

## Byrons' land

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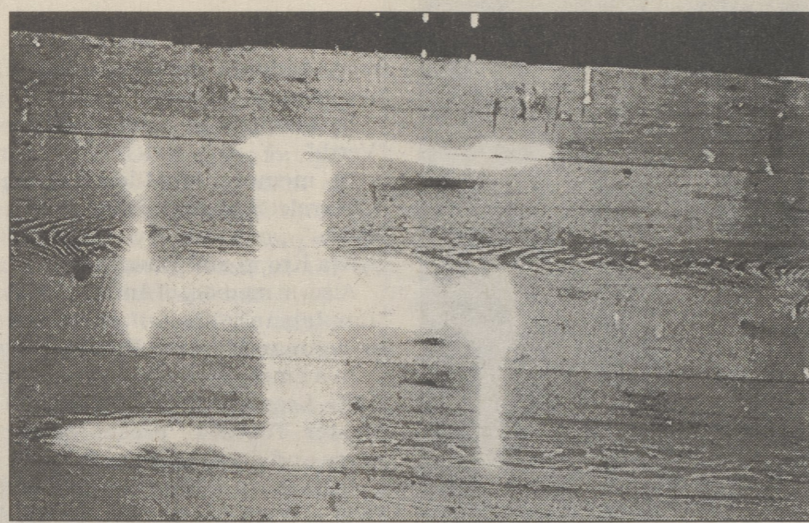
and not environmentally harmful," he said.

Chuck Edkins, men's soccer coach for College Misericordia, said his team uses the fields for pre-season practice in August and periodically throughout the season. "It's outstanding," he said of the Byrons' contribution. "I think what they do for NE Attack and Misericordia is great."

Molly Peeler, Back Mountain Thunder U-14 girls coach, said she is extremely thankful for the Byrons' fields. "It's wonderful for them to make fields available, especially since there is a lack of soccer fields in the area," she said. "It really is nice. We have so many teams and so little property."

Peeler also complimented the Byrons on their maintenance of the fields. "They keep them in excellent condition. The lines are well marked and the parking is convenient. It's a great setup," she said.

Tom Byron said his family has spent many hours themselves working on the fields. "We did a lot of renovation ourselves. We didn't just hire people to do it," he said. The Byrons seeded, filled holes and lugged rocks out of the



Someone painted this swastika and an obscenity inside a barn on the Byrons' property. Another swastika was found on a rock on the land.

fields.

Roger Howell, NE Attack U-12 girls coach, said, "It's been more than generous to allow our club to use the fields for games and practice."

Fellow Attack coach Gary Norconk said he and his team are very fortunate. "It's fantastic (what the Byrons are doing). They should be commended. There are not too many people who would open their

property up like that," said Norconk, who coaches the U-16 premier boys team and is an assistant coach for Lake-Lehman High School.

NE Attack uses the fields for both practice and their games. "There are 10 teams with 16 to 18 players on a team, they all have parents and grandparents. People are only asked to help keep it nice," he said. "It's amazing there

*"I have no idea where it is coming from, not a clue."*

Joan Greulick Byron  
Dallas Township

are people like that."

Norconk said Tom Byron approached him about the fields more than four years ago. "We drew up a contract that said we could use the fields free of charge and all we had to do was maintain them," he said. There are a total of six soccer fields, including two full size fields (one main field for games and one for practice), and four smaller fields for the younger players.

"We've spent thousands and thousands of hours working on those fields," said Norconk. "The main field is one of the nicest fields in the whole Wyoming Valley."

The Byrons' property now has a new use as the home course for the College Misericordia cross country team. Just this season Tom Byron offered the cross country team its own Division III, five mile course on the Byrons' property. The Misericordia Invitational was held Sept. 20 and hosted six colleges.

Tom Byron, who was a runner in high school and college, knew Misericordia did not have a Division III course and wanted to help. "I was thinking about it for many

years," he said. "It was apparent the college did not want to use township roads for liability reasons, so they laid out a totally interior course on our land." The course winds on old farm roads, wooded paths and new road created just for them.

"It got good reviews from our kids and the other runners," said Scott Crispell Misericordia's sports information director. "They thought it was a pretty good course. It's a real cross country course, with hills and fields."

The college runners previously used Dallas High School's three mile course where they had to repeat a part of the course. Crispell said the team was grateful to use the high school course, but is happy to have their own.

The Byrons have suffered other forms of harassment through the years. Disgruntled hunters have made their opinions about the

couple's stance against hunting on their property known in various ways.

Joan Byron has found deer ears and hooves in her mailbox. Three times entire deer carcasses were left in their driveway and once someone unloaded a handgun into their front yard. But that seems to have settled down; major signs of trespassing have not been detected in the last two years, she said.

The Byrons do not think there is a connection between the recent vandalism and the incidents during hunting season.

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Molly Peeler  
Girls soccer coach



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Tom and Joan Greulick Byron donate use of their land for 10 soccer fields and the College Misericordia cross country course.

## Library news



Nancy Kozemchak

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is selling "Entertainment '98." The book sells for \$25 and helps the library to earn extra money for fund raising. The use of the coupons offers a constant stream of new customers to over 135,000 merchant locations worldwide. You help your pocket-book with hundreds of savings on dining, travel, shopping, sports, theater and more. You are entitled to many additional benefits as discounts at hotels and resorts. The book is broken down into 8 sections. Fine Dining, gold awards dining, casual dining, informal dining and carryout, national values, attractions, mer-

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chandise and local services. The coupons may be used while on vacation and the books make excellent gifts. Entertainment '98! A super value.

