

# Pride

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Harveys Lake. "We enjoyed living there — the view of the lake was outstanding," said Tim Shovlin. Although he admits he and his family miss the lake itself, they didn't mind moving. Sharon Kranys "not only beautified the corner where the structure was, but also the beach." Shovlin said. "I heard a rumor that when the place was torn down, people lined up all along First Street and applauded because they could finally see the lake."

Whether or not there's truth to that rumor, it is true that one of the primary reasons Sharon Kranys undertook the project in the first place was because, as she put it, "I didn't think it was fair to the cottage owners or people who lived there year-round not to be able to see the lake." When the building was razed and the big cabana that was once on the beach was picked up and moved to the Grulas' new property elsewhere on the lake, many residents of First Street were treated to their first sight of the water from their properties in 10 years.

Another matter that concerned Sharon Kranys was restoring the ecological balance of the area. The concrete and blacktop around the property caused runoff problems; in the winter there would be a patch of ice on the highway curve which was dangerous and had nearly caused several accidents. Kranys removed the paving and planted grass and five trees, which absorb the water and alleviate the runoff. She had to re-route the drains underground so the runoff water could flow into the lake, but a minimum of sediment would wash in with it. "It was quite an engineering feat," she said. The end result is not only safer and more environmentally sound, but it's aesthetically pleasing as well.

For their efforts Sharon Kranys and her husband Rudy were given the Harveys Lake Protective Association's Civic Pride Award. In the 20 years of the group's existence, the award had only been given once previously, to Joseph Paglianite for rebuilding the Grotto Pizza restaurant when it was leveled in a fire. The Kranyses are the first residential property owners to receive the Civic Pride Award.

Catherine Link is a long-time resident of Warden Place. Her fam-

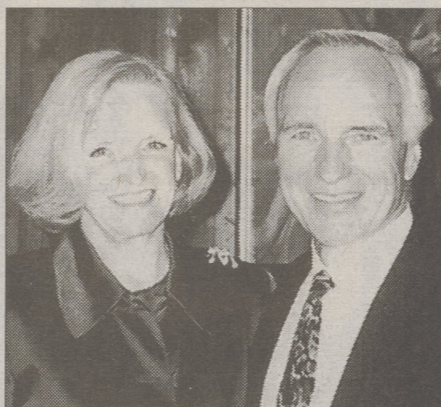


ily owned the old building when it was Link's Tavern. Tim Shovlin recalled Link's: "It was a nice family-type tavern," he said. "They had good food, and a lot of people went there because there were so many varieties of draft beer." The original structure dated to at least the turn of the century, and photographs of it in its days as Link's Tavern show it to be a well-kept and attractive building. But in the late 1970s Jack Link sold the place, and it went through a succession of owners who modified it this way and that until nothing of its original lines remained.

Despite her family's connection with the building, Catherine Link wasn't in the least sorry to see it go. "Over the years it was allowed to deteriorate," she said. "By the time Sharon bought it, it was an eyesore. It's amazing what they've done." Link said of the Kranyses. "We're lucky to have them as neighbors."

Sharon Kranys also performed major renovations on her family's property. She rebuilt its dock on the existing pilings, then added a boathouse and gazebo; the gazebo is meant to provide shade without blocking the view of the lake, and it was designed to be

Sharon Kranys stands in a well-kept grassy plot with a clear view of the lake, the boathouse and gazebo behind her. In right photo, Sharon and Rudy Kranys at the award ceremony. Below, an aerial photograph from the 1960s shows the original building on the corner of First St. at the time the Links owned it, as well as the Ward property. (PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHERINE LINK)



similar to the original gazebo in the yard of her house. Her objective was to keep things as authentic and appropriate as possible; for example, she insisted that the path to the boathouse be re-laid exactly as it had been.

"My father put those steps in with his own hands," she said, explaining that the smooth pinkish slabs had once been part of a demolished church, and that the planters along the path, as well as the low wall in front of the house, are built from northeastern Pennsylvania stone.

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**Catherine Link**  
Harveys Lake

The inside of her father's house has been redone as well; Kranys stayed faithful to the original Victorian-era design and decor, but has given it a contemporary edge with the result that the interior could easily be featured in an upscale decorating magazine. Although she has had the building on the corner of First Street and Lakeside Drive demolished, Kranys intends to restore the house on the other side of hers. "I'd like to preserve the architecture indigenous to Harveys Lake," she said. "It can't quite be called Victorian, although it has Victorian elements, it's an architectural style that's unique to this particular area."

Sharon Kranys has fond memories of Harveys Lake. She grew up in the house on Warden Place; at first it was a summer home, but in later years her family stayed there all the time. She married Rudy Kranys in Our Lady of Victory Church. She says her neighbors both then and now have always been friendly and helpful people who have, through the years, contributed substantially towards making the neighborhood such a nice place to live.

These days her children and grandchildren are frequent visitors, and family get-togethers and holiday dinners are held at the house. "My children have always loved coming to the lake," Sharon said. "It's important to put down roots and have a place for the family to gather. Four generations have enjoyed staying in this house."

# Dallas

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would be used to finance the construction projects at both the high school and the middle school. The motion passed unanimously, which means the resolution can now be put into effect. Representatives from PNC Bank were present to explain bond issues, and it was noted that PNC was able to structure the service base so interest costs will be less than originally anticipated.

The stadium is 92 percent complete, according to Jeff Angstadt of Foreman Burcavage, construction manager for the project. The fieldhouse should be completed by the weekend; virtually all that remains is for the painters to come in. The concrete steps have been poured, and on Monday the boilers were set in the boiler room; the heating system will be finished by early next week. The lockers are also coming next week, and can be installed in one day. The field itself will be seeded this week, before the end of the seeding season on October 15.

There were no change orders in progress, but one potential change order was for four additional light fixtures at the entrances to the fieldhouse at a cost of \$980. It was discovered that the original lighting fixtures were the wrong design, but couldn't be returned because they were specially ordered. "So what are we going to do with them?" Gil Griffiths, Superintendent, wanted to know.

"Design 'em into the middle school," Anthony Barbose said. Ernest Ashbridge playfully suggested the lights be put in for the next library auction, and on that note the meeting was adjourned.

## Carverton UMC Fall Sale

The Women of the Carverton United Methodist Church will have a Fall Sale Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Included will be baked goods, produce, attic treasures and jewelry, toys, books, puzzles, like new clothes and a Christmas table. The public is invited and refreshments will be available.

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