

Taft

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lake. "There's no place like Harveys Lake," said Mrs. Truska. "We will always want to live here. Our son, Taft III, his wife, Lorraine, and our three grandchildren live here, and we want to be here with them. Our grandchildren, Taft IV, Matthew and Keegan (Kiki) often help us in the store. It's a family affair."

After so many years of serving the public, the Truskas have mixed emotions about leaving the store. "We love our customers and neighbors and we

will miss seeing them every day," said Mrs. Truska. "We laugh and tell jokes. We know all of the families on the lake and we listen to each other's troubles and sympathize with one other."

Nothing ever stays the same, and Harveys Lake is no exception. The big hotels are gone and most of the lake is private. "People live out here all year round now," said Mrs. Truska. "The business in the store is pretty steady throughout the

months with more business on warm weekends when people invite guests to come out to enjoy their docks."

Sandy Beach and Old Sandy Bottom Beach are no longer owned by the families who used to open them to the public. Now people resort to their own back-

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Peg Truska
Owner of Taft's Store

yard pools or Francis Slocum State Park for summer recreation.

Carlene McCaffrey, whose husband's family owned Old Sandy Bottom Beach until 1986, still lives at Harveys Lake. "I remember the old wooden floor at the store," she said. "And even after

the fire a few years ago, it's still the same old store. People used to come from far and wide to purchase their beef products from Taft and Peg. They were superior. They also used to make their own ham patties and kielbasa during the holidays."

Mrs. McCaffrey remembers a significant event near the store in the 60's. "The wind was strong and I was out in the yard with my children," she said. "We heard a loud noise. The

movie screen at Sandy Beach had fallen to the ground. A piece of history fell that day, but the store is still standing."

Mrs. Truska said, "the store is for sale, lock, stock and barrel — the building, the business, the two bedroom apartment, the equipment and the stock on the shelves."

Perhaps someone will buy the store and preserve this slice of the past, present, and hopefully future.



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Kieran Lucarino and Arlette Kline. Kieran is the one with the dark hair on the left.

Homeless

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room which collected the most food at the high school, and an ice cream party was held for the class that brought in the most food at the elementary school.

Why would two young people who have a million fun things

to do in their busy lives decide to spend their time helping the homeless? "My heart breaks when I think about people being hungry, and I want to help them," said Lucarino. "And we receive value in our own lives because it's the right thing to

do." "We get to know a lot of nice people when we do community service work," said Kline. "And no one should go hungry when there is lots of food in the world. We just helped get it to where it was needed."

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