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County 911 not living up to promises or expectations

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BACK MOUNTAIN - Now that the county 911 system is up and running, some local emergency workers feel it does not provide better service than what they had before. Others think that small glitches are just part of transitional territory. The countywide emergency service as been online for just over a month. The Back Mountain Communication Center, which served the area for 12 years, closed

its doors two weeks ago.

William Hagenbaugh, deputy chief of Lehman Fire and Ambulance, says he wished the "enhanced" part of the system would have been complete before 911 was started.

"With all the time they had, you would think they would've have done it," he said. "We're really no further advanced than when we had the comm center. I'm surprised they don't have ghost addresses. I'm surprised that's not up and running. It's been two or three years (since they

"Now, there are delays in dispatching. They should have waited until the CAD was up and running."

Brian Johnson
Trucksville fire chief

started the project)." He also mentioned that, "we don't really know who is in charge down there. We're kind of at their

mercy."

Part of the "enhanced" system includes a Computerized Activated Dispatch (CAD), which displays the name, address, phone number and local emergency units for any business or residence. This information concerning Back Mountain phone lines is given to the county by Commonwealth Telephone. Much of the information still needs to be updated and entered into the system, and many rural routes need to be given street address names by municipalities.

"Addressing is a problem in the Back Mountain," said Norbert O'Donnell, director of the county service. "We have to name the roads and we're working on that. A lot of Commonwealth's database has no address attached to it." O'Donnell said 70 percent of Commonwealth's database needs to be updated.

Mike Burnside, Commonwealth director of public relations, said many of the older accounts need to be updated and

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Jet skis still top hazard on lake

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HARVEYS LAKE - Despite some boaters' recklessness and ignorance, no serious accidents have been recorded at the lake this year. Some of the credit for that record goes to more consistent enforcement of water safety laws, the rest may just be good luck.

Lake traffic is heaviest by far on the weekends. Sailboats glide effortlessly on the water, motor boats thrash through the small waves and jet skiers weave in between the two. You might even see a few patient fishermen on the outskirts trying for that prize bass.

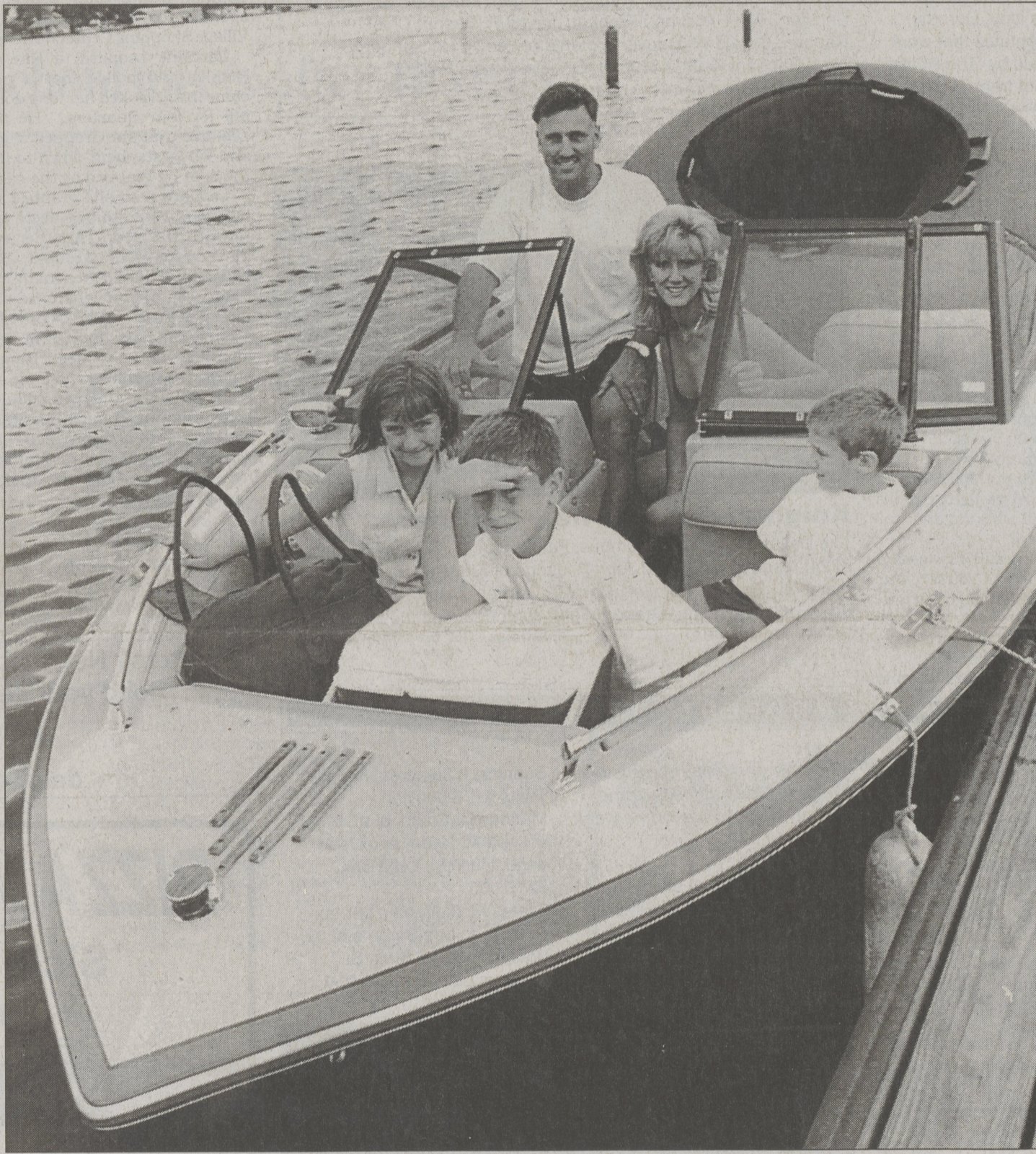
Frank Kann of the Fish and Boat Commission says traffic

