

OUR OPINION

So far, so good for Harveys Lake sewers

There is good news about potentially harmful overflows from the sanitary sewer system around Harveys Lake — they appear to have stopped. The leaks spotted a year ago, which were brought to light by a concerned citizen, have not returned during heavy rains that have pounded the region this spring and summer. Richard Boice, Executive Director of the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority, credits that positive change to success in finding illegal connections to the system of basement sump pumps, rain gutters and yard drains, along with grouting manhole covers to keep runoff out. Combined, that work has reduced the volume of liquid in the system by 250,000 gallons a day, he says. While no one else seems to have seen actual figures, let's assume that the work so far has eliminated enough flow to keep raw sewage in the pipes where it belongs during heavy storms.

So far, so good. But there is a lot more work to be done before the system is equal to the demands that have been placed on it during the 30 years since it was installed. Since then, not only have new homes been built, a great number have been converted into year-round residences. Every new roof and driveway contributes to more storm water runoff, raising the ante for authority personnel who are working to maintain the aging system's integrity. The urgency is obvious when you consider that the entire main line is below the lake's water level, meaning any cracks or breaks will allow a constant flow into the sewer lines.

As authority officials and a consulting engineer struggle to address the problems caused by infiltration of storm water, the authority and the borough itself, which is ultimately responsible for the operation, are facing with the threat of a crackdown by the state Department of Environmental Protection should they fail. That possibility, and the ire of customers who pay one of the highest rates around, seem to be motivating a level of response that contrasts with a perception of insularity that has hung over the authority for many years. We, and the citizens of Harveys Lake, hope this newfound attitude persists from this point on, because it is likely to take a long time and a large pile of money to finish the job.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

- On Sept. 3, 1777, the American flag is flown in battle for the first time, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch's Bridge, Maryland. Patriot Gen. William Maxwell ordered the Stars and Stripes banner raised as a detachment of his infantry and cavalry met an advance guard of British and Hessian troops.

- On Aug. 31, 1888, prostitute Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered and mutilated. The East End of London saw four more victims of the murderer during the next few months, but no suspect was ever found.

- On Sept. 1, 1939, some 1.5 million German troops invade Poland along its 1,750-mile border with German-controlled territory. Nazi leader Adolf Hitler claimed it was a defensive action, but Britain and France were not convinced and declared war on Germany, initiating World War II.

- On Sept. 2, 1946, Eugene O'Neill's play "The Iceman Cometh," about desperate tavern bums clinging to illusion as a remedy for despair, opens on Broadway. Many critics hailed the play as O'Neill's finest work.

- On Sept. 4, 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins his seventh gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Munich, swimming the fly leg of the 400-meter medley relay. No other athlete has won so many gold medals at a single Olympiad.

- On Sept. 5, 1988, the Savings and Loan Crisis plumbs new depths as the Robert M. Bass Group, backed by \$2 billion in federal aid, agrees to acquire the nation's largest bankrupt thrift, American Savings and Loan Association. It was the most expensive bailout ever for a single S&L institution.

- On Aug. 30, 1992, the TV series "Northern Exposure" wins the Emmy for Outstanding Drama Series. The offbeat show, about a Manhattan doctor forced to work in a small Alaska town, was among the top-20 most-watched TV shows until it was canceled in 1995.

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Up a tree, but that's no problem for this fellow. Photo by Charlotte Bartizek.

LIBRARY NEWS

A busy fall awaits at the library

Registration for the Fall Story Hours begins on Tuesday, Sept. 7, after 9:30 a.m. The programs start during the week of September 21 and end the week of December



CAROL KING

1. There will be no story hours

during Thanksgiving week.

The first meeting of the season for the Book Discussion Group will be on Monday, Sept. 27. Members may pick up their copies of "The Warden," by Anthony Trollope, at the front desk in the library. Payment will be due at the meeting.

The library and the Dallas Borough Council have been

overwhelmed with the success of the Farmers Market on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the library grounds. Council members have played a significant role in the planning and implementation of the project ever since its conception. They set up, tear down, and clean up, and manage parking and other details necessary to the operation of the market. A vendor of goat milk products is the

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THANKS

Auction was a success thanks to you

I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee Chairpersons, Committee workers and all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the 58th Back Mountain Library Auction. The auction was a success because of the special effort of these people and to those who attended and participated in the auction. Thanks to such a great community effort the library will benefit.

Paul Nicholson
Auction Chairperson70 Years Ago
Aug. 31, 1934

LEHMAN SCHOOLS TO OPEN WITH NEW PRINCIPAL AT HELM

Lehman schools will be opened on Tuesday, Sept. 4, H. Austin Snyder, the new principal, announced this week. Mr. Snyder, who taught at Lehman two years ago and at Luzerne last year, was elected supervising principal to succeed L.S. Squires, who will be principal at Nicholson.



ONLY YESTERDAY

The Dallas District of Sunday school groups will sponsor an International Leadership Training School in Shavertown M.E. Church on Friday nights from September 7 to October 19. Rev. Francis F. Freeman, pastor of Dallas M.E. Church, is general chairman and Miss Helen Thompson is dean. Persons desiring to enroll are requested to do so as soon as possible.

The annual flower show in Trucksville will be held next Wednesday and Thursday, September 5 and 6, in the Kingston High School Auditorium. It will be the first time the show has been held for two days. The program this year will include exhibits of nursery, rock garden and sunken garden displays, in addition to the regular exhibits. Everyone is invited to compete. Entries must be in before 10:30 on Wednesday morning.

