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Travelers notice landscape changes

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Motorists along Route 309 and users of the Back Mountain Trail may have noticed something has changed in the landscape.

Trees were recently cut down along PPL Electric Utilities Corporation power lines on both sides of Route 309 in the area known as the Rock Cut.

According to PPL spokesman Paul Wirth, any trees removed were part of routine

power line maintenance and not related to the Susquehanna-Roseland power line project. Wirth said PPL crews cut down trees along power lines wherever it is needed each year.

The Susquehanna-Roseland power line project will run 500 kilovolts of electricity from the Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant in Salem Township to Roseland, N.J.

There is no timetable for the project at this time, Wirth said.

According to Wirth, the first 30 miles of the line from the

nuclear plant are already built to carry 500 kilovolts of energy. All that will be required on the 30 miles of line will be to increase the voltage from the current 230 kilovolts to 500 kilovolts of energy and install a fiber-optic wire on the line, he said.

Wirth said when work does take place on the first 30 miles of line, all people will see is the replacement of the very top wire on the lines. Since he is unfamiliar with the Back

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The Dallas Post is award winner

The Dallas Post has received a first place Keystone Press Award in the Special Projects division for its Back Mountain Library Auction tab.

The tab, published annually by The Dallas Post just prior to the library auction, was produced by Dotty Martin, editor; Rebecca Bria, staff writer; Charlotte Bartizek, photographer; and Lindsey Howes, designer.

The Keystone Awards re-



inforce excellence by individuals in the newspaper profession by recognizing

journalism that consistently provides relevance, integrity and initiative in serving readers and furthers First Amendment values. The goal is for the "Keystones" to stimulate journalists to improve their craft and ultimately improve their community.

Bartizek received an honorable mention for a photo she took entitled "Flag Day." Bria was awarded a second-place award in the News Feature Writing category for a story she had published in The Times Leader.

"It's rewarding to have our work noticed by the Keystone Press Awards Committee," Martin said. "However, my staff and I

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PLAY BALL!



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Maddie Perez connects on a hit for the Dallas Junior High girls softball team during a contest against Back Mountain rival, Lake-Lehman, as the 2010 high school softball season opens. The Lehman girls scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to pick up a 3-2 victory. For more photos, please turn to page 10.

Harvey is named Miss Keystone

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A Trucksville resident will compete in the 2010 Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant.

Bryn Harvey, 19, was crowned Miss Keystone 2010 on April 3 at the 2010 Eastern Regional Pageant in Allentown.

The title qualifies Harvey to compete against approximately 30 other young women for the Miss Pennsylvania 2010 crown. The competition finale will be held on June 19 in Pittsburgh and is a qualifier for the Miss America Pageant.

Although no scholarship money was awarded during the 2010 Eastern Regional Pageant, Harvey won a \$100 gift certificate to a dress shop in southern New Jersey and a \$100 gift certificate to a salon.

Miss Keystone 2010 was the fourth local pageant Harvey entered in two years in an attempt to secure an entry into the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant. The other local pageants she competed in include Miss Mid-State 2009 in Hershey, Miss Keystone 2009 in Allentown and Miss Greater Reading 2009 in Kutztown in which she won a talent award.

"I am so excited," Harvey said of her new title. "I'm so thrilled to be going to Miss Pennsylvania



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this year. I was a little surprised but just overall so excited."

Harvey is the daughter of Jay and Judy Harvey. She is also the niece of Gina Major Ackerman, who was Miss Pennsylvania 1984.

"She's been there with me through this whole thing," Harvey said of Major Ackerman. "Actually, it was the first time she wasn't at a pageant I competed in and I finally won."

Harvey is a 2008 graduate of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and is currently a sopho-

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Lake-Lehman girls' senior project raises awareness of Pro-Life Center

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Best friends Theresa Restaino and Jill Cawley knew they wanted to do their senior completion projects together.

Restaino, 18, and Cawley, 17, both of Shavertown and both seniors at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School, were raised pro-life and Roman Catholic. So when Restaino's mom, Nancy, suggested the girls promote the Pro-Life Center, they jumped at the chance.

Founded in 1973, the Pro-Life Center on Hanover Street in Wilkes-Barre is a crisis pregnancy, educational and resource center that opposes abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. The center is operated solely by volunteers.

Restaino and Cawley started by helping sort carnations last May at St. Therese Church in

Dedicated to the cause of their project, the girls also participated in the 37th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22. They joined about 300,000 pro-life walkers at the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court building on the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States.

Wilkes-Barre in preparation for the center's Mother's Day sales. The carnations are sold each year at local Roman Catholic churches on both Mother's Day and Father's Day to raise funds for the center.

Last summer, Restaino and Cawley volunteered their time each Thursday to work the Pro-Life Center's educational stand at the Wilkes-Barre Farmers Market on Public Square.

Restaino and Cawley said a man who appeared to be in his 50s came to the stand and was shocked to learn about abortion and that it is legal.

"He just couldn't believe this was going on in the United States," Cawley said. "I pretty much thought that everyone knew about this."

The girls were not required to raise money as part of their project, but they decided to, anyway. They designed T-shirts with pro-

life slogans which they sold for \$12 each to benefit the center.

Restaino and Cawley selected a weekend last fall and spoke together at the Masses at their church, Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas and Our Lady of Victory Church in Harveys Lake. They spoke about the Pro-Life Center's mission and services and took orders for their T-shirts.

To their surprise, they raised \$1,600 in donations from parishioners, not including the money from their T-shirt sales.

"It felt really good," Cawley said. "It felt like a lot of people cared."

The girls also sold more than 150 T-shirts to parishioners at the churches and at the Pro-Life Convention in Scranton last fall. In addition, they collected change in baby bottles at their churches to benefit the center.

Between the donations and T-shirt sales, Restaino and Cawley



Theresa Restaino, left, and Jill Cawley organize carnations last May in preparation for a Mother's Day carnation sale at local Roman Catholic churches. The proceeds of the sale benefitted the Pro-Life Center in Wilkes-Barre, which the girls promoted as part of their senior project at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School.

raised a total of almost \$2,000 for the Pro-Life Center.

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Restaino and Cawley traveled to the march on a bus with teenagers from other churches in the area. The night before the march,

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