

Hanson's rocks, perhaps for the last time

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ence with their musical renditions of the oldies. Day is a music director for the Nanticoke School District. Gardner is the superintendent of the Northwest School District and Griffith is a minister in Towanda.

An ambience of nostalgia and wistfulness filled the dance hall throughout the evening. Old friends shared memories of past times, parents said to their grown kids, "This is what it was like," and thoughts of it all slipping away were on everyone's mind.

"It is very sad knowing that it may be destroyed," said Marilyn Glogowski. "I'm sure everyone will feel like a part of our childhood has been terminated."

Glogowski shared her thoughts on the future of Harveys Lake, reflecting the comments of many other area residents.

"You just don't see places like this anymore. I think from here on it's going to become more privatized at the lake.

"And that's very sad."

Rumors circulating at the dance of prospective buyers building \$200,000 townhouses, and the subsequent demolition of the ballroom were in abundance.

"It's a possibility," said owner Shirley Hanson, who stressed the sale of the Hanson Park property is just in the beginning of the "talking and pending phase." She said much depends on if the land can be rezoned from commercial to residential.

Hanson, herself, had the idea of developing the land about 12 years ago but ran into the same obstacle.

"I was wanting to put some townhouses there, but there was a thing about zoning, and (the borough) wanted to stay commercial," she said.

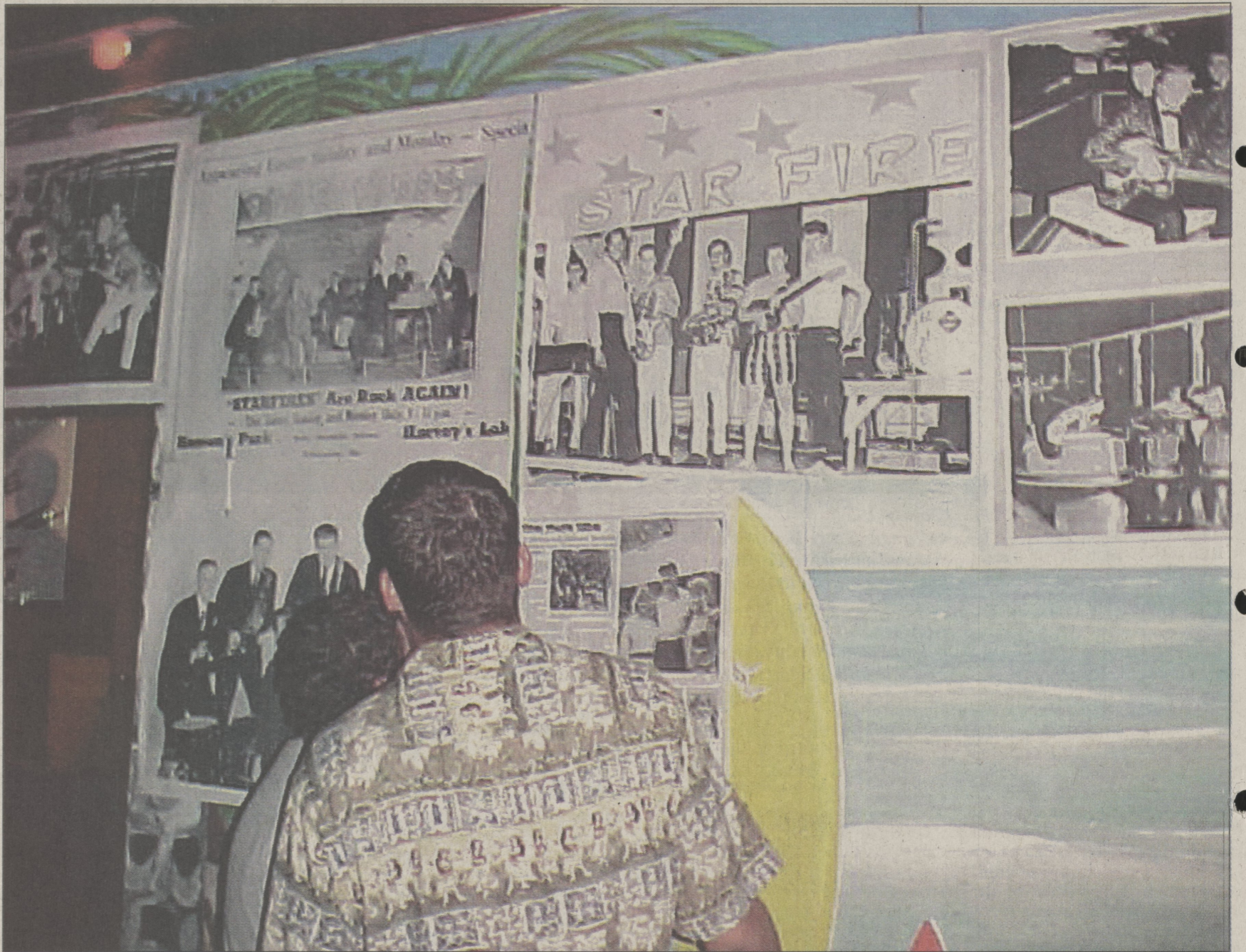
Hanson hopes the zoning change works well for the prospective buyers, but wants no part in any new development.

"I want to retire," said Hanson. "At my age, you want to retire."

Still, she would like to see something nice done with the 30 acres that has been in the Hanson family since 1929. However, she points out that 12 years ago, Hanson's had a last dance.

"See what happened then? I'm still here," Hanson laughed.

"I certainly hope it was not the last (dance)," said Marianne Salaway of Harveys Lake. "I had such a great time, and I want to do it again — soon."



At left, A younger fan contemplates where to sign his name on the copies of the original Starfires pictures. "We ask all of you here tonight, because you're a part of history, to please sign anywhere you want on that picture," said Eddie Day



Longtime Eddie Day fans, Marilyn Glogowski, Louey Davis, and Walt Glogowski turn faces of delight towards the stage as Day sings one of his signature songs, "Nights In White Satin."



In his element. No one was happier than Eddie Day to be performing with his fellow Starfire members, Bob Gardner and Roger Griffith, and the Which Doctors at Hanson's Last Dance. Eddie said he was still high from the experience the next day.



Kevin and Maryanne Salaway of Harveys Lake, gliding across the dance floor and reveling in the moment.



Sisters Louey Davis, Carol Flowers, Josee Sulewska and Zoni DeMarco having a good time at the Last Dance at Hanson's Ballroom.