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Fertilizer ban carries hefty fines

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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HARVEYS LAKE - The environmentally conscious can rest a little easier now that a ban on fertilizers containing phosphorus has been passed. Harveys Lake Borough Council unanimously passed the ban in December.

"Our greatest asset at the borough is the lake itself," said George Andrews, council member. "The risk we run is the lake becoming dead by being polluted. One way it is polluted is with an overgrowth of algae."

The proposed ban of fertilizers came out of a lake study completed two and a half years ago. Phosphates in fertilizers help the development of root systems in plants, but when phosphates build up in the watershed, these nutrients can prove very harmful to the lake. Excessive amounts of phosphorus has created enough algae in the past to close the lake.

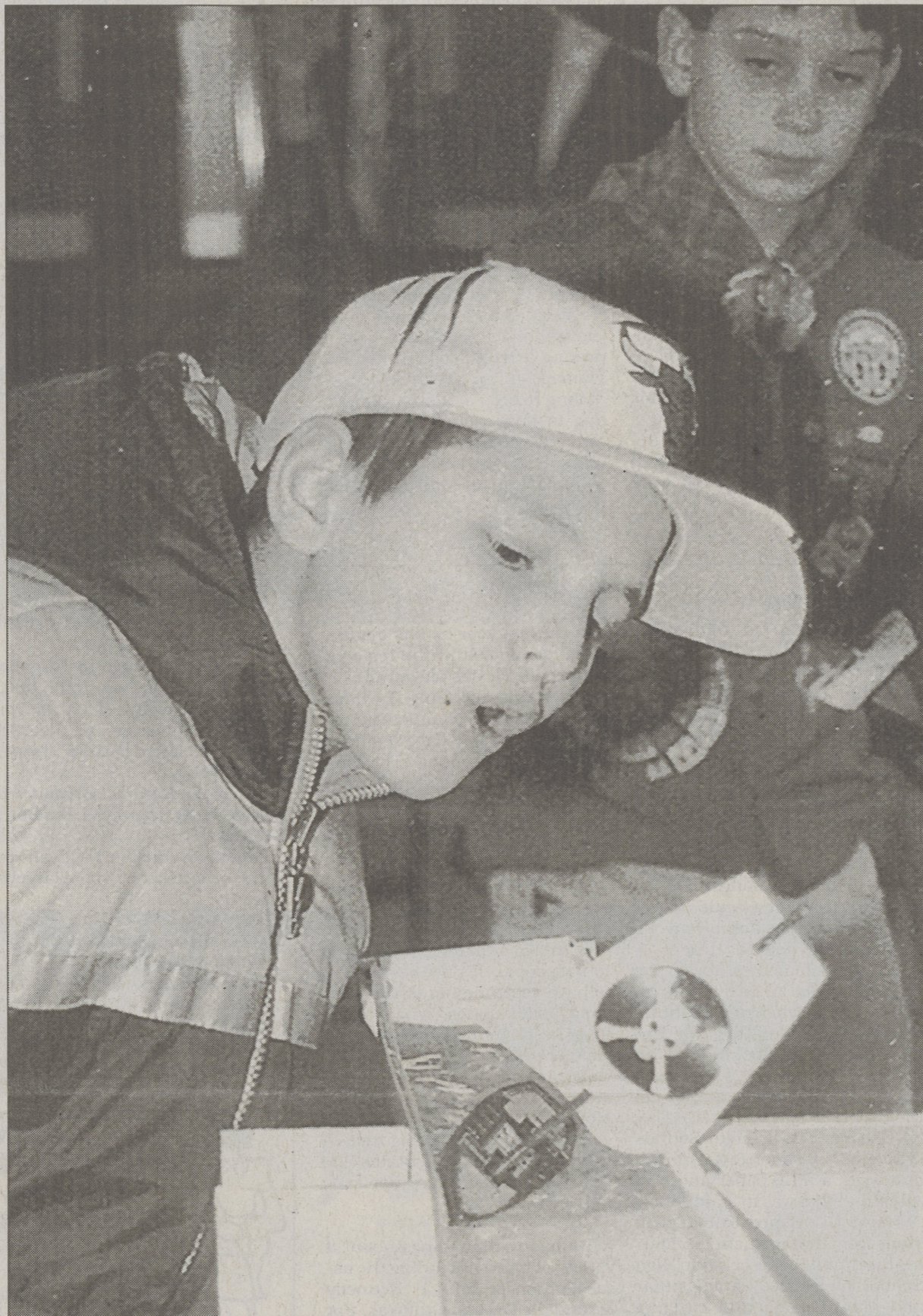
Andrews said even people who live further up from the lake can affect it. "If you have a lawn uphill from the lake and spray fertilizer with phosphorus on your plants, the rain will carry it right into the lake," he said.

Anthony Young, a 10-year resident, said if it will help the lake he will do it. "People have to do what they can to help," he said.