"The weekends are crazy. I don't even want to do lessons on the weekend."

Mark Spangler
Rents jet skis at Harveys Lake

on Harveys Lake increases steadily each year. "We register more and more boats and we're not getting another acre of water. Problems on the lake will only get worse," he said.

Kann said this summer has been pretty typical, not really better or worse than the past two years. "A couple of years ago things were getting pretty loud. But, now we have a new officer out there and people found out what he would and wouldn't accept," explained



The DeAngelo family of Dallas prepared to shove off Saturday at Harveys Lake. Bill and Beth Anne watched over their children, Dominique, Billy and Dante.

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Kann. "Officer Jim Stout is doing an excellent job."

Stout, who has been an officer for 13 years, has seen people put themselves and others at risk in many different ways. Everything from a motor boat operator watch-

ing the waterskier behind him instead of the water in front, to putting adult life jackets on kids and failing to travel in the right direction on the lake (which is counterclockwise).

He's seen four people on a three

person jet ski, 9-year-olds driving boats and jet skis, and boaters failing to travel slowly through the "No Wake" areas. "People would never think of letting a 9-year-old

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Fire chief bugs council on addresses

By MEIRA ZUCKER
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HARVEYS LAKE - At the monthly meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council, Fire Chief Frank Lutinski once again pleaded with the borough council to standardize the house numbering system.

"We've been misdirected about an ambulance call," said Lutinski. "We've been having problems for years."

"All we're trying to do is have the municipality choose a system," Lutinski commented later. "It makes it simpler to give directions to emergency vehicles." Rural route and box numbers are confusing, he adds, and some box numbers go in the direction of the mail carrier, rather than according to any plan.

