

HARVEYS LAKE FESTIVITIES

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Harveys Lake resident John Radzwill rides his wakeboard during a competition.



Kianna Price was crowned 'Little Miss Harveys Lake' during a pageant at Sandy Beach.

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Members of the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Co. captured first place in a bucket brigade competition.

Hundreds of people attended the second annual Harveys Lake Homecoming Festivities weekend at the lake. The three-day event featured a variety of activities, including a parade, a pig roast, a Little Miss Harveys Lake pageant, a marketplace, a boat regatta, musical entertainment, a fishing tournament and events on the water.

A story and several photos appeared in last week's edition of The Post, but we thought our readers would enjoy a few more photos from the activities.

PIG ROAST

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for neighbors to get to know neighbors.

"It's kind of like a funeral for summer, where the community comes together," he said. "We know that after the pig roast, school is coming and that means fall is coming, too."

Aside from good food, tons of entertaining activities for the whole family also took place during the feast. Event goers did everything from ride ponies to get their faces painted to listen to music.

The most popular stand at the occasion, however, was the massage area. At one point the wait was up to two hours, according to attendants.

Sanholtz who was in charge of the food said his involvement in the planning of the event began about two months ago. He said others started even earlier than that.

"We had about 100 volunteers from the church out to help us," he said. "Everything just went so well this year."

Last year during the event the mercury was rising close to 100 degrees, which made things a bit challenging so organizers were happy with the beautiful and tolerable weather during this year's event last weekend.

"It was just great food and great fellowship," Sanholtz of Forty Fort said. "There were just a lot of neat people there you got to meet and talk to."

Miller said most people that attend still can't believe it doesn't cost a dime.

"I think people enjoy it even more because it is free," he said. "I think because people don't have to worry about paying it puts them in a better mood and in a better frame of mind."

PASSION

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secondary education from the University of Scranton. "I think going to Ross is going to be a good thing. If I was staying in the States, I would want to continue my (dog) training. You can't do both. You have to be focused.

"I think being an older adult is going to be an advantage. I'm dis-

ciplined. I'm not going to be worrying about going out at night and partying. I've already been there. I'm going to school for the education."

Banfield was hoping to attend veterinary school in the United States. But with only 28 schools in the country and more than 6,000 people applying each year for approximately 300 openings, the competition can be intense. The closest veterinary school to the Back Mountain is the Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania.

"The criteria's tough," she said. "It's not easy to get into any veterinary school. Ross is an alternative and a very good school. You go to school year-round and spend the last year at a stateside veterinary school for clinical work."

For more than three decades, Banfield has been training German shepherds in the field of Schutzhund. Originated in Germany, Schutzhund - protection

dog - is a temperament test for German shepherds so only the best dogs can be bred. The dogs must be proficient in three phases - tracking, obedience and protection - in order to be certified. It is estimated that only one in every 1,000 dogs qualify.

"It's a triathlon for dogs," said Banfield, owner of Nikki Banfield's School for Canines. "I really take a lot of pride in the training. When I'm done with (veterinary) school, I'll be back."

A few years ago, Banfield received an education outside the classroom when she spent five months living with a pack of wolves on the grounds of the Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester, Idaho. The Sawtooth pack has been the focus of two documentary films on the Discovery Channel.

"The old stories of Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf can't be any further from the truth," said Banfield, who

lived in a tent and spent weeks tracking every movement of the wolf pack. "They are the most loving, caring - I know I'm using human words to describe them - but they are the ultimate example of an extended family you can find. They're close-knit and they care for each other. It's amazing how they care for each other as a pack."

"It was an amazing experience. It was the best summer of my life. I really treasure the memories."



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Brian Kravitz ran all aspects of food operations in the Officers Club for the past 20 years from Maine, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Nebraska. Brian also gained international experience while residing in Belgium for three years. Laurie Knauer, formerly Drury worked with her father Jim Drury at Drury's Deli & Restaurant in Harvey's Lake. Then in 2002 Laurie opened her own restaurant, Brunch Express in the Twin Stacks Center, specializing in breakfast and lunch fare. She closed Brunch Express in 2004 to spend more time with her family and joined the team at Irem. Michael Wysocke has previously worked as the owner/operator of the Lake Carey Inn, chef at Hotel Jeremiah in Aspen, CO, Sous Chef at Casa Marina Resort and Key West, FL, and Matri d Hotel at the Hilton International in Albany, NY.

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