# **Park offers lots** of opportunities for winter fun

Skating, sledding and fishing await the hardy **By ERIN YOUNGMAN** Post Staff

**TRUCKSVILLE** — Weeks of near-record snow, ice and cold have created great conditions at Frances Slocum State Park for winter enthusiasts, or just those looking to escape the seasonal doldrums.

"We have some dedicated park users, no doubt about it," said Dave Madl, park manager. "Even on the coldest days, with the very low wind chills, we had people walking their dogs."

With a consistent snow pack on the more than 1,000 acres and at least 12 inches of ice on the lake, the park is ripe for cross country skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, sledding, hiking and dogwalking.

On a recent Sunday, the park was bustling with fisherman too numerous to count, skiers, skaters and walkers from around the valley and Back Mountain.

"There's a lot of big fish out here," said Pasquale Allabaugh, 14, of Wilkes-Barre, who came the 20 minute drive with his uncle to fish. He said fishing "gets, you out of the house and keeps me away from fighting with my brother.'

Pasquale's father, Ted Allabaugh, was fishing in a hole nearby. "It's not a big deal to run out here, bring your son and brother-in-law for a couple of hours - and the fish

are usually cooperative." Lloyd also is a distance runner

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Madl said the cold weather has created ice conditions conducive to providing a plowed area for ice sports such as skating and hockey.

Cindy Serafin said she, her husband and three children usually go to the Ice Box to skate. "It was so warm today I told them it would be a good day to come," said Serafin.

Stephanie Serafin, age 8, said she preferred coming to the lake because of the "fresh air. It's more fun," she said.

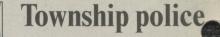
Although all of the lake is open for skating, Madl said the two-acre area near the fishing pier is maintained. "People have to use some common sense (on the ice), especially in the beginning of the season," said Madl. "There are some areas that are going to have better ice conditions than others in both depth and quality.'

Also for children (and the young at heart), Madl said there is a maintained fiveacre sledding hill west of the swimming pool.

The Stettner family from Dallas said as long as the roads are clear, they're game to venture out to the park. "The greatest thing about this area is the park. We take some tea, crackers, and enjoy nature," said Irving Stettner.

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health care while all other township employees were paying nothing.

Feeney said the officers involved spent \$19,000 in legal fees. "We spent our own money. The thing is, they're spending the taxpayers' money," he said. "They spent a hell of a lot more to not give us what we want."

Frank Wagner, one of three township supervisors, said he doesn't understand why the arbitrator took out co-payment completely. "They (officers) don't pay nothing. You know the cost of health care; why they (arbitrators) took that out I don't know," said Wagner.

Wagner agreed no other township employees, which includes road workers, supervisors, zoning officer and the secretary, pay for their insurance, "You must remember, they don't make what the cops do," he said.

"You take a cop maki \$40,000. Okay, he's got anoth \$10,000 in benefits," said Wagner. "I don't think there's any of them (township employees) over \$35,000."

Wagner claimed the cost to run the police department is more than 50 percent of the township's budget. The 2003 budget lists \$406,800 in expenses for police salaries, supplies and equipment.

Asked how he felt about the arbitration decision, Wagner responded, "There's no reason to feel any other different way. Yeah, we could appeal it, but it's not our money it's the taxpayers - we're trying to put a cap on

In addition to the salary increases, the agreement raises the annual uniform allowance each officer receives from \$500 to \$700, and increases holiday pay from \$700 per year to \$800.

#### Morgan on dean's list at Delaware

Ryan Eric Morgan, Dallas was recently named to the University of Delaware dean's list for fall 2002. Morgan is a Business Administration major.







Winter fun at Frances Slocum State Park. In photos, clockwise from above: Cindy Serafin helped her son, Ronald, 8, tie up his skate laces; Fallon and Stephanie Serafin helped each other keep their balance; Pasquale Allabaugh fished for blue gills, bass, perch, and calico.

special task force of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. Dr. Charles LaJeunesse, a faculty member at College Misericordia said. since 1979 and Dallas resident, is a member of a committee of psychologists from across the state that are examining how other practitioners are utilizing research and other scientific methods in their practices. "Science speaks to practice.

to journals and read them to learn the newest techniques. Not drens Service Center assessing a lot of people are doing that," he children who are receiving exten-

in Counseling Psychology from cooperative learning, and he has the University of Missouri and is made numerous presentations at licensed to practice in Pennsylvania. Dr. LaJeunesse teaches numerous courses including Intro- also the faculty advisor to Psi Chi ductory Seminar, Introduction to and is a member of the College Psychology, Career Seminar, Psy- Choral Society.

nar. He works part time at Chilsive services. His research inter-LaJeunesse obtained his Ph.D. ests lie primarily in the area of regional and national conferences on this topic. Dr. LaJeunesse is



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