The Library Book Club held its first meeting of the current season on Monday, Sept. 15 in the community room at the library. A discussion was held on the recent book purchases for the book club shelf. The membership stands at 191 with \$1,870 collected to purchase the book club books.

New books at the library: "The Nine Steps to Financial Freedom" by Suze Orman gives practical and spiritual steps so you can stop worrying.

This is the first personal finance book that gives us the knowledge of how to handle money, but also the power to break barriers that hold us back. Many of us know what we ought to do with our money, yet often just

don't do it.

"Words I Wish I Wrote" by Robert Fulghum reveals the works of writers who have inspired him. During the past four decades he has reviewed and revised the basic principles of his philosophy many times, sometimes as an exercise in personal growth, but more often in response to individual crisis. At 50, he professes, all he really needed to know he learned in kindergarten.

"Kafka, Love and Courage" by Mary Hockaday is the life of Milena Jesenska. She is best known as the recipient of Kafka's Letters to Milena.

This book flushes out Kafka's muse, a radical-thinking, thoroughly independent woman and journalist in her own right who lived at the center of cosmopolitan Prague before the war. A fascinating woman of enormous vitality and passion.

## Land Trust sponsors Painted Pumpkin Contest

The Back Mountain Regional Land Trust is presenting a Painted Pumpkin Contest for children ages 2-10 years, as part of the Trifunation Festival on October 4 at Nesbitt Park in Wilkes-Barre.

There will be three age divisions: 2-4 years, 5-7 years; and 8-10 years. Categories for entries are funniest, scariest, and famous personality lookalike. Three local florists will be donating uniquely designed ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Hillside Dairy ice cream gift certificates will be awarded to top prize winners. If winners are present at Awards Ceremony (to be held between 2 and 3 p.m., photographs will be taken for publication in the next edition of the Land Trust newsletter.

Contest rules are: (1) An entry form must accompany each pumpkin. Forms available at contest display in Nesbitt Park. (2) Pumpkins must be painted and/or decorated only. No carved

pumpkins will be accepted. This is a contest for children.

Pumpkins can be any size, but small to medium is recommended. (3) Entries will be accepted between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Oct. 4, at Nesbitt Park. (4) Judging will take place at 1:30 p.m. (5) Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony between 2 and 3 p.m. at the bandshell. (6) If pumpkins are not retrieved by 4 p.m. they will be donated to local organizations.

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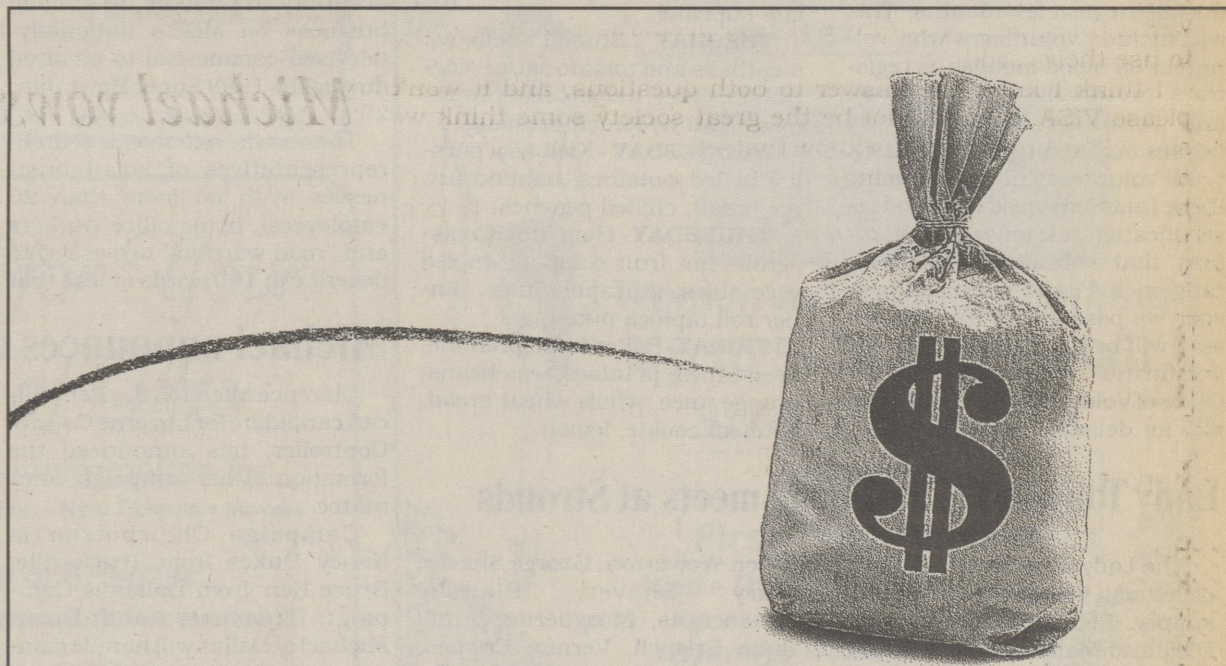
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