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Trail opens new 1000' stretch, on verge of snaring major grant

By PAUL LAZAR For The Post

In the mood for a spring stroll? Flowers, lush plant growth and yes, a little bit of exercise, can be found on the Back Mountain Trail.

The trail, which is being developed by the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association using easements, grants and donations, is expanding another 1,000 feet at Harris Hill Road, thanks in part to help from director of grants Frank Nardone at Luzerne

Intermediate Unit 18.

Last year, LIU 18 awarded ASTA the "Blazing Trails" grant and has done so again this year. The grant, equivalent to \$10,000, also gives alternative education students a chance to work on the trail.

"We receive wonderful community support," said Mark Albrecht, president of the Back Mountain Trail Council. "We're advocates of just getting out and meeting the

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Sergey Alexandropov and Stacy Williams took a brisk bike ride on the Back Mountain Trail last weekend. The New Jersey couple was "just looking for a weekend away, with activities," Williams said, and learned about the trail on a state tourism website.

Pulverman has history of complaints about noise

By CAMILLE FIOTI Post Correspondent

DALLAS TWP. — Long before moving to the plant on Lower Demunds Road that was formerly ENCON, Pulverman Enterprises drew complaints about noise that disturbed neighbors through the night.

The sheet metal plant is in violation of the township's noise ordinance and nearby residents say the pounding and thumping created by the heavy presses have been making their lives miserable since the beginning of the year, when Pulverman moved in.

Their story is familiar to Barbara Brennan of Courtdale Avenue, Courtdale, who lives next door to the plant's former location.

She said that during the five-year period Pulverman operated in Courtdale she had to sleep with the television on to block out banging noises from the presses and loud music from employees' boom boxes.

"Employees would play Rock 107 at all hours of the night with the doors open. There were times when I had to get myself dressed at 1 a.m. and go down to tell them to close the doors and turn off the music."

Brennan said that over the five years she tried to get help from Courtdale Borough Council, the mayor, local police, state police, the Luzerne County Zoning Commission, and 911.

"I tried everyone in the book. If Dallas Township sues, I want to sue with them for what I've been through, because Courtdale did absolutely nothing."

Pulverman has until June 8 to put an end to the noise pollution it is creating or court action will be the next step said Dallas Township Solicitor Michael Melnick at the June 1 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Several calls from a reporter to Pulverman owner Randy Mark asking for comment have not been returned.

Angry residents who live near the plant have been attending the twice monthly meetings since April looking for help from the supervisors and venting their frustrations.

Ruth St. George, who lives across the street from the plant, said, "Friday night I got out of my car and the second I walked into my house it sounded like gunshots going off. It's getting ridiculous!"

Gilbert Griffiths, of Orchard View Terrace, said since an enforcement letter stating that the plant was in violation of the noise ordinance was sent to Mark, the noise seems to have gotten worse.

Jerome and Jean Stesney of Luzerne say they also had their share of headaches and rattled nerves from a sheet metal plant in their neighborhood. Ten years ago, banging sounds from heavy

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Memorial Day 2004

A focus on WWII vets, those in Iraq

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

DALLAS — When it was started 67 years ago, the Memorial Day Parade and Service presented by American Legion Post 672 was led by the last surviving veterans of the Civil War. A few years later, the honor shifted to the generation that fought in World War I, "the war to end all wars."

But war did not end, and veterans from a succession of conflicts continue to marshal the parade and

join in ceremonies that honor fallen comrades from all wars. This year was no different, although it had a particular tilt toward the veterans of World War II, who only two days

earlier had watched the dedication of a monument to their sacrifice and achievement.

Ed Johnson of Dallas, arrived early at the center of town, assuring himself a good seat for the service conducted at the Dallas Honor Roll. He served in the Navy toward the end of World War II, but did not see combat.

"It was over before we could go," he said, although near the end of the war in the Pacific he believed his ship, the U.S.S. Frontier, would be part of an invasion force to Japan.

After leaving active duty, Johnson joined the Coast Guard Reserve, rising to the rank of Lt. Commander. "We would have been called up for this," he said about the current war in Iraq, just as his unit was about to be when the Bay of Pigs fiasco put an end to plans for invading Cuba.

Dick Williams of Dallas served in the European Theater during the last two years of the WWII. He is reluctant to speak about the experience, offering only that he was at Bastone, site of one of the most signifi-

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Ryan Shannon and Frank Kus play with Phoenix, a dalmatian belonging to Clarence Newcomb of Shavertown Fire and Ambulance.

Recalling a girl who couldn't miss

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

IDETOWN — It seemed she had the magic touch.

Carrie Martin was a champion horsewoman, a talented singer and artist, a sought-after hair stylist and, according to her half-brother, an extraordinary maker of tuna melt sandwiches.

But on May 28, she was inadvertently caught in what police say was a robbery for drug money that cut short the life of the young woman who possessed many gifts and a generous heart.

"It seemed she was always helping other people," said her grandfather, Harold "Butch" Grey. "It didn't matter who you were, if she thought she could help you she would, and never expected anything

in return."

That spirit was expressed in her volunteer work with Special Olympics, and in the lines of girls who lined up to have their hair done by the budding stylist.

She was known as "the updo queen" at the Academy of Creative Hair Design, said Carrie's mother, Wendy Cadwalader. Speaking the evening of her daughter's funeral, she wore the same nail color Carrie favored.

"I was amazed at the number of friends" who came to the service, she said.

Among them was an honor guard composed of 18 students from the Law Enforcement Police Science class at West Side Vo-Tech, the program Carrie graduated from last year.

"Carrie being one of our own, I called

Wendy to offer their service," said Bill Bevan, the instructor. Bevan said Carrie hoped to use her training to get involved with the State Police equestrian unit, a transition that would have been seamless for a young woman who was a four-time state 4-H draft horse champion.

"Everything just came natural to her," said Grey as he sat in his comfortable living room. On a nearby wall hung three pictures of his granddaughter, seated on a stately carriage hooked to a large, handsome horse wearing championship ribbons.

When she first entered a show ring, before she turned 2, Carrie was in her mother's arms. As she grew, she rode show horses and ponies, just as her mother had done.

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Christy Harrison, the horse owner for whom Carrie Martin drove in competition, drove two Percheron draft horses pulling a hitch wagon bearing Carrie's casket from the Idetown United Methodist Church to Idetown Cemetery. Martin drove one of the horses to win the state 4-H driving championship in 2002, one of four state titles she won.

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