

If plans progress, walkers around Harveys Lake won't have to dodge cars any more.

Trail

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runoff flows onto the roadway, creating dangerous conditions. The improvement plan will include new sediment traps and drains to dry the runoff areas.

The proposed trail around the lake would impact both residents of the lake and the entire Back Mountain. A trail around the lake would make recreation at the lake safer. "We've had some really close calls with pedestrians. Someday someone's going to get killed," said Andrews. The trail could be located around the lake, but that would require buying the right of way from affected residents. An alternative plan would involve building the trail behind the houses of residents.

The proposed trail would hook into the Back Mountain Trail near the Alderson section of the lake. "We'll meet it, go along it, and extend it," said Judy Rimple, president of the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association. She said Paul Weilage, a Wyoming County planner, had also expressed support for a trail system that would eventually run from the Back Mountain, through Harvey's Lake and Noxen, into Gamelands 57, and finally into Rickett's Glen State Park.

PennDOT has recently released money specifically for construction of the projects. That money was not from the Enhancement

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President

program, but from the DOT's Transportation program. The borough received \$226,875 of the \$907,500 they originally applied for. "They only got part of what they asked for. I don't know how far it'll go," said Bob Horutz, Enhancement Coordinator.

The money won't be released until October, and the borough still has to complete the design, get the necessary environmental clearances and make sure the right of way is cleared before the money will be granted. The Borough agreed to meet those three requirements on its own, said Horutz.

Although the funding for the two projects in Harveys Lake is just getting started, supporters are optimistic about its purpose and future. "People are becoming more health conscious," said Andrews. "There's definitely a need for this. We're excited about it."

"We're going to do it," said Rimple. "It's tough but it will be doable."

Library Auction

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wished my part was larger."

Wright Holmes has performed her one-person play at the New York Theater Workshop and at the Ensemble Studio Theater. "It's about my father, and growing up in the 1950s and 60s." The story takes place during the time of the Sam Sheppard trial, which Wright Holmes described as the O.J. Simpson trial of its day. "I really enjoy performing it," said Wright Holmes. "I get to play a lot of different characters."

Wright Holmes will attend the American Stage Festival in New Hampshire later this year, and will also appear in a musical called "WMKS," which is set during a coal miner's strike in the 1930s. She is also part of the group starting the Black Bear independent film festival in Milford, PA. The festival was originally intended to show films with environmental themes. "It's received a lot of community support," said Wright Holmes. The festival will take place on October 27 and 28.

The twins Larry and Gary Lane appear in the film "The Patriot," which stars Mel

Civil War books featured at auction

A bequest from the estate of Jim MacDaniels, late of Wilkes-Barre, has placed over 11 cases of books, mostly dealing with Civil War themes, on the shelves of the library's Slightly Read Bookshop, to be sold during the Auction. Mr. MacDaniels, in directing the bequest, noted his gratitude for help offered by library personnel in his genealogical search for his roots in the Kidder and other early families of the Valley. His family now reside in Oregon.

The books, all in excellent to mint condition, cover all of the battles of the Civil War, biographies of personalities on both sides of the conflict, and little known aspects of life during the critical years of national suffering. They are available at substantially reduced, and very attractive prices, on a first come, first served basis, beginning Thursday, at the opening of the 54th Auction.



Prudence Wright Holmes, who played Sister Mary Paul in "Sister Act" and "Sister Act II," will read stories to children Saturday night.

Gibson. The twins appeared in three scenes, where they carried the patriot flag into battle. The two spent six months on the set, and had a chance to meet and talk with Gibson.

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Gibson has twin sons, and that gave the three actors something in common.

Gibson asked them to sing the Doublemint gum song, and they did, in full revolutionary soldier uniform. "Cameras were

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rolling everywhere," said Gary, laughing. The twins had been seriously considered for parts in the Doublemint gum commercials.

The Lane twins have also had roles in another movie due out this summer called "Mary Jane's Last Dance." "It was a big transition between the two films," said Gary. "Mary Jane's Last Dance" was a small, independent film, and "The Patriot" was an historical epic. "The Patriot" had a much larger costume staff. "There was one costume person on the set of 'Mary Jane'" and about 30 costume people helping actors getting into their costumes for "The Patriot," said Gary. Working on two films with so many contrasts was a good experience for the twins.

The Lanes are happy that they've moved from North Carolina to Northeastern Pennsylvania. They appeared in a Pepsi commercial in 1997, and were interviewed by a local disc jockey named A.J., who grew up in Wilkes-Barre and currently works for radio station 97 BHT. A.J. moved back home, and when the Lane twins said they wanted to move to New York City, A.J. suggested that they move to Northeastern Pennsylvania instead. The twins are doing fine working in an area restaurant. They can easily drive to New York City when they need to.

"They're great," said A.J. "I've never seen two guys so inseparable. They'll have a fight, but 10 minutes later they'll be laughing. Guys like them don't come around very often."

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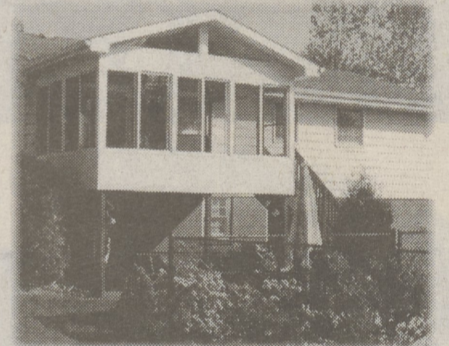


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