

A fair exhibit of talent

The annual academic fair gives students at Gate of Heaven School a chance to show off what they've learned this year. The event was held the week of April 18-22, when parents and family friends filled the school hallways while on their way from room to room. In top photo, Joel Peterlin, looks through the tunnel at his exhibit of John Henry, the legendary miner. Above left, Tyler Stine demonstrates to Ann Lohin, his teacher, how his project electrifies and magnetizes. Above right, The Johnny Appleseed and Pecos Bill projects are combined in this picture of Eric Ringsdorf, Ben Kon, F.J. Costantino, Patrick Condo, Jared Kukosky, Dominic Zarola and William Fulton.

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Joel Peterlin



Spring cleanup in 3 towns

Three Back Mountain towns will hold their spring cleanups the week of May 2-7. Each is restricted to residents of the community, and proof of residency may be required. They are scheduled in the same week to cut down on the number of people who may be tempted to visit a town cleanup other than their own. Here is information about times, places, restrictions and contacts.

DALLAS BOROUGH

Open to Dallas Borough residents only.
WHERE: Dallas Borough Municipal Building at 25 Main Street.
HOURS: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
NOT ACCEPTED: Municipal waste, yard waste, toxic or hazardous materials, asbestos, large construction debris, paint/paint cans, batteries and ashes.
 Vouchers will be mailed to residents prior to the cleanup entitling them to one free drop-off. Additional disposal trips will be allowed at an additional cost of \$20 per trip. There will be an additional charge of \$10 for all white goods or large appliances dropped off at the collection site and a \$3 fee for the disposal of tires. The Dallas Borough Road Department will collect large items from residents unable to transport them to the drop-off site. The fee for curbside collection is \$25 per item. Residents must contact the Road Department at 674-5362 to pre-arrange for pickup.
QUESTIONS: 675-1389.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

For residents of Dallas Township.
WHERE: Rear of the township building, 601 Tunkhannock Highway, Dallas.
HOURS: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The township's road department will be available to assist in emptying vehicles.
NOT ACCEPTED: freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hazardous wastes, chemicals, brush, tree stumps, cinder blocks, animal or human waste, shingles, sheet rock, or other building materials, leaves, grass, garbage, or newspapers.
 Proof of residency will be required at the time of drop-off. Pickup trucks and trailers will be charged according to the amount and size of items brought. Residents bringing bulky items (such as carpets, overstuffed chairs, couches, dressers, stoves, washers, dryers, televisions, water heaters, tanks, etc.) will be charged \$5 for each

item brought. Each household is permitted to bring two tires with the understanding that they will be charged \$2 per tire.
QUESTIONS: 674-7005.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

Open to Kingston Township residents only.
WHERE: Kingston Township Public Works Facility, E. Center Street, Shavertown.
HOURS: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 All residents will be required to obtain an admission permit in accordance with the following fee schedule:
 Cars: \$5/permit (unlimited)
 Vans, SUVs: \$10/permit (unlimited)
 Trucks, Utility Trailers, Cargo Vans (<1 ton): \$25/permit (1 trip limit)
 Vehicles (>1 ton): \$85/permit (1 trip limit)
 Refunds will not be given on admission permits purchased.
 Proof of residency such as a tax bill or drivers license is required to receive a permit. Admission permits will be issued to the occupants of rental units and not to the owners. Residents will be limited to one of each permit type. In an effort to prevent delays at the drop-off site during cleanup week, residents are encouraged to purchase their permits Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday April 29 at the Kingston Township Municipal Building Administrative Office. Permits required during cleanup week will only be available to purchase at the drop-off site.
NOT ACCEPTED: Household trash or garbage; recyclable items such as newspapers, plastics, bi-metallic cans, clear and colored glass, tree stumps, rocks, and construction debris; toxic substances such as paints, solvents, automotive fluids, fertilizers, medical waste or chemicals. Other items not accepted include washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, furnaces, stoves, water heaters, or other large appliances. These items can be disposed of through the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (696-1133) for a nominal fee. Air conditioners or dehumidifiers that are tagged with a certified sticker from a professional stating that the freon has been removed will be accepted. Tires are limited to two per residence.
 All residents must present permit and proper ID to police officers on duty at the entrance to the cleanup. Police officers will collect permits with a one-trip limit.
QUESTIONS: 696-3809.

ASTHMA

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and friends asking for their donations. "She gets a whopping \$4 a week allowance," said her mother. "She puts part of that towards stamps."
 Ashlyn also is selling purple bracelets with the words "Act now, breathe easier," donated by the pharmaceutical company Glaxo-Smith Kline, and homemade lollipops made and donated by the employees of Cross Valley Credit Union, presenting sponsor of the June 4 event. The lollipops and bracelets also are available for purchase at the credit union's five branches. Ashlyn's younger

sisters Cortlin, 9 and Bryce, 5, also helped out by selling lemonade in their neighborhood.

The Van Deutsches hope to see a huge turnout at the walk. Some of the proceeds raised will help fund Camp Asthma-cadabra, a camp designed for children who suffer from asthma and who cannot go to regular sleep-away camps. Sponsored by the American Lung Association and the Max and Lorraine Foundation, the three-day camp has a full medical staff on site.

