

GARDEN

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dens growing in the yard, but once he passed away she decided to plant the flowers she'd always wanted.

"My mother hates to cry," said Yascur's daughter, Cindy Brin, of Loyalville. "She spent so much time digging and pounding the dirt, she developed carpal tunnel."

What bloomed from all Yascur's hard work is a garden filled with inspiration - literally. Another daughter, artist Bonnie Coveleski of Harveys Lake, often finds herself taking photographs of her mother's hard work and recreating images with oil pastels and acrylic paints.

Coveleski painted for visitors during the tour and displayed her artwork inspired by dahlias and morning glories found on her family's property.

Coveleski even had a pencil drawing of a woman holding a bunch of fresh-picked flowers near a picket fence.

"I had to draw this because she's always wearing her straw hat," she said of her mother.

On Oak Drive, tourists found an assortment of gardens from the playful, inviting flower beds to grapevines and herb gardens. Julie McMonagle, of Shavertown, said it took her and her husband Jim about nine years to develop the gardens all over her property, and work is still continuing.

"I gardened a lot at my old house in Trucksville," she said. "I call my former neighbor, Judy Price, my garden mentor."

The front yard features a small stone-lined flower bed facing the house from the edge of the street. Visitors could follow the flower garden filled with vibrant perennials such as autumn joys and purple coneflowers to the back yard where a potted herb garden leads to a full vegetable garden complete with zucchinis, onions, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, broccoli and more. McMonagle even has a patch of grapevines from which she makes jelly and juice.

Director of the Anthracite Scenic Trail Association, McMonagle tries to keep native plants in her space in order to offer food for insects like honeybees and butterflies. Being as organic as possible is a must.

"I'm not completely organic, but I try," she said.

She said being outside is a



A birdbath sculpture graces the backyard of Nancy Brown in Dallas. CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

stress release and her love for the outdoors is a great compliment to her husband because he enjoys staying inside on hot days.

"He'll be inside doing the laundry with my daughters," she said.

Proceeds from the Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Tour benefit the Back Mountain Trail, which is part of the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association. McMonagle hopes this year's event will clear about \$12,000 for the trail.

"The trail is operated and maintained by the association members," said McMonagle. "There are no government dollars involved. We really appreciate the Bloomers' help."

Mary Lou and Bill Grant of Hildebrandt Road in Dallas Township call their garden a retreat from the business of life. Its little pathway through a clear of trees makes for a cool place to kick up your heels after a long day's work.

"It's my favorite space," said Bill, director of the Hildebrandt Learning Center. "I work in an

office job or I'm on the road and this is about getting away from everyday business and enjoying nature."

Gardens also included the "boulderacious" backyard of Floyd and Cindy Trudgen on Edinger Road in Dallas, which featured a pond, self-made softball field and a boulder bar.

Nancy and Tom Isaacson's new garden on Cobblestone Road in Shavertown features carefully planted knockout roses and other perennials leading to the backyard where a cascading stone waterfall drips into a 2-foot deep pond surrounded by natural stones and a host of colorful bloom progressions.

The final piece of the tour was the Bloomers-tended Shakespeare Garden at Misericordia University in Dallas Township. The 1½ year-old garden is a tribute to Sr. Regina Kelly, a former professor at the school who loved all things Shakespeare. A winding brick path runs through the garden next to Insalaco Hall, which includes plants featured in plays and poems by William Shakespeare.

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asked if the township could clean out the pipe to avoid future flooding.

Wilkes said drainpipes are

the responsibility of the homeowner, but assured Livingstone that the township would contact his neighbor. Wilkes also asked Livingstone and any other residents whose properties sustained damage from the July 3 storm to submit photos and repair estimates to the township, which will be included with township damage estimates to be sent to FEMA.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a new three-year contract with the chief of police.
- Authorized a special meeting for opening and

awarding bids for the Hillside Road Sewer Relocation Project at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 11.

- Authorized the sale of sewer permits to owners or developers who have received final subdivision approval from the township and to rescind and reimburse sewer fees for owners or developers who have not received approval.
- Agreed to have the township engineer investigate a request by Vincent and Sandy Paglianete to install a stop sign at intersection of Sutton and Bulford Roads.

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In other news, the board granted conditional use approval for Misericordia University's construction of a 39,000 square foot building within the campus. The building will be used as a dormitory and daycare facility.

Engineer Thomas Doughton said the planning commission gave its approval for the project, though it had concerns about parking issues.

George Anthony of Borton Lawson architecture and engineering firm said the company did a parking study on the Misericordia campus which revealed a nearly 200-space surplus during peak times on campus. He said on the weekends, the surplus increases to about 600 spaces.

No additional parking will be created for the project, which includes dorms for about 92 students, because of the surplus, he said.

The board also heard residents' concerns about Luzerne County 911 address changes at the meeting.

Popple Construction was awarded the bid to repave Dorchester Drive at a cost of \$220,857. Doughton said Dorchester Developers will pay for 25 percent of the cost because of work done with the new Geisinger project.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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