60 Years Ago
Sept. 1, 1944

VETERAN PILOT WILL DEDICATE TREES

A veteran of 50 bombing missions over the European Theatre of Operations as pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, Lt. George A. Levchak, a native of Susquehanna County, who wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, will represent the Army Services Forces at the dedication of more than 200 memorial trees Labor Day

on Lehman High School Grounds. He will be introduced by Harry Ruggles Jr., a member of Lehman School Board.

Copies of "Now That You're Back", a pamphlet issued by Wyoming Valley Council of Social Agencies for the returning veteran, are available at the office of The Dallas Post. The folder directs the veteran to the specific agency or organization which provides the services he may seek after his discharge from the Army.

Toby Creek Lodge 1078, I.O.O.F., will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 7 with a banquet and a varied program of entertainment. The guest of honor will be George B. Horn, Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Other honored guests will be W.A. Prutzman of Chase and W.J. Robbins of Trucksville, the only two surviving charter members of the lodge.

50 Years Ago
Aug. 29, 1954

MOLLIE THE COLLIE FINDS WAY OUT OF STORM SEWER

A quivering nose and two pleading paws seen through the manhole on West Center Street Wednesday morning stopped traffic and had the neighborhood in an uproar. Mollie wanted out. The 20-month collie could see daylight but she couldn't get through the crack. A passing motorist pried it off with a tire iron, but it took the services of five men to get it back in place again.

The final phase in the relocation of Route 6 between Factoryville and Tunkhannock was launched last week when workmen began to pour concrete. Barring unforeseen delays, it is expected that the road will be opened about Nov. 15. When concrete pouring is completed only installation of guard rails and minor details will be necessary before the job is finished.

Dallas Rotary Club will present Donald V. Hock, Allentown attorney and outstanding speaker on Thursday, Oct. 1 at Irem Temple Country Club. Atty. Hock is widely known as president of Pennsylvania Exchange Clubs and has covered

the nation on speaking tours. Reservations may be made with any member of Rotary or at Evans Restaurant.

40 Years Ago
Aug. 27, 2004

MIGRANT WORKER JAILED FOR ASSAULT

Lehman Fire Engine was called out to wet down the pavement on Route 118 above Parks Farm early Monday afternoon after a compressor behind a truck broke its towbolts, upset and spilled gasoline on the road. Truck and compressor were owned by International Gasline, Houston, Texas.

An angry migrant worker, who is only four feet tall and weighs 90 pounds, was committed to Luzerne County jail this week in default of \$7,500 bail, after hearing on charges of assault with intent to kill, after a fracas at Prebola's Farm in Franklin Township on Sunday. Police said that Joseph Custodio Albaran, a resident of the island of Puerto Rico, repeatedly struck Paul Mendino, another migrant, with a rock. Twenty-seven stitches were taken to close the cuts in Mendino's scalp and head.

A car, driven by Harold Williams, 18, of Holcomb's Road, Shavertown, removed about 20 feet of fence at Dallas Outdoor Theater around 7:45 p.m. Saturday, when the gas pedal stuck, but neither driver nor passenger Lynn Hughes, Norton Avenue, was injured.

30 Years Ago
Aug. 29, 1974

AUCTION GROSSES \$8,200 FOR KINGSTON TWP. AMBULANCE

The Kingston Township Ambulance Association realized a gross of \$8,200 from their mini-auction held last week and members worked very hard for every cent. The mini-auction began Thursday night and a main switch blew out. Sheldon Williams went to work trying to repair the damage, meanwhile the Shavertown Fire Co. came to the rescue with emergency transformers and a bullhorn. Temporary lights were set up, auctioneers used the bullhorn and the evening was

saved.

The Harveys Lake Beach Association will sponsor its annual fireworks display Sept. 1 at the Sunset section of Harveys Lake. The display is conducted in conjunction with the annual Torchlight Parade of the Harveys Lake Yacht Club.

Prof. Philip R. Tuhy, department of political science at Wilkes College and associate director of the Institute of Regional Affairs has been assigned to the position of director of Wilkes Community Effort in the Wilkes College Office of Community Programs. Rebecca B. Jost, former director, who has left the area to join her husband, has informed community organizations of the appointment.

20 Years Ago
Aug. 29, 1984

HIBBARDS HONORED FOR ENERGY SAVING

Penns Woods Girl Scout Council is in need of Adult Girl Scout Leaders in the Back Mountain Area. Anyone looking for interesting works, lots of fun, a chance to help girls, but no pay is asked to call the office and leave your name a number. You will be contacted by Ethel Renshaw.

The Pennsylvania Governor's Energy Council will present a special energy saving award to John and Betsy Hibbard at ceremonies to be held on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. at Firewood Farms, Kingston Township. The Hibbards are being recognized by the GEC, chaired by Lieutenant Governor William H. Scranton III for their contributions to energy savings in Pennsylvania through the construction to energy savings in Pennsylvania through the construction and development of Firewood Farms.

The Lake-Lehman School District is making available to all students and adults an activities pass good for all athletic events. Please note that this pass is valid for home games only. Anyone interested in purchasing a pass may contact Rodger Bearde, athletic director, Lake-Lehman High School, at 675-2165 ext. 258.

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