

## Fire

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A car parked in front partially melted and another vehicle in a carport was damaged. A neighboring home more than 75 feet away got so hot that siding melted.

Three area crews assisted Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance, which collectively put down 1,500 feet of hose and broke through the ice on the lake to fight the fire in frigid temperatures, Davis said.

The roof collapsed onto the second floor, which then collapsed to the ground, creating treacherous, smoky conditions for firefighters, who brought the flames under control at 4:47 p.m. Davis said the fire was probably burning for several hours before it was noticed. With the cold weather, homes are often sealed tightly and fires can evade immediate detection. Once a window breaks, oxygen rushes in and the fire intensifies.



POST PHOTO/ERIN YOUNGMAN

Firefighters poured water on the shell of a house at 2 Rhodes Terrace, Harveys Lake. When they arrived, flames were shooting out all the windows.

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book will work like a checking account," explained Jeffrey Malak, solicitor to the board. "At the beginning of the month the department is given its budget, then they deduct the money from their budget as it is spent."

The board also authorized Malak to draft a code of ethics resolution. This will act as an outline of how a supervisor should model his or her behavior. For example, it is expected that a supervisor treats citizens

with respect and acknowledge that they are working for the good of the township's people. The solicitor will have the draft ready by February's supervisors' meeting to be voted on.

The township received \$34,512 from permits issued by the zoning office to the state correctional institute for remodeling the prison. The township will deposit the money into the special equipment fund.

"This winter is killing us," said Wilkes. "They haven't had a break. The last six days the plows have been out seven times. These guys have had a lot

of late nights and early mornings."

Already Jackson Township has spent \$4,000 on materials alone. The \$34,512 will be used for snow removal in case the township goes over budget this winter.

Although the board of supervisors is under a gag order, they were able to say that they are close to an amicable resolution to the matter with American Asphalt.

Supervisors were assigned positions at Monday night's meeting. John Wilkes was appointed chairman of the board; Al Fox

was appointed vice-chairman; Joy Bird was appointed secretary; and Henry Zbick was appointed treasurer.

Wilkes will be in charge of the road department, zoning hearing board, building and grounds, and relations with the Luzerne County 911 Center. Fox will be in charge of the zoning office, police department, secretary's office, planning commission, and the neighborhood crime watch. Andrew Kasko will be in charge of recreation, the municipal authority, and fire, ambulance, and library.

## Recycling available monthly for Jackson Township residents

Jackson Township is now collecting recyclable materials. A recycling trailer with a divider separating two sections will be at the township municipal building the third Tuesday of each month, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Each section will be clearly marked either co-mingled (co-

mingled is plastic, glass and metallic bottles, jars and cans) or newspaper/cardboard. Recyclable must be placed in the specified section. Residents are asked to bring their recycling materials in reusable containers to the Jackson Township Municipal Building, 2211 Huntsville

Rd. Please take the container home with you. No recyclable can be in a plastic bag; they are not recyclable.

For plastic bottles and jars, remove lids, rinse and flatten. For glass bottles and jars, remove lids and rinse. Do not break. For tin, aluminum and bi-metallic

cans, rinse cans and flatten.

For paper, place newspapers and cardboard together.

Call the township at 675-8371 with questions.

## Stores

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than expected.

"Based on retail forecasts, this season exceeded my expectations," said Melissa Quinn, co-owner of Ye Old Clock and Gift Shop.

"Our philosophy is if you're a small family store with good personal service, you'll do well in good or trying economic times," said Quinn.

Quinn and her husband have owned the store that sells collectibles and clocks since the mid-1980s.

"The only difference this year was there was a slower start. People made decisions slower, but they came back," said Quinn.

She said personalized customer service has been key to their success. "Basically the customer lets us know throughout the year what to purchase. We try to fill the need the customers are giving you," she said.

Elva Valentine, owner of Valentine's Jewelry, said she had her highest grossing year yet, but that sales did fall off a bit in the fourth quarter. She said she thinks the current political and economic situation didn't keep people away from the store over the holidays, but made them cautious enough to shy away from big ticket items.

"People are afraid of losing their jobs; this year the response was definitely economically based," said Valentine who reported Christmas sales even with last year.

Some Back Mountain retailers that sell items for the home say their offerings proved to satisfy the nesting instinct first appar-

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Paul Nardone  
Owner, Outrageous

ent following 9/11, which, they say, is still present today.

Paul Nardone of Outrageous — a store that sells unique items from custom furniture to candles and jewelry — said his business increased two-fold over the holidays.

"People have shifted to making their space more liveable, to spend more time at home," said Nardone. He said his Shavertown store sold out of home accessories like bar ware and furniture accent pieces.

"I think the news media scares the public; people are so frightened of the future," said Quinn. She said it's the uncertain times that have bred the desire for people to stay close to home.

"As people stay closer to home, they think about things they can enjoy year-round," said Quinn. "Clocks are very often handed down through the family." She said clocks in general sold especially well over the holidays, with cuckoo clocks topping the most popular category.

"It was a much later year; people started buying well after Thanksgiving," commented Nardone. "I think they were just putting on hold what they had to do; they weren't going to cancel Christmas."

## Blood drive at Meadows

January is Blood Donor Month and the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive in the center's Multi-Purpose Room, first floor, on Wednesday, January 15, from 1 to 6 p.m. There is a critical need for blood in our area, and anyone who is eligible is urged to donate. Anyone who is at least 17 years-old, weighs at least 105 pounds, and is healthy, may donate blood.

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