

Land Trust

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utility easement, in that any new owner must abide by the easement.

Ayers feels the new office is another sign of how well the organization is doing. He emphasizes that one-seventh of the land in Pennsylvania has already been developed. "If human beings would be more responsible with their land planning, we would not have to be in business."

The most recent addition to the land trust's properties is 37 acres in Mehoopany, owned by Betty Davies. "I don't want it to change," says Davies. "I don't want the trees torn down." Working with the land trust allowed Davies to

stay in her home on the land. "I'm still here," adds Davies, "and my daughter hopes to retire here."

Currently, the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust manages three properties: 42 acres outside Shickshinny, 42 acres in Noxen, and the Davies' property. Four more properties, totaling almost 220 acres, are in development.

The Back Mountain Regional Land Trust open house will be held on Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. at their new offices at 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville. The new office is located in the former Kingston Township municipal building, behind to Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department.

Lake-Lehman

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Sweet Valley, reading teacher, \$31,570.

The board also hired Scott Miner of Wilkes-Barre as the boys' head baseball coach at a salary of \$3,250 and James Spencer of Lehman as the boys' head basketball coach at a salary of \$5,729.

The board stalled on a motion to have the school architect complete a study and application for the Middle Level Education Building for a corrosion control program. Robert Allardyce, Lois Kopcha, Moderno Rossi and Rose Howard voted against the study. Gary Miller, Thomas Williams, Karen Whipple and Ed Kern voted for the motion. Ron Payne was not in attendance. Peter Savage, board attorney, said the motion will have to be voted on soon.

The board discussed having an independent review of facilities for the senior high, middle school and Ross Elementary. Price reminded the board that Quad Three, Inc. compiled a feasibility study that addressed the middle school last year. "If we go with another study it will cost \$2,800 and take eight to nine months," said Price.

"We should explore reimbursement from the state. We are limited because of the 20-year law, which makes us ineligible for internal renovations," he said. The middle school had renovations done in 1990 and 1991.

The Quad Three, Inc. study estimated it would cost \$2.5 million to get the school up to standards.



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Buying a brick

The Showin' Blue 4-H Club of Dallas recently presented the Back Mountain Memorial Library with a check for \$100 to purchase a brick that will be installed on the library walkway. The club raised the money by collecting aluminum cans. Anyone interested in joining a 4-H club in Luzerne County is asked to contact the Penn State Extension Office at 825-1701. Shown at the library entrance walk, from left, seated; Megan Ross, Amanda Adamitz, Wendy Wallo. Standing, Jamie Laubenstein, library director Martha Butler, Chelsea Andrews.

Penn State

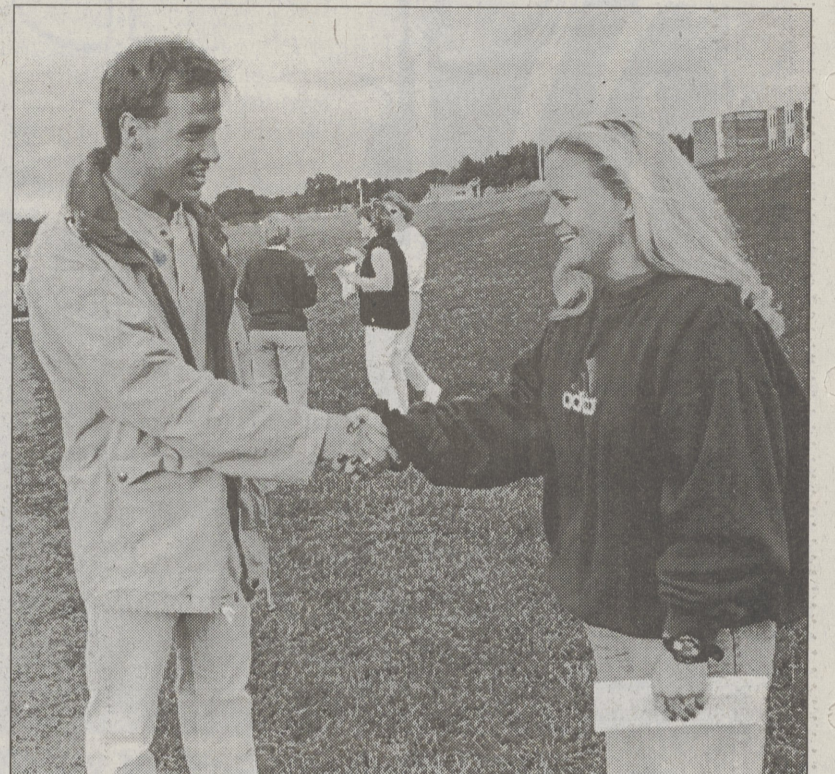
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degree," said Hines, who mentioned Penn State offers a variety of scholarships to "help students who can't afford it, but are qualified."

