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From left, Chris Higgins, Charles West and Harveys Lake fire chief Dave Davis check the lights on their boat and prepare to join the boat regatta.

Having fun on the water

Harveys Lake holds annual Homecoming Festivities weekend

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HARVEYS LAKE – Some might love it for the pristine beauty, while others are partial to the clear blue water, whatever the reason residents showed their support for the beautification of Harveys Lake last weekend.

The hundreds of people who attended the second annual Harveys Lake Homecoming Festivities had a wide variety of events from which to choose, including a pie-baking contest, a waverunner youth fun run, a pig roast, and a bass fishing tournament.

The event was the brainchild of Harveys Lake council president Clarence Hogan.

"The borough used to have homecoming events similar to this about 25 years ago," said Marsha Hogan, Clarence's wife of 32 years. "He always wanted to get it back on track, and once my husband got on council he did."

About 500 people attended the multi-faceted celebration, the majority of attendees were residents of Harveys Lake but residents of surrounding Back Mountain municipalities also took part in the fun.

The lake was filled with awe-inspiring tricks of talented water skiers, who built pyramids while coasting on the water's surface.

Other activities included the musical stylings of Eddie Day and the Original Starfires at Damien's on the Lake on Saturday night, which packed the house with a crowd of more than 200.

Many folks simply took advantage of taking in a

MORE PHOTOS

Additional photos from the Harveys Lake Homecoming Festivities weekend will appear in next week's edition of The Post.

walk, bike ride, jog or skate from 10 a.m. to noon when motorized vehicles were limited to half of the two-lane road around the lake.

The Harveys Lake Lions Club hosted a pig roast at the Sandy Beach Club. Rich Williams, a member of the Lions Club, said the turnout was quite well.

"We served about a 100 dinners," he said. "We had a lot of good responses. The event as a whole gets better every year. I think last year was good, but everything grew considerably this year."

Also at the homecoming, seven budding beauties competed for the title of Little Miss Harveys Lake. The girls, ages 4-6, were judged on their appearance and personality, as well as a short interview.

Kiana Price, 6, received the crown, while Hayley Olivia Evans, 4, and Casey Dale, 5, were the first and second runners-up, respectively. All three girls are residents of Harveys Lake.

Shoppers found everything from jewelry to paintings to handbags for sale at various vendor stands throughout the Lake Marketplace, which was organized by Hogan and Shirley Javer of Javer's Store.

"The finances from the festivities will go toward the beautification of the lake, if there is anything left over," said Hogan, a native of Harveys Lake.



Andy Josuweit and Scott Davis serve as anchor men for Caroline Boris during a water skiing demonstration. All three are current or former Lake-Lehman students.



Paul Nicholson

Library loses a special friend

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Editor's note: Paul Nicholson's obituary appears on Page 5.

DALLAS – Carol Sweeney vividly remembers the solemn look on Paul Nicholson's face as he entered Fino's Pharmacy one day in January last year.

The two had worked hard to prepare for the annual kickoff dinner for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. And now Nicholson – the auction chairman – was paying a visit to Sweeney's place of employment to deliver some bad news.

"He walks in and says 'I guess the dinner is off. Irem Temple is all booked up,'" said Sweeney, recalling the conversation. "I was floored. I didn't know what to say. All kinds of things were going through my head. I guess he saw the look on my face and he knew he had me. Finally, he just looked at me and said, 'I'm only kidding. Everything is fine.' I couldn't believe it. It was pretty funny."

Sweeney took a few moments earlier last week to remember the unique sense of humor – and solid work ethic – of Nicholson, who passed away last weekend at age 69. The Dallas resident is survived by his wife of 36 years, Eleanor (Hughes) Nicholson.

Nicholson was the auction chairman in 2004 and 2005, but injuries he suffered during a car accident in May prevented him from performing the duties this year. Sweeney, who handled the auction's public relations duties for two years under Nicholson, took over the reins of chairman for this year's auction.

"Paul was one of a kind," said Sweeney, who dedicated the auction to Nicholson each night she rang the auction bell during the four-day event. "I think there's a sadness in Dallas. I think the people really feel a loss. Paul and Eleanor are among two of the finest people I've ever known. He'll really be missed."

