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one in Lehman. Paul Brace also stresses the benefits to the greater community that their farmland provides. The Braces allow hikers, hunters and fishermen on their property; no land is posted. Local youths are employed part-time throughout the year. Each summer, the farm hires 18 or more seasonal workers. The farm buys equipment and supplies locally. Neighbors are able to purchase fresh grown fruit. "Otherwise you take dollars out of the area," says Brace.



**Pre-school students** from St. Mary's in Wilkes-Barre got acquainted with a spring calf at Hillside Farm.

In addition, the Braces constantly renew their fruit trees. "We plant 1,000 trees a year," Brace says. A tree needs five to seven years to start bearing fruit, and many have limited lifespan. The

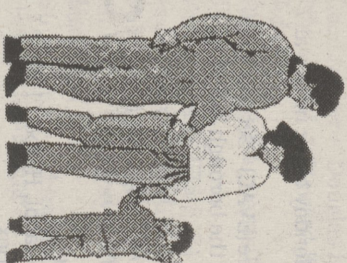
farm has trees from 1909, while many others are only a few years old.

They are the only full-time fruit farmers they know of left in Luzerne County. Some others farm part-time, and several survive just outside the county near Berwick and Wapwallopen. Fruit trees can be treacherous. Brace recounts the cautionary tale of one potential farmer in Noxen who planted "Once the farms are sold," sadly notes Paul Brace, "that's it." Anyone who is curious about the procedure for protecting land from development may call the Back Mountain Regional Land Trust at 696-5545, or send a fax to 696-5546.

Supervisors: First Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.  
Planning Commission: Last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Franklin Township Fire Hall.  
Zoning Hearing Board: By request.

**Harveys Lake**

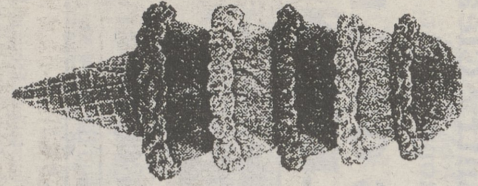
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Codes Enforcement Officer — James DeGeorge  
**Address:**  
P.O. Box 60, Harveys Lake PA 18618  
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., closed noon to 1 p.m.  
Codes Enforcement office hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.  
**Telephone:**  
Borough Building: 639-2113  
Police: 639-1620  
Fire: 639-1919  
Municipal Authority: 639-1042  
**Meetings:**  
Council — Third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the borough building.  
Zoning Hearing Board — First Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.  
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