The ordinance containing the ban was tabled in July, 1997, when Francis Kopko, then president of the council, said it was not enforceable because it didn't lay out penalties. That concern has been addressed, along with other details:

- Lawn care businesses must have a license in order to conduct business in the borough. They must also agree to random sampling of their fertilizers.
- Whenever possible, fertilizers cannot be applied within 24 hours

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MAN OVERBOARD!

Grant Cebrick gave his boat a little too much breeze in the Cub Scout Raingutter Regatta, held Saturday at Gate of Heaven Church. More photos on page 5.

Police step up DUI enforcement

Arrests doubled in Dallas Township

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - Some people think the hard facts concerning drinking and driving should be enough to deter people from risking their lives and others. But, that's not the case. Despite the chilling fact that someone is killed every 31 minutes in an alcohol related auto accident and a person will be injured every two minutes as a result of alcohol related crashes, there is always an impaired person on the road, say police.

Back Mountain police departments have decided to make a conscious effort to arrest more drunk driving offenders. "Hopefully we can stop people from getting into accidents. We are cracking down because there are too

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Dallas Twp. patrolman

many people getting hurt or killed," said Jeff Dennis, a Dallas Twp. patrolman who was the arresting officer in half of the township's D.U.I.'s last year.

"They are out there every given day of the week. After you are out there, you can learn to see (impaired drivers) and they become very obvious," he said.

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Choristers will perform at Lake-Lehman this week

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
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LEHMAN - Nearly 200 students from more than 40 schools will participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (P.M.E.A.) District 9 chorus festival, being held at Lake-Lehman high school later this week.

"This is the first time the festival has been held here," said Lake-Lehman Choral Director Jonathan Pineno, "and we are very excited to host it."

Preparation for the festival be-

gan last October when students qualified for the festival at a pre-audition. Since then, participating students have been working on their music, while helping the other chorus members, Pineno and the Lehman Chorus Boosters association, to get ready for the festival.

Members of Lehman's chorus

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Local blood collections can help ease shortage

A critical blood shortage sweeping across Pennsylvania has prompted the American Red Cross to make a plea for donors to give blood.

Chris Rodgers, CEO of the American Red Cross Blood Services, Northeastern Pennsylvania Region categorized the blood shortage as extremely serious. "The supply of all blood types in our region and across the state has dropped to a one day supply and less," Rodgers said. "This forces us to be very selective as to how much blood we can distribute to our local hospitals. If we only have a few bags of type 'O' blood, we must be conservative as

to how much of this blood type we can send to hospitals.

Drives are scheduled in the Back Mountain Feb. 1, Feb. 4 and Feb. 26. The first, Sunday, Feb. 1, will be held at Gate of Heaven Church, Machell Ave. in Dallas from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Meadows Nursing Center will host a drive Wed., Feb. 4 from 1-6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room on the first floor, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

On Feb. 26, a blood collection

will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dallas United Methodist Church.

Back Mountain Blood Drives
Sun., Feb. 1 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Gate of Heaven Church
Wed., Feb. 4 • 1-6 p.m.
Meadows Nursing Center

To be eligible to give blood, one must be in good health, age 17 or over, and weigh at least 105 pounds. Blood can be donated every 56 days.

While appointments are always recommended, walk-in donors will be accommodated as necessary. Call the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross at 823-7161 to make an appointment, or to get more information.

Blood usage has surged throughout hospitals in Northeastern Pennsylvania, creating an enormous strain on the region's blood supply. "As soon as the blood comes through our doors it's immediately earmarked to go to a local hospital," Rodgers stated. "Generally we liked to keep a three to four day supply here at the Red Cross Blood Center. Right now, we're lucky if we can keep more than a day supply on our shelves."

Traditionally, the period from Dec. 24 through mid-January can lead to blood shortages as people put off donating blood due to va-

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Harveys Lake folk singer writes from the heart

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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HARVEYS LAKE - "Write what you know," the old saying goes. Kevin Ray Jones does just that when he sits down to articulate his thoughts and feelings while shaping and molding them around the sound of his guitar.

Jones is a folk singer/songwriter whose lyrics are filled with observations and insight some think he's too young to possess. Jones said he's had certain significant experiences that forced him into a more mature outlook on life at an early age.

The death of his father when Jones was 13 years old has a huge

"My goal is to hit the road big time. I want to see the United States."

Kevin Ray Jones
Singer/songwriter, Harveys Lake

impact on who he is as a songwriter. Jones wrote "My Father's Song" as a musical homage to his dad.

"I grew up fast from 13 years old on," said Jones, with his guitar in hand. "That's why folk music impressed me. It's not

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Sitting with his constant companion. Kevin Ray Jones is a singer/songwriter from Harveys Lake.



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Safety first

Showing how far away from the bus the crossing guard arm keeps them, Dallas Elementary students Kaley Roberts, Bobby Vojtko, Pete Blanchard, Robert Hayes, Drew Morgantini, A.J. Bugliese and Richard Wengrzynek. The mother of a child who died in a bus accident is working to see that the guards are installed on all buses in the state. Story on page 5.

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