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Citizens want chief reinstated

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE — A motion was introduced on the borough council meeting agenda Tuesday to reappoint Jeff Butler as Police Chief, but was later tabled.

Council President Betty Jane West said because the borough solicitor could not be present, it was his advice that the motion be tabled.

Butler resigned amid controversy that he had failed to have several officers correctly certified. Since then, two suspects arrested by the officers and later sentenced have had their convictions reversed. One of them was a repeat drunk driving offender. More than 30 people attended the meeting.

The first public suggestion of a possible reappointment surfaced at last month's borough meeting in which many members of the public present said they were for the move.

Council members have been unwilling to comment since then.

Letters from the Harveys Lake Protective Association and residents John and Mary Metz in support of Butler were read by board secretary Carole Samson.

"The Harveys Lake Protective Association was founded on the basis of providing police protection for its residents; therefore, the membership supports Jeff Butler and the Harveys Lake Police department," the letter read. It was signed by Judith Broken-shire.

"Jeff is an asset to the Harveys Lake community. Please take this letter as a show of support for Jeff to be reinstated to the position of Chief of Police of Harveys Lake and allow him to continue to do a fantastic job in our community," read the Metz letter.

In other police news, Mayor Richard Boice reported that the

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Look what I found!

Laura Bachman struck the classic pose as she showed the photographer her prize catch at the Kingston Township Easter Egg Hunt Saturday. More photos on page 8.

Dallas students earn trip to History Day states

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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Ten Dallas High School students have earned the right to compete at the state level of the National History Day competition whose theme this year is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." They competed at the regional level at the Hazleton Campus of Penn State in March.

"That's what is great about History Day," said Kim Reisch, a three-time competitor who earned first place honors in the Individual

Exhibit category. "The theme is so broad that you're allowed to choose a subject that interests you. World War II really interests me, so that's what all of my projects have been about."

This year Kim studied the rights and responsibilities of the soldiers who raised the flag at Iwo Jima. She found out that after they returned to the U.S. those men were given responsibility for raising money through the sale of war bonds.

"Not many people know about

those six men who just considered themselves as soldiers doing their job," said Kim. "They were kind of paraded around the country to help sell war bonds. They actually re-raised the flag in New York, Chicago and other places."

First place in group exhibit went to the team of freshmen Hillary Smith and Katelyn Fritzes, for their project titled, "The Man in the Glass Booth: The Trial of Adolph Eichmann."

"We really wanted to do some-

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Students will trade Broadway for 'Chicago' at Cinemark

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS — One hundred students previously scheduled to see Broadway plays will travel to safer Montage Mountain instead.

Frank Galicki, Dallas High School Principal, said the Peer Helpers and chorus will still be getting on a bus, but not to see the Big Apple. Instead, the students will have breakfast at Country Buffet, followed by a trip to Cinemark to see the movie "Chicago."

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Business Fair offers a glimpse of Back Mountain commerce

Visitors to the third annual Business Fair and Card Exchange, sponsored by the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, will see a wide sampling of local services and products on display.

The event gives members of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association an opportunity to demonstrate their offerings to both the business community and the general public.

Among this year's exhibitors will be Dreier Auto Sales, which completed construction of a new showroom and service center in Shavertown last year. One of their

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niciest vehicles will be on display outside the Natona Room during the event.

A unique participant is Kelly & Company, a new venture of Michael Kelly Jr. and his wife, Yvonne, of Shavertown. They rent use of a 26-passenger

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Ribbon lessons

Dallas High School freshman explained the "Yellow Ribbon Program" to students at the district's elementary schools this week. Story, photo on page 3.



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Dallas has year to mull full-day kindergarten

Planned state regulations may require more construction

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS TWP. — Full-day kindergarten may have been put off for next year, but after a recent legislative meeting with the state's Secretary of Education, Superintendent Gilbert Griffiths said it could be put in place as early as fall 2004.

Full-day kindergarten and the changes it would mean have been a hot topic in recent months for Dallas School District officials.

Griffiths said if Gov. Ed Ren-

dell's legislation passes in June, it would not mandate a change to full-day, but would provide block grants to reimburse start-up costs for districts that would institute such programs on their own volition.

Griffiths said he thinks the plan would put Dallas in a good position.

"For us it looks like we're probably a year a way from where we want to be," he said. "It gives us a year to plan, to tap into money and to get teachers and supplies."

Griffiths said the plan, if passed as it stands now, would provide grants next year to schools that have 35 percent of its student body on free or reduced lunch. Dallas has 11 per-

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Middle school project seems to be on final lap

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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DALLAS — When Len Gallo of Reynolds Construction Management started what could be his last monthly report by saying "This is one of our last meetings," the news may have been music to the ears of Dallas School Board directors.

The directors heard from the company from whom they have withheld payment repeatedly, that the middle school renovation project should wrap by the end of the month.

Gallo said with only weeks left until the end of April completion date, the project appears to be

finishing up within budget and on time.

"We are winding up on phase R-5, we are hitting punch lists in all phases, but phase five. For the next three to four weeks, our primary focus is punch lists."

Punch lists include final inspection and repair of minor items.

Board members expressed some wariness about whether things would actually be completed and whether they would be done correctly, but in the end the board voted to pay all invoices submitted for contracting services pertaining to the project.

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