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Harveys Lake environmental group to be honored for its work

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HARVEYS LAKE - After 13 years of dedication to the Harveys Lake environment, the Harveys Lake Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) will be honored at the Eighth Annual Environmental Partnership Awards and Dinner.

Ellen Alaimo, Director of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), said the award is "public recognition of their outstanding work." She said the EAC's

success shows the ability to develop and maintain a synergy with the community and elected officials. Not every EAC survives, according to Alaimo, and Harveys Lake has not only survived changes in its volunteer membership but has excelled in promoting its goals.

Most important, according to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, has been legislation that bans the use of phosphorus fertilizers in the Harvey's Lake watershed. Such an initiative in a headwater region of the Chesapeake Bay, notes the

"There are a lot of dedicated people who spend a lot of time."

Mike Shisko
Former EAC chairman

PEC, is a model of community environmental responsibility. Not only will Harveys Lake benefit, but also the Chesapeake Bay will profit from decreased phosphorus.

Alaimo emphasizes that the award reveals the continued support of EAC from the entire community, and from both past and present members. EAC has linked itself with state Department of Environmental Protection, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and Wilkes University to propel issues to the forefront of public opinion.

Mike Shisko served as chairman of the EAC during the years the group worked on the phosphorus legislation. "I don't know if a lot of things would have gone

through," he says, without the \$65,000 lake study that EAC was instrumental in researching and implementing. Shisko acknowledges that initial reactions to EAC were "somewhat mixed," but hopes that as more residents see the beneficial work done, the more they will appreciate EAC's efforts.

Six people, each voted on by the Harveys Lake Borough Council, serve on EAC. "There are a lot of dedicated people

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Conyngham hits the road in campaign

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BACK MOUNTAIN - Although a rookie in the game of politics, Will H. Conyngham has come out of the gate running for state representative in the 117th District.

The co-owner of Hillside Farms Dairy Store decided to run for the office earlier this year against Republican George C. Hasay, who has held the seat since 1972.

"It's certainly happening," Conyngham said of his campaign.

"People don't know me yet, so I have to get out there." Many people in the Back Mountain know Conyngham due to his long history of involvement in community organizations. He is on The Back Mountain Land Trust board of directors, a PA Land Trust Alliance board member, Lehman Township Zoning Board chairman, Georgetown Settlement Foundation president and serves as the secretary-treasurer for the Osterhout Free Library.



WILL CONYNGHAM

The 117th District encompasses a large area that includes both suburban and rural municipalities. A good part of the Back Mountain is included in the district, including Franklin Township, Harveys Lake Borough, Lake Township, Lehman Township, Jackson Township, Ross Township and the Dallas Township North voting district. It continues down to Red Rock, Shickshinny and on to Salem Township, then wraps around the other side of the Susquehanna River through Mountaintop and then northward as far as Plains.

The district includes 29 municipalities with 42 polling places. While his status on the Democratic ticket may seem a liability, Conyngham said the district, while more Republican, is not as lopsided

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Good vibrations

Dallas percussionists posed at the vibes before competing Sunday at Lake-Lehman's Tournament of Bands. From left, Michael Miller, Pat Besecker, Brian

Carlson, Brian Miller, Matt Kelly, Gene Koshinski and Rob Burns. More photos, and Lehman too, on page 7.

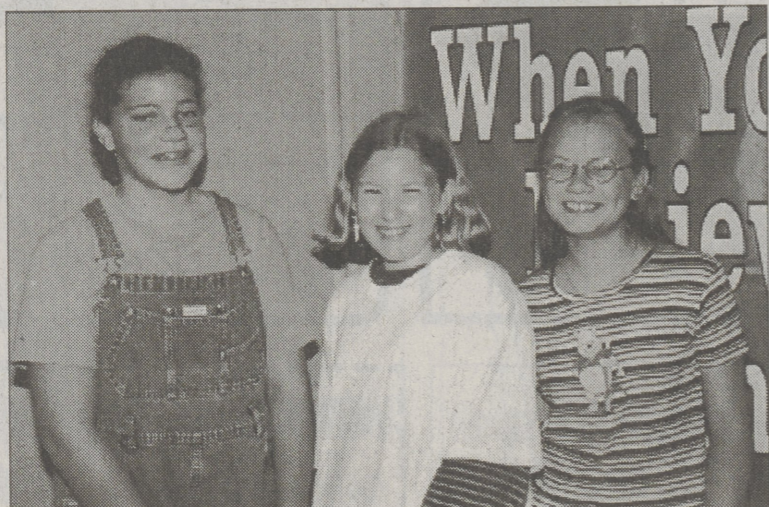
Youthful writers help publish kids' literary mag

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - Extra! Extra! Read all about Coral Stredny, Cara Symons and Alison Walker. The three Dallas Middle School students helped create *The Tudor Times*, "a publication written, edited and published by kids for kids."

The literary magazine is published through the Tudor Book Shop in Kingston. Coral, Cara and Alison joined a group of 15 other students that produced two issues of *The Tudor Times* this summer. They learned more about writing, and they came to understand responsibility, cooperation and management skills.

"I like to write poems and short stories," said Cara, 12, explaining why she signed up for the project. "It was really



Alison Walker, Cara Symons and Coral Stredny, all Dallas Middle School students, helped put out *The Tudor Times* this summer.

fun. I proofread stories, reviewed books and wrote a poem."

Cara served the magazine as a staff writer and copy editor. "As a staff writer we write stories and submit them and then decide which order the stories should be in," said Cara, who was published in the Sparrow Grass Poetry Forum when she was just nine years old.

"I got to feel what it was like to have people actually read your work and seeing what you've accomplished. I will do it again next summer if I can." Cara is the

daughter of Russ and Lorraine Symons.

Coral, who signed on as one of two members on the editorial board, feels the magazine kept her sharp during the sometimes lazy summer months. "This really taught me how to be responsible," said the daughter of Joanne and Edward Stredny.

"I called other writers to find out which books they were reviewing and if they had (graph-

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Speed limit signs asked for Jackson Rd.

LEHMAN TWP. - People are asking for speed limit signs and enforcement before someone gets hurt on Jackson Rd. At the regular Board of Supervisors meeting Sept. 21, J. Siroki, Rich Pryor and Dave Eury asked the board to do something concerning speeders on the road.

"Over the past three years there have been several cats, dogs and ducks run down on the road. There are no speed limit signs. There are also a lot of children and older people on that road," said Siroki, who has taken a wounded duck to the veterinarian after it was hit.

"I don't mind taking a duck to the vet, but I don't want to take a kid to the hospital," he said.

Doug Ide, road manager, said he thinks a speed limit ordinance was passed. If there is an existing ordinance he will put the speed limit signs out as soon as possible. Ide believes the limit to be 35 miles per hour. Signs are approximately \$75 each.

-Kylie Shafferkoetter

AS LAKE-LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS thought they had finally made it, they were expected to rise to one more challenge — a senior project. This project has been mandated by the state to ensure that each graduate has attained knowledge of a particular subject and the skills to demonstrate it.

But this year's seniors will have only a few months to do what is envisioned as a four-year project. Story on page 3.

Art for the kids

Kristy Rice aims to teach art by showing how it's done, and she's done a lot. Pg 3.

Good week

for Back Mountain teams. Lake-Lehman football, Dallas soccer photos in sports.

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