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## Harveys Lake Homecoming goes away

**Instead, fire and ambulance company will sponsor Kids Day at Sandy Beach.**

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There will be no Harveys Lake Homecoming this summer for the first time in five years.

Carole Samson, who serves as a council member in the borough, says she began making the arrangements for this year's event, but other borough officials did not support it.

"A couple councilmen felt we

didn't do well last year and we shouldn't have it this year," Samson said. "They wanted the fire company to do it and the fire company said they would only do the Kids Day."

Although the homecoming will not take place, Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance will still host its annual Kids Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Sandy Beach.

Fire Chief David Davis says the department started Kids Day about seven years ago. Kids Day was part of the homecoming from 2005 to 2008, but since the homecoming will not take place

**IF YOU GO**

Kids Day, hosted by Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance  
Sunday, Aug. 16  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sandy Beach, Harveys Lake  
Free

this year, the fire and ambulance company will host the children's event.

"What it basically is is a free day for the kids to come and play," Davis said. "We're going to set up little games and obstacles."

Davis says that children will be treated to hamburgers and hot dogs, fire trucks, mazes and

games. There will be water wars, a slip and slide and possibly even a water slide. Officials are also trying to get a fire safety smoke-

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Johnny McLaughlin is helped into the wading pool at Sandy Beach by Bill Davis, of Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance, during Kids Day in 2008.



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## Art students prep to paint auction scene

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Chelsea Martin and Kaylee Hillard are the future of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

The Back Mountain girls painted the auction last week alongside their art teacher, Sue Hand. Each year, Hand selects two of her students to help her capture the flavor of the auction on canvas. Her goal is to prepare different students to paint the auction to ensure the tradition continues when she is no longer able to do it herself.

"My bottom line is to train the next generation of auction artists," Hand said. "It is just very dear to my heart that every year for as long as the auction lasts that there is a local artist, or two or three, to work on location and document the auction and the excitement of the history of everything that happened."

Hand says the students she selects to paint are those from the Back Mountain whom she knows attend the auction. They must also have prize-winning art, work well under pressure and display leadership skills. Hand gives the students several years to prepare to paint the auction.

Martin, 15, and Hillard, 13,

both residents of Dallas, have each been studying with Hand since the first-grade. This month, Martin will enter the 10th-grade at Dallas High School and Hillard will begin the eighth-grade at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School.

"These two were just such a great team," Hand said of the girls. "We worked together for six solid days."

Martin titled her painting, "Auction Friends" because she featured many of her friends and family at the auction. Some of her friends in the painting are Andrew Santora, a Boy Scout helping take auction items to people; brothers Chris, Corey and Brendon Ehret; Amanda Kotch, who was working at the finance booth; Sue Hand; and others.

Martin also included some of her family, including her uncle, Eric Martin, an auctioneer at the auction; her parents, Doug and Bernadette Martin; her grandparents, Leonard and Louise Martin; and her 13-year-old sister, Amanda Martin. Martin also made sure to paint Hand and Hillard into her work.

"The auction is something I've always looked forward to every summer, so while I was painting I wanted to make sure I captured



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thirteen-year-old Kaylee Hillard, of Harveys Lake, works on her painting "Auction Alamode" at the 63rd Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Hillard was one of Sue Hand's two student helpers at the auction. Hillard was also part of Hand's very first student auction team when she had just finished the third-grade.

all the fun and excitement," Martin wrote in her artist's statement, a reflection of her painting. "I decided the main focus of the painting would be the barn,

where the actual auctioning takes place. From there, I added all of the things that make the auction - the people and the auction items. This painting is spe-

cial to me because I added in my family and friends who all mean a lot to me."

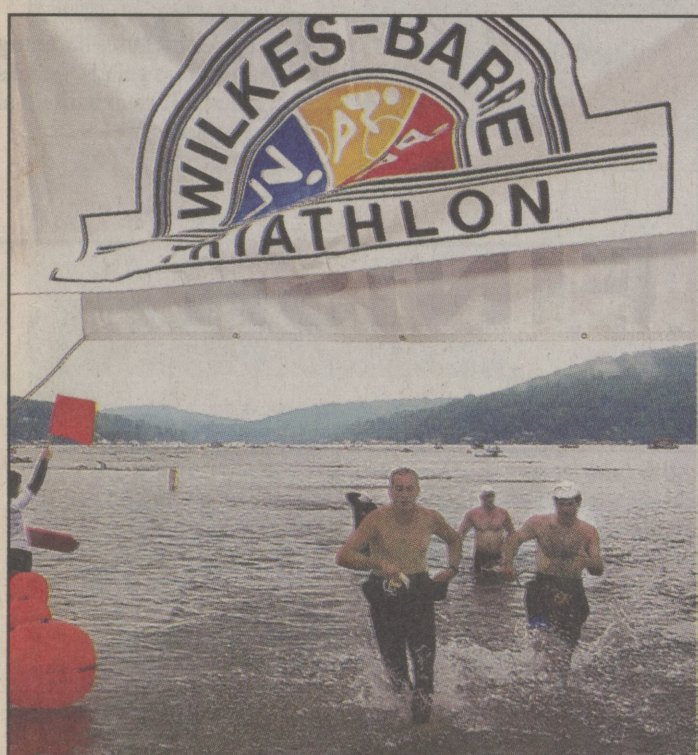
Martin says her painting was purchased for \$500 by Lacey

Cooper.

Hillard was part of Hand's very first student auction team in

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### OFF TO A GREAT START



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Wayne Devine, of Harveys Lake, emerges early among the first contestants out of the water during the 2009 Wilkes-Barre Triathlon held on Sunday, Aug. 2. Devine later took a spill on his bike on wet streets. For more triathlon photos, please turn to page 11.

## KT Rec program keeps kids busy during summer

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**MORE INFORMATION**

Kathleen Brown is anticipating spending her 11th birthday on August 11 with friends. Having a summer birthday, Brown doesn't get to have a classroom party at school as many other children do.

Instead, she'll take a birthday cake to the Kingston Township Summer Recreation Program which she and her sister, Nora, 9, have attended for three years.

"I get to be with my friends on my birthday," Kathleen said. "I like coming here because we make a lot of new friends. And the counselors are real nice and we go on a lot of fun trips."

The Kingston Township Summer Recreation Program is an eight-week day camp that runs from June 22 through August 14 this year. The program is open to children of Kingston Township who have completed kindergarten through age 12 at the time of

registration.

Township manager Kathleen Sebastian believes the program began in the 1980s. The weather-permitting program is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays at the Center Street Park in Shavertown. Restroom facilities are available on-site.

The program is sponsored by Kingston Township, however, for the first time this year, businesses and individuals also made donations toward the camp. This money paid for chartered buses to Penn's Cave and Philadelphia, locations farther away than the program has gone in past years.

Registration fees are \$50 for the first child and \$35 for each additional child per family. Chil-



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Parents are impressed with the close supervision their children are given at the park. Home for summer vacation Chris Box, a student at the University of Pittsburgh and a Kingston Township resident, plays a game with Jacob Bozentka.

dren must pay their own admission for swimming and field trips.

Five full-time and three part-time counselors and a supervisor provide sports, games, guest

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