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Fire chief looks west, sees new house numbering system

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HARVEYS LAKE - Fire chief Frank Lutinsky looked west, and saw the answer to house numbering problems in Harveys Lake borough.

Lutinsky spoke at the April 21 borough council meeting regarding the need to switch the bor-

ough from rural route addresses to street addresses. He explained that not only would the change be necessary for the county 911 system, but it would have the added benefit of "making it easier for home delivery and giving directions."

Lutinsky, who has been researching the process, suggested the borough follow the Colorado

system. This system divides one mile into segments 1/1,000 of a mile long. Emergency workers, he explained, would be able to locate a residence within that mile by its number. Council member Francis Kopko was enthusiastic about the idea. "Frank is talking about an address, uniformity," he told fellow council members. Martin Noon, borough council president,

asked Kopko and Lutinsky to work together to come up with a plan.

Irene Brislin, again raised concerns about the sewage problem at the lake. During heavy rainstorms, water from the sewer system is discharged through the manhole cover handles around the lake. The problem occurs because some residents have sump pumps and rain gutters connected

to the sewer system. This excess water during heavy rainstorms is too much for the sewer system pumps to handle, so it is discharged, explained Richard Boice, Harveys Lake Mayor and manager of the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority.

"What will council do?" Brislin asked. "Will you go house to house or send letters?"

Boice responded. "We're doing an aggressive campaign next month. We're going to send literature and go door to door." Boice said the municipal authority will ask residents to disconnect gutters and sump pumps and re-route runoff through their yards into catch basins.

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Raptors, up close and real personal

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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DALLAS - The audience did as they were told. More than 200 people sat quietly, trying not to stir, while Cody prepared to take flight. She flew 50 yards to her perch, large wings fanning everyone along the way.

Cody is a golden eagle and part of The Raptor Project, Birds of Prey, an educational program that was presented April 23 in Walsh Auditorium at College Misericordia.

Jonathon and Susan Wood founded The Raptor Project and operate the organization from their 14-acre facility in the Catskill Mountains. The project takes birds that are permanently disabled and unreleasable to the wild and trains them to help educate people about raptors, many of which have made it onto the endangered species list.

Cody sits majestically on her perch looking at the audience. She is a hefty 11 pounds



and her brown feather coat is full and beautiful. But this wasn't always so. Cody, who is from Wyoming, was badly injured after she was electrocuted by landing across two electrical wires. She was found days later, emaciated, bug-ridden

and near death. Luckily she was taken into the hands of the conservation department, which nursed her back to health and gave her to the

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Ken and Paige Williams took a close look at the owls during last week's program at College Misericordia (above). At left, Jonathon Wood prepared to display "Mr. Freeze," a snowy owl.

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Spring cleanups in 3 towns

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors has announced that Spring Cleanup for 1998 will be held May 4-9, at the Kingston Township Public Works Facility, East Center Street, Shavertown. The hours will be Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sat., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Residents with full size vans, pickup trucks, utility trailers, and trucks larger than a regular pickup truck bed will be required to obtain an Admission Coupon from the Kingston Township Municipal Building, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Coupons for full size vans, pickup trucks and utility trailers are free of charge and are limited to one per township residence. Residents are defined as the owner/occupant of single family dwellings and individuals who occupy rental housing, not the owners of rental housing. Coupons for trucks larger than pickup trucks, such as U-Haul Vans, small dump trucks and stake body trucks, are available for a fee of \$85. Proof of residency, such as a tax bill or a drivers license is required to receive a coupon. Commercial property owners are not to participate in the cleanup.

Residents are reminded that, as in previous years, items that will not be accepted will be washers, dryers, furnaces, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters or other

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Trail project gets official launch, new \$1,000 grant

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEETTER
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LUZERNE - The Back Mountain Trail project's kick-off party was the place to be for a glimpse into the future. About 60 people showed up April 23 to support the project and learn more about what needs to be done.

The Anthracite Scenic Trails Association (ASTA), with Judy Rimple at the helm, has led a grassroots campaign for the past four years to turn the historic Lehigh Railways into a walking, running and biking trail.