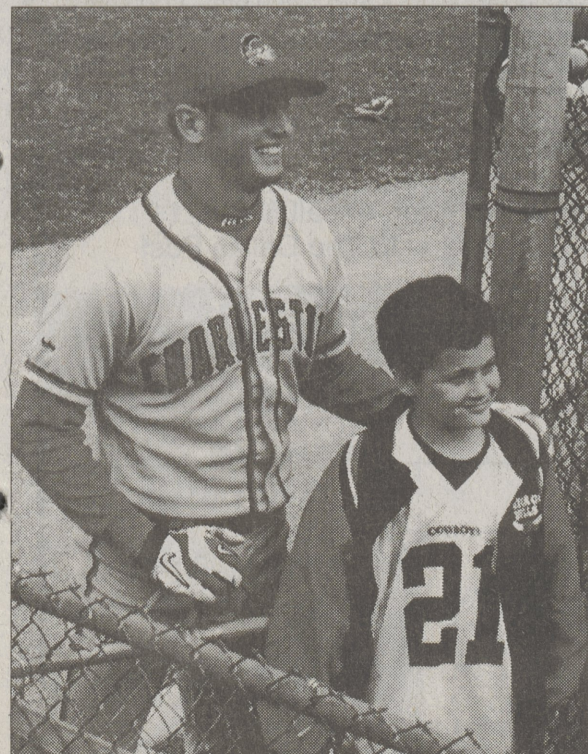
Chief Lutinski addressed the council 60 days ago, and vowed to return every two months until the system is resolved. The obvious goal is to improve response, says Lutinski, but deliverers such as UPS, FedEx, and Roadway would also benefit.

In other business, the council voted to increase the minimum and maximum fines for the garbage, refuse, and rubbish ordinance. The minimum fine is now \$100, and the maximum fine is \$300 plus court costs. The fine increase strengthens the ordinance, and the borough's enforcement, and results from numerous complaints regarding residents who put out their trash earlier than permitted. The ordinance specifies that trash must be placed outside no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before pickup, according to council member Francis Kopko. "I'm trying to inform the public," said Kopko.

Ailene Forster, of Baird Street, addressed the council to complain about recent road work that left a tree standing with its roots exposed. "Eventually," argued Forster, "it's going to come down." Forster mentioned that there are power lines, a transformer, and a house nearby.

The council voted unanimously to approve the McDougall subdivision off Old Lake Road. Council also approved the interim appointment of Jason Wilson as a part-time emergency worker at the salary of \$6 per hour. Council member William Wilson abstained from that vote because Jason is his son. The council also discussed researching an ordinance to deal with septic tanks and drain fields.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on August 18.



Johnny Oliver greeted Brandon Pritchard, grandson of Lake-Lehman athletic director Rodger Bearde, before a game in June.

Oliver on a tear after slow start

By CHRIS BELL
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CHARLESTON, W. VA. - The only thing hotter than the temperature in the South Atlantic League this summer is Johnny Oliver of the Charleston (W.Va.) Alley Cats, the Class A affiliate of Cincinnati Reds.

A Lake-Lehman High School product, Oliver extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a three-hit performance in Sunday's 12-7 victory over Macon. The game was also his second two-homer game of the season.

During his hitting streak, which is the longest on the team this season, Oliver is batting .381 with seven homers and six doubles. He has boosted his batting average more than 60 points to .236.

He was named South Atlantic League "Player of the Week" for the week of July 6-11 after hitting .400 with two homers and 12 RBI's.

Oliver has driven in 27 runs in July, the most by any player in the league. Besides his .236 batting average, his season totals

include nine homers and 47 RBI's.

"Lately, I've just been more relaxed at the plate," said Oliver, who is hitting in the number three spot in the Charleston lineup. "I'm learning something every day and I have a lot more confidence now that I'm getting more at bats."

Dan Loney, director of media relations and radio play-by-play announcer for the Alley Cats, has noticed a difference in Oliver. "It's been like watching two different people," explained Loney, who watches every Charleston game from the press box. "Early in the season, John appeared passive at the plate and was taking too many pitches. During his hot streak, he's been dictating the at-bats and has become more aggressive."

Oliver agrees with Loney's assessment. "The pitchers here are tough and it took some adjustment," he explained. "I'm not falling behind in the count like I was early in the season. I'm jumping on the first strike and I've been fortunate to have guys

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Dallas Township High School Class of 1958 holds reunion. Pg 3.

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