Library director Martha Butler also received first-hand experience of Nicholson's hard work – and sense of humor.

"He was kind of a teaser," she said. "He'd tell me something to get my attention then he would say, 'I'm just kidding.' He had a very good sense of humor. Paul was an overall great person and I think it showed through in his leadership with the auction. He did a terrific job as the auction chairman."

Although he served as the chairman for only two years, Nicholson made an impact. It was his idea to turn the annual kickoff dinner into a dinner-dance and a record crowd of more than 100 people attended, said Butler. He also implemented a 50/50 raffle and gave the bake sale its own booth. Nicholson added a personal touch by making home-made fudge.

"It was delicious," said Butler. "Paul added some different things to the auction. He was open to trying new things." And he did a lot of things behind the scenes, said Sweeney.

"Paul did so many things on his own," she said. "People didn't know how they got done. When I took over as chairman, I found out about all of the little things Paul was doing. He was a great leader. He tried to make it make it fun for the volunteers. He gave everyone something special to do. He wanted to make them feel special because they are."

Nicholson's death was the second recent loss for the staff and friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The library also mourned the death of Hugh King, a longtime library supporter whose wife Carol wrote a longtime library news column for local newspapers.

"It's always sad to lose friends, people who are involved with the library, volunteers and community members," said Butler. "It takes a toll on us. We have a very special relationship with these people. We're like a family."

Opinions about Back Mt. COG running high in Kingston Twp.

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TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

What do you think about the Back Mountain Area Council of Governments? Are you in favor of the idea? Or are you against it? Either way, we want to hear your feelings. Send your opinion by e-mail to thepost@leader.net. Be sure to include your name, hometown and a daytime phone number for verification. The Post will share your opinions with our readers in a future edition.

"By meeting with our neighbors, our problems are mutual," he said. "They don't end with an artificial boundary."

Ellen Morada of Midway Manor agrees.

"We all need one another," she said. "We all need to keep track of how much development happens."

Richard Morgan of Midway Manor said he thinks there are too many issues to deal with and advised the board to drop out of the COG.

"I think you're making a mistake by not pulling out right now. Let's drop it and pick it up at a later date."

After a thorough review of the COG's rules and requirements, township solicitor Ben Jones advised the board to withdraw its membership. He said he discovered that members of the COG could not immediately respond to needs of their own municipalities individually. He gave a hypothetical example of a pornographic store attempting to open in the township. Under ordinary circumstances, the township could respond immediately to address the issue, he said.

As members of the COG, he said the other municipalities would be able to veto whatever the township plans to do regarding enacting ordinances, adding that three years must pass before the township could file an appeal to the veto.

"The board of supervisors would be incapable of exercising its charter right to protect its citizens," he said. Within the COG, authority is also granted to the other municipalities to grant one zoning officer and one planning commission.

"The concept of general consistency frightens me," he said.

Unlike other municipalities within the COG, Kingston Township is a Home Rule community. Residents voted for that distinction in the mid-1970s.

"I believe the spirit in which the township charter operates is to provide health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kingston Township and not necessarily a general group that resides beyond the Kingston Township limits," Jones said.

With the help of multiple grants, members of the COG – which consists of King-

ston and Lehman townships and Dallas Borough – contributed funds to develop a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Master Plan, the first major project of the COG. Dallas Township never became an official member of the COG, but contributed funds for the plan, Dallas Township zoning officer Len Kozick said.

Planning consultants were hired to create the \$200,000 plan that provided a demographic overview of the area and addressed the many issues of each municipality. Citing that the plan was intrusive on the role of the township in the development of its land sources, Dallas Township supervisors rejected the plan in May.

Kingston Township also rejected the plan, 3-1, at a public hearing in July. Jenkins, Yankovich and Broadhead voted against it, while Jeff Box voted in favor of the plan. Paul Sabol was absent at the hearing.

Jenkins said he feels the COG will eventually evolve into another level of government in the Back Mountain.

"The proponents never talk about the added expense of being in the COG," he said, adding the organization would most likely have to hire employees in the future. Jenkins also feels the COG's intention is to eventually regionalize police forces.

"I'm fearful of regionalization," he said. "We can still cooperate with projects of the COG without being in the COG."