With food from every restaurant on Main St. and a deejay, the evening was set for fun learning. An architect's model helped people to envision the end result.

Currently the PA Conservation Corps (PCC Corps) works five days a week on the trail. ASTA received a grant from the state which allows the PCC Corps to work for one year. Volunteers also are needed to get the trail in shape.

Mike Stredny, who lives in Alaska, but owns a farm in Dal-

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Mike Stredny
Dallas land owner

las, fully supports the project. "We'll lose it if we don't do something," he said. "I use the trail a lot. I'd like to see it grow economically. It could help everybody. There could be bed and breakfasts, horse rental and bike rental."

The project recently received a \$1,000 grant from The Conservation Fund's American Greenways Program in Arlington, VA. The money will help with construction costs for the first two miles from the Main St. in Luzerne to Carverton Rd. ASTA must raise \$200,000 for trail construction and a creek crossing near Wildcat Falls.

For more information or if you would like to donate time or money, call 696-3409.



Judy Rimple, ASTA president and Randall Glidden, Kingston Township supervisor, discuss the possibilities of the trail.

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Title hearing postponed

Lawyers for R.N. Fitch & Sons and title insurers were disappointed Monday when a hearing on the disputed ownership in Deer Meadow Estates was postponed. Judge Gifford Cappellini said he had not had time to review the case and wanted to reschedule the hearing for Monday, May 4. But Atty. Raymond Hassey, whose claim for half ownership of the land is at the center of the dispute, said his wife was scheduled to undergo surgery around that time. The hearing

has been postponed until May 18.

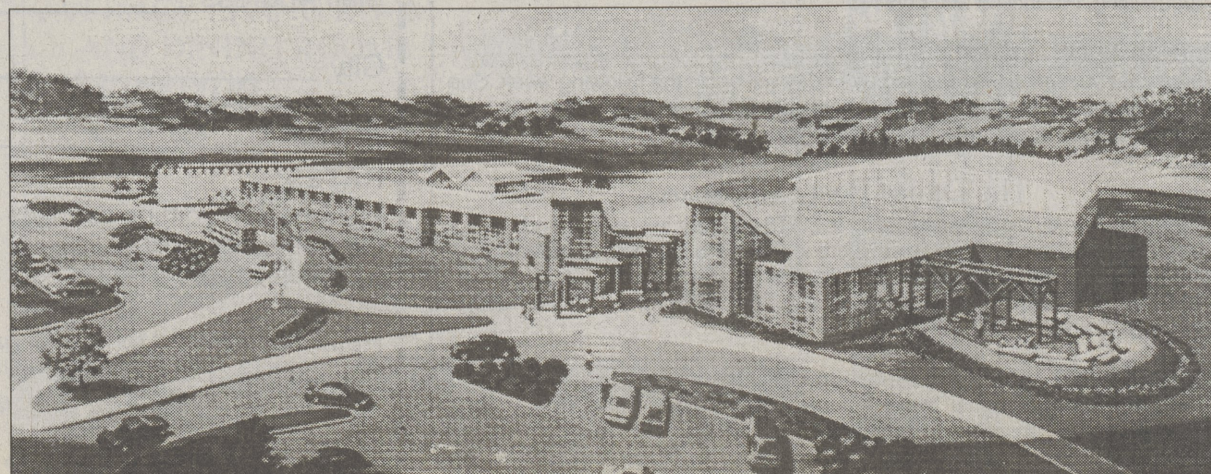
Atty. Glenn Yanik, who represents title companies, said he has filed preliminary objections to Hassey's action, and has asked that Hassey's case be dismissed. "We're doing what we can," Yanik said Tuesday. He said all the title companies involved are trying to reach a consensus position to take into court.

Yanik said he is trying to get

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Groundbreaking for new school

The Dallas School District will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the new Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary School on Mon., May 4, at 6 p.m. The program will be held at the construction site on Conyngham Avenue and will be followed by an informal reception in the cafeteria of the Middle School. At right, an architect's rendering of the new school building.



■ Cleaning up

Westmoreland students spruce up school grounds for Earth Day. Pg 3.

■ Too soft?

Black Knight softball team could use a little more intensity, coach, players say. Pg 9.

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