annually by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partners (NEPEP).

Scott Schukraft, club superintendent, said he is honored the club will receive the award and hopes it will bring light to environmentally sound course care.

"I hope it makes more people aware that it can be done. It is the right thing to do. We are willing to carry the banner so more people do the right thing," said Schukraft, who has worked at the course since it opened in 1993.

Russ Johnson, NEPEP director, said Huntsville Golf Club earned the award by involving its community and forming partnerships to help solve environmental problems. The club has worked with the Audubon Society, Wyoming Seminary students and its own

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Scott Schukraft, superintendent, and Karen Balchunas, horticulturist, stand in one of the natural fields at the Huntsville Golf Club. The club will receive an environmental award next week.

## Meet the new teachers at Dallas and Lake-Lehman

Both Lake-Lehman and Dallas School Districts hired new teachers this year to fill spots left by those who retired or moved on for one reason or another. The following is a list of all the teachers hired by both districts and their backgrounds:

**Lake-Lehman Senior High:** Gail Meeker of Hunlock Creek, English dept., BA in English Education; Frank Jones of Hunlock Creek, History dept., BA in Math, King's College and MS in computer science, State University New York, Binghamton; Sandra Boyle of Dallas, Math dept., B.S. in Math, Ursinus College; Joseph Dobroski of Forty-Fort, English dept., B.A. in English, College Misericordia and teaching certificate, King's College; Alex Coveleski of Harveys Lake, Social Studies dept., B.A. in History, Wilkes University; Michael Leskowsky of Dallas, Physical Education dept., Health and Physical Education certificate from Marywood College, MS in

organizational management from College Misericordia and B.S. in Recreation and Parks from Penn State University; **Middle School:** John Sobocinski of Shavertown, seventh grade Social Studies and Science depts.; **Lehman-Jackson:** Tracy Cook of Lehman, Kindergarten, B.S. in Elementary Education, Penn State University; **Lake-Noxen:** Dara Lopasky of Dallas, first grade, B.S. College Misericordia; Irene Race of Lehman, elementary music, BA in music, College Misericordia; Richard Cronin of Harveys Lake, sixth grade, B.S. in elementary ed., Bloomsburg University; **Ross:** Carrie Snell of Harveys Lake, kindergarten, B.A. in psychology, Lycoming College.

**Dallas Senior High:** Kathy Kupstas of Dallas, social studies, B.A. history, Wilkes University; Matthew Stretanski of Kingston, social studies, B.A. in History, Franklin and Marshall; Harry

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## Young mother's death 'suspicious' until tests return

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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**DALLAS TWP.** - The death of a 21-year-old mother of two boys is considered suspicious, as police and the county coroner await results from tests on the woman's body.

The body of Carrie Evans, 185 Meadow Drive in the Valley View mobile home park, was found by a neighbor Monday morning. The neighbor went to the trailer home after being called by Evans's mother, who had been trying to telephone her daughter all morning. The two boys, ages 4 and 3, had answered the phone before Evans's mother called the neighbor and asked her to check on her daughter.

Evans was declared dead at 12:25 p.m., but the body showed signs that she had died several hours earlier, said Joseph Shaver, chief deputy coroner for Luzerne County. There was no evidence of injury sufficient to cause death, and chief coroner Dr. George

Hudock said Evans appeared to be in good health.

Officer Robert Jolley, one of the Dallas Township officers investigating the death, said several interviews have been conducted, including one with the woman's ex-husband, Rick, with whom she and the boys lived. Jolley said Carrie Evans had faced drug problems in the past, and had been arrested on drug-related charges a few years ago.

Neighbors gathered late Monday morning near the trailer, which was decorated for Halloween, as township police officers waited for the coroner and investigators from the state police and district attorney's office to arrive. The neighbors were shocked at the news that Evans, who they said had lived in the trailer for about one year, was dead. They were aware that Evans and her ex-husband had once had a stormy relationship, but had reconciled.

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## Sharing land with youth gives Byrons satisfaction

But someone doesn't respect their generosity as barn is defaced with obscenities, swastika

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS TWP.** - After paying off medical school loans, Tom and Joan Greulich Byron knew they wanted to give back to their new community. The two doctors came up with an idea to help area youth participate in sports.

The Byrons have leveled portions of their 257 acres to create three soccer fields for the Northeast Attack and College Misericordia soccer teams to practice on, absolutely free of charge.

Soccer summer camps also take advantage of the regulation size fields. Joan Byron said more than 10 teams use the fields on the weekend.

But not everyone appreciates the Byrons' generosity. Someone spray painted expletives inside their barn a couple of weeks ago. Joan Byron, who cannot recall any incident that would spawn such rude graffiti, takes the incident personally. The white paint scrawls out her husband's name alongside an obscenity and a swastika. Another swastika was discovered on a rock not far from

the barn.

"We have opened our arms to the community. We try to do nice things and this is the response," said Joan Byron. "I have no idea where it is coming from, not a clue." No other graffiti has been found since.

The couple moved to Dallas from New York state and spent their first four years paying off loans. Joan Byron remembers of their first few years after school, "We were so broke," she said.

After they discovered the property in the township was for sale, they bid on it until it was theirs by 1985.

Joan Byron said it was a natural idea between she and her husband to open their land to the community.

"I like to see people having fun," said Joan Byron. "We are sincerely trying to do things for other people for no financial gain."

Tom Byron said they had a specific idea of allowing selected use of their open land. "Various institutions or groups use it in a way that is mutually beneficial

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## Fast action

Lake-Lehman's Laura Castellano took the ball to Abington Heights defender Dawn Schwartztrauber Monday. Lake-Lehman took an easy 7-0 win to stay unbeaten. More photos on page 9.

### Homecoming '97



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