She also emphasizes that the faculty in Lehman are assigned to the campus and must go through the same rigorous process as all Penn State faculty. Penn State in

Lehman is also involved in a workforce development program, in which students are paired up with businesses.

"It's an exciting time for us, we're really moving along. I encourage the students from the area to take a closer look," said Hines.



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Meet the soccer team

The 1998 Dalals High School soccer team and coaches Chris Scharff and Chris Chapple were introduced at the annual "Meet the Team Night" last week. The team was treated to pizza and drinks, and each player was presented with a certificate donated by local businesses. Organizers of the event were Jill Kryston, Rita Recchia and Karen Adams. The evening was sponsored by the Dallas High School Soccer Club.

Above, Judy Williams, mother of Dallas player Jesse Williams, greeted Chris Scharff, head coach.

Rec Center

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limitless, according to Griffiths. Pre-school and Head Start programs could be held there. Adult programs such as aerobics and weight training could be offered. Retirees could aquasize and use an indoor walking track during winter months. Competitive swim teams from Dallas and Lake-Lehman schools could finally swim both on and off season.

The committee plans three phases of construction. First built will be a swimming pool, gym facilities, and parking. Next developed will be fields, with walking and biking paths between the sports fields. A skateboarding park may be designed. Finally, walking paths for ecological studies are planned. Griffiths adds, however, that everything depends on the

funds raised and the land acquired.

Although a site has not been acquired, the former Yalick farm near the intersection of Routes 118 and 415 is seen as desirable. The committee is looking for 20 to 40 acres in a central location.

"We're at a point now where this is going to go forward," says Griffiths.

Dallas

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September, there were eight false security alarms at the high school and middle school. The false alarms cost the district \$116. Bills will begin to be sent to employees responsible for tripping alarms.

GOHA & R to hold annual tea Sept. 20

Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society's Annual Birthday Tea will be held in the auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. For reservations or information please contact Pat Manorek, 696-2490 or Peg Canfield 675-2696.

Shavertown UM Adult class meetings

This year's Shavertown United Methodist Church Adult Sunday School Class, held in the lounge, will feature a number of short term classes with a variety of topics. They are as follows:

"Juggling Life as a Christian Parent" with Rev. Lucy Stafford-Lewis from Oct. 11-Oct. 25.

"Meeting God in Silence" a book by Sara Park McLaughlin. Discussion with Rev. Janet Clark from Nov. 1-22.

"Adventures in the Holy Lands" with Rev. and Mrs. George and Polly Czar from Dec. 6-20. They will share first hand about their extensive trips to the Middle East.

All are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation as we grow together.

Back Mountain Recreational Center Community Interest Survey



The Back Mountain Recreational Center Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to look at the possibility of developing a Back Mountain Regional Recreation Center. The committee is comprised of citizens from across the region and is supported by municipalities that comprise the Back Mountain as well as the Lake-Lehman and Dallas School Districts. To determine if there is a general interest, we are surveying the Back Mountain community to see if a regional recreation center, that would encompass all age groups, could be a reality. The need for such a recreational center that would enhance the total community from young children to senior citizens is apparent to the committee, but we are soliciting your input and support for this proposed project.

Instructions for completing the form. Please answer the questions that appear below and return the survey by mail or by dropping it in one of the many drop boxes listed.

1. Do you feel there is a need for a regional recreational facility that would service the Back Mountain area?

Yes No
(If you answered no to question #1, then please stop here and return your survey)

2. How many members of your family would utilize such a facility?

Adults _____ Children under 12 _____ Adolescents (12 - 18) _____

3. Which of the following activities would be of interest to you or your family?
(check all that apply)

- Use of playing fields (soccer, baseball, softball, football, etc)
- Use of Parks / picnic areas
- Use of walking trails
- Tennis
- Other (please explain) _____
- Roller blading and skateboarding
- Biking
- Outdoor basketball

4. What indoor facilities would you or your family use?

- Gymnasium / basketball courts
- Locker rooms (adults and children combined)
- Locker rooms (adults only)
- Dry sauna
- Meeting / activity rooms
- Walking track
- Other (please explain) _____
- Pool with diving area
- Locker rooms (children)
- Wet sauna
- Racquetball courts
- Weight room
- Child Care facility
- Coffee house

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this survey. Your input will help chart the future course of the committee.

Mail form to: **Back Mountain Recreation Committee**
62 Dallas Shopping Center - Suite 322
Dallas PA 18612-1231

Or drop off at any of these locations:
Dallas: Mr. Z's, BILO, CVS, Mailboxes Etc. **Harveys Lake:** Drury's Restaurant, Harveys Lake Boro Bldg. **Jackson Twp.:** General Jackson Store **Lehman:** Cook's Store **Noxen:** Mel's Diner **Pikes Creek:** Mountain Fresh Market **Shavertown:** Fox Video RT 415: Turkey Hill **Trucksville:** Hillside Farms, Pizza Perfect

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