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PSU W-B exceeds \$8 million goal

has topped its \$8 million goal, thanks million in private and university funds. to a recent gift from campus alumnus ichard J. "Rick" Barry.

tain an expanded campus library, as services center. It will be named for well as an art gallery, auditorium, John Murphy, the campus' former stuclassrooms, and study and meeting dent services director and mentor to space for students. The two-story many students, including Barry. building will be named for the late Abram Nesbitt III of Wilkes-Barre. Nesbitt, his family and estate were ma- See PSU W-B, Page 8

Penn State Wilkes-Barre's campaign jor contributors to the campaign, for a new academic commons building which has now secured a total of \$8.2

Barry also designated a portion of his gift to support conversion of the The academic commons will con- current campus library to a student

"We are extremely pleased that the



The new academic commons at Penn State Wilkes-Barre will be located across from the historic Hayfield House, at left, in Lehman Township.

TROUT SEASON

Hundreds answer casting



The Soltysiak family - Mike Deb, Brett and Sean - of Tunkhannock boards a boat for the first day of trout fishing at Harveys Lake.

By DAVE KONOPKI Post Editor

lan Ide didn't have too much trouble catching his limit of five trout, casting his line in Leonard's Creek near Beaumont. A short distance downstream, Dave Vernon and his grandson Alex Berlew didn't have much luck, putting just one fish on the hook between them.

But despite the difference in success, e three fishermen concluded the first day of trout season with the same sentiment: it was a very enjoyable day.

Hundreds of anglers took to the various waterways in the Back Mountain on Saturday morning. Fishermen young and old could be seen at places such as Harveys Lake, Bowman's nard's Creek and Moon Lake State veys Lake. Park.

"I've been fishing pretty much all of gives me something to do. It gets you time. It's a great way to spend time toaway from the grind. It's nice to spend gether." some quiet time with a fishing pole in your hand and a line in the water. It was he spent fishing off the boat with his fapretty good fishing. I took me half of a ther, grandfather, uncle and cousin. day, but I got my limit."

Not everyone was as fortunate.

"We caught nothing, not a thing," said Joe Stier. The Dallas man spent a who plans to go fishing for trout and short time fishing on Harveys Lake salmon in Ontario, Canada in August. with his father John, brother Dave, son "Fishing for walleye is my favorite.

it was a beautiful day." the day, says Stier.



Creek, Frances Slocum State Park, Leo- The family of Joseph Stier, Dallas, get ready for a day on the water at Har-

"It's all about the experiences," said my life," said Ide, a Dallas resident who the 31-year-old. "Even when you don't spent the day fishing by himself. "It catch any fish, you can have a great

Joey Stier says he enjoyed the time

"I like going in the water and being able to catch stuff," said the 10-year-old Wycallis Elementary School student, urs to relax after a recent surgery. like talking with my friends and family away. We were only out for a short time, but when I'm fishing."

The fact that they returned home with his oldest grandchild. The pair in Dallas. "There were about 20 people empty-handed didn't put a damper on spent about seven hours fishing in Leo-fishing around us and I think only four nard's Creek, with Vernon catching just or five fish were caught. We still had a with my grandson."



Miranda Sayre, Jackson twp., casts into Leonard's Creek in Beaumont.

Joey and niece Ashley. Stier's father They're big and challenging. Fishing is one trout, while 10-year-old Alex will and brother took out him out for a few fun, but it requires a lot of patience. I be able to talk about the one that got

'We weren't the only ones who didn't Vernon spent most of the day fishing have any luck," said Vernon, who lives



Allen Ide, Dallas, casts into Leonard's Creek in Beaumont.

good time. It was the first time I was able to take (Alex) trout fishing. He's learning. He does a pretty good job casting.'

While he encourages his grandson in other activities - Alex plays youth baseball and basketball - Vernon says fishing is something that can be en-

joyed for a lifetime. "I just want him to have a good time and enjoy the outdoors," said Vernon, who has been fishing for almost four decades. "This is something he can have fun doing the rest of his life. I used to fish with my father and my friends. I've been doing it since I was a little kid. It's nice to be able to do the same thing

Amusement parks focus of meeting



The carousel was one of the many attrac-

tions at the former Hanson's Park in Harveys Lake. The bi-annual meeting of the Back Moun-

tain Historical Association will discuss the "Amusements of the Back Mountain" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 in the Banks Student Center's Kennedy Lounge at College Misericordia.

Local historian Charles Petrillo, author of "Harveys Lake" will be the feature speaker. The discussion will focus on the attractions at Harveys Lake - such as Hanson's Amusement Park - steamboats, hotels and other activities at the state's largest natural lake. He will also talk about the former Fernbrook Park.

Fernbrook Park was located in Dallas, where Offset Paperback is now located, along the Dallas and Harveys Lake Trolley Line. In 1928, Fernbrook Park advertised 18 amusement rides for the season, one of which was the recent addition of a roller coaster designed by Herbert Schmeck and built by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company in 1926, named the Wildcat.

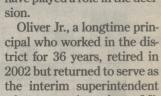
The feature attraction of Fernbrook Park was the dance pavilion, capable of holding 2,500 people. During the Great Depression, rides were removed one by one until only the dance hall remained. The dance hall was later used as a skating rink before being closed in

Don Hanson's Amusement Park was situated at Harveys Lake on what was once the Lehigh Valley Railroad Picnic Grounds. Some of the early attractions at the picnic grounds in-

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Lake-Lehman interim superintendent John Oliver Jr. resigned suddenly from the position late Thursday. He did not give a reason for the resignation. In a published report, Oliver's son, John Oliver III, said he believed problems with the school board and administration that arose

during a public budget meeting Wednesday night could have played a role in the deci-



Oliver

trict for 36 years, retired in 2002 but returned to serve as the interim superintendent when superintendent Michael Healey left for the same post in the Tunkhannock School District. Ol-

iver began his duties April 1 and was expected to work until July 1. In an interview for a feature story that was scheduled to appear in today's edition of The Post, Oliver said was enjoying himself and that

returning to Lake-Lehman was like "being home again."

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