

EDITORIAL

No excuses for those who pollute Harveys Lake

Maintaining the quality of the water in Harveys Lake requires cooperation from everyone who lives or does business in the area that drains into Pennsylvania's largest natural lake. For decades, there have been rumors that a privileged few property owners avoided the expense of connecting to the borough's sanitary sewer system, with the result that waste leached into the lake. More recently, the issue of storm water being piped into the sanitary sewers along Lakeside Drive has pointed out another way the lake can be compromised. When heavy storms hit, the addition of thousands of gallons of water can force the sewer system to overflow, with the result that sewer waste runs into the lake.

These are two entirely different issues, but each can be injurious to the quality of the water. The borough has made great strides in eliminating harmful influences on the lake, making algae blooms and other indications of pollution headlines of the past. Given the efforts that have been completed, and the success that has been realized, both officials and citizens have every right and reason to demand that their neighbors do their part to preserve the successes that have been realized.

One solution to the problem of runoff being illegally diverted into the sanitary sewers is to install larger pipes that can handle both household and storm water volumes. That may become necessary anyway, given proposals for new housing that are in the works, but the millions of dollars that expansion would cost shouldn't be spent until abuses of the present system are corrected. And don't forget that the borough pays for the extra volume of waste water coming from basements, so everyone picks up the tab sooner or later.

It won't be easy for borough officials to root out those taking advantage of the current system, since the illegal hookups are entirely contained in homes and businesses. That means they'll have to rely largely on people's sense of responsibility to their neighbors and for the great natural resource the lake represents, as well as their own self-interest, because if the water quality deteriorates, property owners will ultimately be the losers.

School district needs to think more carefully before acting

Families of 43 students in the Lake-Lehman School District have reason to feel they were treated shabbily by the district's terse announcement that their children would be reassigned to Ross Elementary School from Lehman-Jackson. Notification came in a note from the transportation department late last month, not what one would expect for such an important change in their lives.

Moving some children to Ross now that it has been expanded may make sense, but it can be a major disruption in family's lives, particularly since before and after school care has not been available at Ross. The district needs to address this and other issues so that none of these young children become "latch-key" kids when their parents must be at work. That is not a lesson plan for success.

Publisher's Notebook

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Unless you're too rich to care, or so poor you've given up all hope, you may have noticed an explosion of news stories about the sorry state of retirement funds in America. The coverage appears to relate directly to the number of reporters who have 401k plans, and the percentage their value has declined as the stock market does its best to imitate a Disney movie about a mad scientist who invents a machine to shrink portfolios to miniscule size.

This is, of course, the worst time for this to happen, at least as far as George W. Bush is concerned, although he doesn't seem to be all that concerned, which makes him look a little like George H. W. Bush, who lost to a Democrat candidate with the motto, "It's the Economy, Stupid." Who was more stupid became a difficult question to answer when said Democrat president spent too much time in White House closets with an intern, but that's a whole 'nother story.

Anyway, the startling revelation that the market can go down has sent shivers through the spines of millions of Americans who dreamed they would retire to cocktails on the deck of a sailboat anchored off the coast near their exclusive golf community. Instead, more of us may be stepping out of our trailers, stopping by McDonald's for a coffee and then heading to the local municipal track for nine holes, since we won't be able to afford the tariff for 18.

Of course, that's the pessimist in me talking. If I'd just listen to the guy who calls from ABC Brokerage in New York pitching shares in XYZ Corp., I probably won't have a thing to worry about, as long as I don't check the charts. Or, I can bank on the proceeds from selling my kids' Beanie Baby collection once "irrational exuberance" again infects the investment world.



Summer sunset. Photo by Elizabeth Anderson.

New books added at Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection.

FICTION

"Grave Secrets by Kathy Reichs
 "The Remnant: on the Brink of Armageddon" by Tim F. LaHaye
 "Goliath" by Steve Alten
 "Bubbles in trouble" by Sarah Strohmeier
 "Bad Boy Brawly Brown" by Walter Mosley
 "A Week in Winter" by Marcia Willett
 "Sons of Heaven" by Terrence Cheng
NONFICTION
 "How Much is Enough?" Pamela

York Klainer
 "The Years of Lyndon Johnson, vol. 3: Master of the Senate" by Robert A. Caro
 "Make Your Own Luck" by Peter Kash
 "Alaska: Insight Guides"
 "Professional Secrets for Photographing Children" by Douglas Allen Box
 "Iron Memories"

BIOGRAPHY

"My Life in the Pits" by Ronda Rich

LARGE PRINT NON-FICTION

"The Soul's Religion" by Thomas Moore
 "Cosbyology" by Bill Cosby

REFERENCE

Weiss Ratings' Guide to Common Stocks" Spring 2002
 "Farmers' Almanac 2002
 "Polk City Directory, Wilkes-Barre, PA 2002"

BOOKS ON CD

"Sunset in St. Tropez" by Danielle Steel
 "Bad Boy Brawly Brown" by Walter Mosley
 "Star Wars: The Approaching Storm" by Alan Dean Foster
 "World War II Europe"

YOUNG ADULT

"Lucy the Giant" by Sherri L. Smith
 "America Under Attack" Primary Sources" by Tamara L. Roleff