Ashlyn has been attending the camp for years and enjoys the same activities that other camps have, such as swimming, hiking and archery. She's

learned how to use her medications properly at the camp, and was also taught how to use a peakflow meter, which measures the capacity of the lungs.

Heidi said she and her husband Gary also learned a lot, such as the proper use of an inhaler, from the parents seminar on the last day of camp. "In the past, we'd give her the inhaler and then she'd lay down and the mucus would drip and she'd cough so hard that she'd get sick. I just thought that's

what asthma is."

Ashlyn has a big hope that the donations she collects will make a difference.

"One thing that would be the best thing ever to happen to me," said Ashlyn, "Would be to have a cure so that I won't have to be afraid of having an asthma attack again."

To register for the June 4 walk, call the American Lung Association at 823-2212. You can also register on-line at www.asthmawalk.org.

SPEED

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ligent operation of a watercraft."

"We actually can use that (speed) as a reason to make a stop," she said.

The commission is taking comments from the public on a proposal to place a speed limit on Harveys Lake of 45 miles per hour from sunrise to sunset on weekends and holidays from the Saturday before Memorial day through Labor Day. A final vote on adopting the limit is expected at the commission's July meeting.

Lake Wallenpaupack has been under a similar limit for several years. Corl can't recall a citation for speed there in more than two years.

Even if it passes in July, the limit will likely not be put in place until next year.

"Having a fast boat out here is really not a bad idea," said Dick Squiteri, who has been representing the Harveys Lake Protective Association in its efforts to make the lake safer. "We just wanted to protect ourselves during the heavy traffic periods."

George Horwatt, of Dallas, feels plenty of regulations already exist that can be used to curb reckless boating. "The Fish Commission has never addressed enforcement," he said. The operator of Woolbert's Boats in Kingston, he also feels there is not a real need for the limit.

"I'm out on the water all the time, and I don't see this as a problem."

Existing regulations require boats to travel at a "no-wake" speed from sunset to sunrise, and at all times within 100 feet of shore or the nearest structure, or even of a downed water skier or stalled boat, Corl said. They also address "maintaining a safe speed," which is left to the interpretation of a Waterways Conservation Officer.

Corl said the officer must have probable cause that a violation is taking place before making a stop. Reckless operation is more likely to draw an

officer's attention than speed. "Most boats are never going to attain that speed," which she said feels much faster on a boat than in a car.

And she acknowledges that her staff of 12 officers covering 11 counties in northeastern Pennsylvania is stretched thin. "We do prioritize our water areas. We can't be in 10 places at one time."

One officer is responsible for patrolling all lakes, ponds and streams in the northern parts of Luzerne County and Columbia County. Two are assigned to Lake Wallenpaupack, which is nine times as large in surface area as Harveys Lake.

The limit could have been voted on at the October 2004 commission meeting, but it was put off while the potential use of radar for enforcement was considered. The research found that only Maryland, Florida and Missouri use radar, and then primarily in rivers and narrow channels.

Corl said she had trained with radar and found that it was inconsistent when used on boats.

The minutes from the commission's January 2005 meeting acknowledge the difficulty of enforcement, but state, "Nonetheless, speed limits often act as a social and psychological deterrent and thus may have some value."

Jamie Wallace, who operates Lakeside Restorations, selling and customizing boats, said he understands the desire for a speed limit, but he questions whether it will have much effect.

When it comes to safety issues, "People doing stupid things ought to be stopped," he said. "I enjoy going fast myself, but you've got to use your head."

Commission Press Secretary Dan Tredinnick said the official comment period runs through May 23, but opinions will be accepted after that. "We take them whenever, right up to the time of the final vote," he said.

JET SKI

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passenger to 18 when the driver was 15 or younger.

Commission members voted 8-0 to retain the present minimum ages — 12 for drivers and 15 for passengers. However, they kept in the portion of the proposal that raises the minimum horsepower of a boat operated by a child under 12 from 10 to 25 horsepower.

Dan Tredinnick, the commission's Press Secretary, said there are no compelling accident statistics that show a particular danger when 12- to 15-year-olds drive the craft.

And, "They felt youth needed to be involved with the sport."

All youth operators are required to have a boating safety education certificate, and anyone born after 1982 must satisfactorily complete a boating safety course before they can operate a boat with more than 25 horsepower.

The change in horsepower will take effect as soon as it is published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, which he said typically takes about a month.

A separate proposal to consider eliminating the requirement

to drive counter-clockwise on all state waters also passed unanimously. Public comment will be taken up until the fall meeting, where it is likely to come up for a final vote, Tredinnick said.

The requirement could still be an option on particular bodies of water. Dick Squiteri, who holds a Coast Guard Master's license and teaches safe boating courses, says the logic, particularly on Harveys Lake, is to avoid surprise head-on encounters between boats.

"I think this will have a mixed reaction," Squiteri said, and could create some risks for people on tubes pulled behind boats going into or out of one of the many arms of the lake.

Tredinnick said Harveys Lake Borough could not enforce such a rule, but could ask the commission to allow it on the lake.

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