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## Worst sewage overflows at lake stopped

But work is only beginning in a quest to reduce volume of storm water in sewer system.

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE — When it rains, it pours, even in places you can't see. And before new hookups are allowed to the sanitary sewer system around Harveys Lake, that pouring must stop, or at least slow

"This is not a quick-fix thing."

Richard Boice Sewer authority's executive director

down a lot.

The borough imposed a moratorium on new sewer connections in June, 2003, after being issued two notices of violation of the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. Before the moratorium can be lifted, the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority must bring down the in-

filtration of storm and ground water to a level acceptable to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Problems caused by excessive water getting into the system were brought to light by Jay Niskey, who has a home near pole 251 on Lakeside Drive, in the spring of 2003. He said after heavy rain, the sewer main would fill up, pushing up manhole covers and allowing effluent to run out into the lake. He complained to DEP, and found his was the fourth

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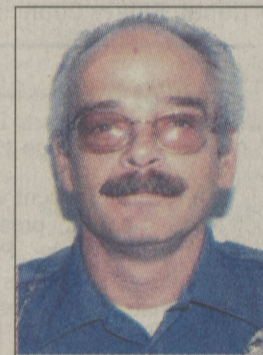
## Fund aids man who has always been the helper

Joe Bren, fireman, ambulance president and policeman, was seriously hurt in an auto accident August 18.

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

SHAVERTOWN — A fund has been established to aid the family of man who has devoted most of his life to helping others in time of need.

Joseph W. Bren, president of the Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue Association, had to be extricated from his car after it was struck broadside by another vehicle on August 18 at about 5:30 a.m. Bren was driving his own car, pulling out of the Uni-Mart on Rt. 309 in Dallas and was on his way to start a shift at the Dallas Township Police Department, where he has been a part-time officer since 1982.



Joe Bren

Bren was pinned in his car, and had to be removed by emergency workers, including Keith Rinehimer, chief of Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue. Bren was flown to Community Medical Center in Scranton by helicopter and is expected to remain in intensive care for some time.

Rinehimer heard the call for an ambulance as he was getting ready for his job at Dallas Fire and Ambulance, where he is one of two paid weekday emergency medical technicians.

When you hear a call that involves another emergency worker, "everybody jumps," Rinehimer said.

Due to the seriousness of his injuries, which include a crushed pelvis and bruised heart, Bren is not allowed visitors or phone calls.

"He's got a long road ahead of him," said Robert Jolley, the Dallas Township police chief.

An accident investigation by Dallas Borough officer James Martin is in progress. The driver of the car that struck Bren's, David James Burgess, 46, of Tunkhannock, was treated and released the day of the accident. He has provided a written statement to police in which he said the traffic light changed abruptly from green to red as he approached.

In addition to being a life member and current president of the Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue Association Inc., Bren is a past chief of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department.

The Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue Association Inc. has started the Bren Family Assistance Fund. If you, your family, your friends, and/or co-workers would like to donate, stop in or send a check to:

M & T Bank  
Bren Family Assistance Fund  
Shavertown Branch  
168 N. Memorial Highway  
Shavertown, PA 18708  
Attn: Mary Herbert

For further updates and information, go to [www.geocities.com/ktaa171/Index.html](http://www.geocities.com/ktaa171/Index.html).

## Noxen School reunion



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Richard Patton, who graduated from the Noxen school in 1953, explains to his wife Marlene who was who. More photos on page 3

## Old school chums come from near and far to reunite

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK Post Correspondent

NOXEN — They keep coming back. For reunions, shared memories, for moments that become more precious every month. More than 100 people including families and friends attended a reunion at the Noxen Elementary School August 22. Some of them plan to come back again in November.

"Especially the classes of '48, '49, and '50" says reunion coordinator Cathie Engleman

Pauley, who also serves as president of the Noxen Historical Association. "They feel as if there may be little time left for them to reunite so they're planning a reunion again in November."

The old Noxen schoolhouse, built in 1897 and once destined for demolition, was reopened five years ago, despite the misgivings about its condition. But Pauley notes that the building is sound, and except for ongoing cosmetic renovations perfectly suits all the old graduates.

"They talked about having the reunions in a restaurant, but it wouldn't have the same meaning to them, so they may have something small catered here in November," says Pauley.

The school housed the Noxen elementary and high school from 1902 through 1956, when the high school moved to Harveys Lake and then on to Lehman. Charles Kovalick attended the school until 1956. He stands

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## Artists, performers will kick off Dallas Days

By M.B. GILLIGAN Post Correspondent

Calling all musicians, writers and poets. There's a place for you at this year's Dallas Harvest Festival.

The Harvest Festival has expanded this year into a weekend of Dallas Days' events in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of Dallas Borough. It will be kicked off on from 7 to 9 pm, Friday, Sept. 17 with an open-microphone night at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

"We've been talking about doing something like this for a while and the committee was looking for a Dallas Days connection with the library," said Jill Kryston, president of the Friends of the Library. "I thought it was a perfect fit."

"Wordhorde," will feature poetry and prose readings, in addition to musical selections.

"This will be the first one but we hope to have about four throughout the year. We think there is a lot of interest for something like this in our area," said Kryston.

Several featured guests are already lined up for September 17. Dallas Elementary Principal Paul Reinert, a musician who has played with the local folk group "Just Us" for 25 years, will perform. In addition, Wilkes-Barre poet Carla Reck and actor/writer Ronald Kross will do readings. All amateur literary or musical talents from grade nine through adults are welcome to perform at this family oriented venue.

"We'll have a sign-up sheet available at the library on Monday, September 13," said Brian Fulton, a Wordhorde committee member on staff at the library. Brian will serve as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

"We'll have time slots available so the artists can have an idea of the schedule." Performances will be

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Wordhorde committee members met recently at the Back Mountain Library to discuss details of the inaugural open-microphone night to be held in conjunction with Dallas Days. Seated are Nancy Brown, left, and Vi Gommer. Standing from left are Jill Kryston, president of the Friends of the Library, Beverly Brougner and Brian Fulton.

## Take a walk through history during festival

A historic walking tour of one of Dallas Borough's oldest thoroughfares will run simultaneously during the second annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 19. In commemoration of the 125th anniversary of Dallas Borough, the festival committee chose Lake Street for this year's tour.

The self-guided walking tour will originate at a display tent situated on the former Sunoco station site at Dallas center, where visitors may obtain brochures structured to guide them along the anticipated route. A series of informational plaques will be placed at the front of each property listing historical information. Also on display will be a collection of archival photos of both Lake and Main streets. Visitors to Lake and Main streets during the festival may also experience a bit of nostalgia, as ladies and gentlemen in period attire stroll along these thoroughfares.

One particular stop of interest, considered a "jog" off the main course, will include a visit to the Back Mountain Trail, at the proposed Toby's Creek Greenway, behind the Commonwealth Telephone building on Lake Street. In April, Dallas Borough and the Wyoming Valley Watershed

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