"America Under Attack: September 11, 2001" by Gail B. Stewart

VIDEOS

"The True Story of Black Hawk Down
 "Reflexology and the Living, Loving Woman
 "Muhammad Ali: Through the Eyes of the World"
 Travel Videos by Pilot Productions for: South of France, Hawaii, San Francisco, Northern Italy, Greek Islands, Germany, California.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

"2002 Handbook of United States Coins" by R.S. Yeoman donated by Ochman's Jewelry



70 Years Ago - July 22, 1932

ROTARY ADOPTS FOUR PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR

Four projects considered of major importance to the Back Mountain will be supported by the Dallas Rotary. The projects are: Consolidation of high schools in Kingston and Dallas township and borough; adequate water supply and extension of the pavement from Trucksville into Dallas, and equalization and reduction of taxes.

Past due taxes totaling \$350 and involving about fifty taxpayers were placed in the hands of deputy sheriffs for collection by borough tax collector F.M. Gordon.

At Dallas Economy Store some of the items you could get: brown sugar, 2 for 15¢; cream cheese, 17¢ per lb.; corn, 2 cans 25¢; Octagon Cleanser, 2 for 9¢; Lux Toilet Soap, 3 bars 20¢; Lifebouy, 3 bars 19¢.

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60 Years Ago - July 24, 1942

HUNTSVILLE MAN WITH COMMANDOS

A man who has trained boys in baseball, basketball and football at Wyoming Seminary for the past seventeen years will play an active part of the British Commando forces. He will be in charge physical training. Mrs. Marjorie Hughey and her father, Clifford Fink, an Young John Fink, Shavertown and Alan Sanford Jr., drove over 1,400 miles to bring back the clothing and automobile of Corporal Fink, who left them there when he unexpectedly entered the service.

Patrolman Fred Swanson of the Harvey's Lake Police force has \$40 stolen from his pocket, while helping to recover two bodies that had drowned in the lake. Swanson had removed his uniform for lighter clothing and when he returned he discovered the missing money.

50 Years Ago - August 1, 1952

CASE HONORED AT BOSTON STORE RETIREMENT

Stanley Case, was honored upon his retirement from the Boston Store at the annual dinner given for employees at Irem Temple Country Club. Mr. Case worked as a carpenter.

Some of the movies that played at the Shaver Theatre, Shavertown were: "Atomic City" with Gene Barry, Lydia Clark; "Carbine Williams" with Jimmie

Stewart, Jean Hagen, and "No Room For The Groom" with Tony Curtis, Piper Laurie.

Mrs. Paul Wariner and Russell Case solicited a total of \$650 towards the purchase of a new fire truck for the Henry M. Laing Fire Company. This brought to a total of \$4,250 the money already in the bank.

40 Years Ago - July 26, 1962

FINAL FIGURES ON LIBRARY AUCTION SHOW \$16,000 NET

Final reports on the Sixteenth Annual Back Mountain Memorial Auction were submitted by committee chairmen. The total estimated net was \$16,000.

Dallas Water Company and Shavertown Water Company are asking cooperation of their customers to conserve water due to the continued drought

One of the biggest realty transactions in the Back Mountain Area was with the announcement that Sheldon T. Evans, owner of Evans Drug Store, has purchased a parcel of land along Memorial Highway in Shavertown from Daisy Still of Bridgeport Connecticut.

30 Years Ago - July 20, 1972

SCHOOLS GEAR FOR ENROLLMENT HIKE

School administrators in both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts are keeping a close watch on projected student enrollment figures for the fall.

Estimates from the state Department of education in Harrisburg indicate that the student population in the Back Mountain may increase by as much as 25 percent.

Eugene M. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice F. Evans, Dallas received an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.

The basement of Alumnae Hall, girls' dormitory at College Misericordia, continues to serve as the emergency room for the Nesbitt Medical Center located in the building. Since evacuating to the Misericordia campus the emergency facility has treated over 3,000 cases.

20 Years Ago - July 21, 1982

DALLAS DIRECTOR SAVES MONEY ON TRAILER DEAL

Taxpayers of the Dallas School district were saved several thousand dollars by school board director Tex Wilson. He was successful in purchasing a 40x10x8 foot trailer for \$200 to hold athletic equipment.

Kingston Township has taken the lead among Back Mountain communities in its proposed enactment of an Amusement Tax. The levy, is the first of its kind in this area.

Local and State police are making a summertime push to get speeders on the Luzerne-Dallas Highway. Speedtraps are set up along the highway, from Center Street in Shavertown to the center of Dallas. The police have netted 94 citations there.

Vegetation Nuisance Ordinance reminder

The residents of Kingston Township are reminded that the Township's Vegetation Nuisance Ordinance requires that all grass or weeds on occupied properties are to be kept trimmed to a maximum height of six inches. All grass or weeds growing in excess of six inches in height may be declared to be a nuisance and subject to a fine. Additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Officer at 696-3809 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Garage/Yard Sale sign reminder

The Kingston Township Zoning Officer reminds the residents of the Township that it is illegal to attach garage/yard sale signs to utility/telephone poles, or trees. The signs should be attached to individual stakes. All such signs should be removed no later than two days after the sale. Violators may be fined up to \$300. Additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Officer at 696-3809.

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