

Finding bargains at Harveys Lake community sale

Residents have variety of reasons for participating in community-wide sale.

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Kathy Zionkowski just wants to get rid of her stuff.

The Harveys Lake resident and her husband are planning to move to Florida in the fall, and after several yard sales, there's still plenty to chuck before the big trip.

"We're liquidating," Zionkowski said as she arranged a few suitcases during the Harveys Lake Community Yard Sale on June 8. "You don't realize what you have until you go through it."

The borough sponsored its first community-wide sale this year. In past years, it was sponsored by the Procter & Gamble Credit Union, but the company decided not to continue the tradition residents have grown to love.

Zionkowski usually participates every year, but this will be her last — maybe.

"I love Pennsylvania," she said. "I have children and grandchildren here and my mother's down in Allentown, so maybe we can have an apartment or something for three months out of the year."

Zionkowski knows that not everything at her sale will go — for some shoppers, just getting out of the house on a nice day is the goal.

"Some people just come for the view," she said, looking across the lake. "That's OK, too."

Around the corner, Patricia Conrad, of Kingston, got to work unloading odds and ends at her Sunset Terrace summer home.

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it's an old house — so a lot of this stuff comes from the attic," said Conrad. "I'm retired, I'm 65 now, and I'm just clearing out all the knick knacks."

Clothing, glasses, toys and décor lined tables in Conrad's yard, most of which were labeled to cost about what one might feed a meter to park for 20 minutes on a city street.

"I made about \$180 so far, and most of the stuff is a quarter or 50 cents," she said.

Conrad said she's trying to declutter her space, hoping to only keep what she needs "to live life."

"I only need 10 glasses, instead of, say, five dozen," she said.

Others hunted for bargains during the sale, which went on for three days and included about 20 stops.

Michelle Mackenzie, of Harveys Lake, recently moved to the area but relished in the sales happening during the weekend.

"I am a yard sale enthusiast," she said, clutching a grocery bag filled with unique goodies. Mackenzie is a self-proclaimed artist and enjoys finding old toys and making them into something new.

"It's basically a surprise every time you stop," she said. "It's cool to look through other people's things and think about the story of what this object's been through."

Mackenzie picked up stuffed



Carianne Nelson, left, of Harveys Lake, purchases a pair of sports pants for running from Tara Birt, right, and Gavin Ruger, at a yard sale on Carpenter Road in Harveys Lake.

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animals, a small wooden house and a few other items at the Schickners' sale on Second Street.

She had enough to choose from — four families gather every year to unload their clutter into the Schickners' driveway.

And why do the Schickners hold a sale every year? To raise money to shop at other yard sales, of course.

"We just like bargains, and we

look for gardening things and we like to redecorate, so what better way to find things?" Carol Schickner said about the favorite pastime of her and friend, Louise Maisele.

David and Dolly Hoffman, of Hunlock Creek, weren't looking to make much money from the sale.

"It's just another excuse to get together with friends," Dolly said.



Mark Keller, of Dallas, checks out a tool set at a yard sale on Second Street.



Trinity Presbyterian Church congregation held a luncheon at the Irem Country Club at the conclusion of the church's 50th anniversary worship service. The receiving line participants were, from left, Connie Page, Rev. Chase Page, former interim pastor; Rev. Roger Griffith, current pastor; Linda Griffith and The Rev. Dr. Barbara A. Smith, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Trinity celebrates 50 years

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas marked its 50th anniversary on June 10 with more than 170 members and friends attending a special service of worship, remembrance and celebration. The service was followed by a luncheon reception at the Irem Country Club. In March 1962, Rev. Andrew Pillarella, founding pastor of the church, conducted his first service at a nearby school. On June 10, 1962, more than 125 charter members were taken into the membership of the church. Eight charter members, who are still members today, attended the worship service and luncheon. Rev. Roger Griffith now serves the church as its pastor.



Charter members Windsor and Meryl Davis, left, receive certificates from Rev. Roger Griffith, representing their 50 years of membership at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

ROSS TOWNSHIP

Bids are sought to resurface Gray Road

The board of supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to advertise for bids to resurface a portion of Gray Road.

The township was awarded a Luzerne County Office of Community Development grant to complete the project.

The project was originally targeted for Patla Road, but Supervisor Stan Davis said a timbering business is supposed to perform work there this year.

"We didn't want the fresh pavement to be destroyed by big trucks," he said.

Secretary Terry Davis said the township is scheduled to receive about \$100,000. The bids will be awarded at the July meeting.

About 4,430 feet of Gray Road will be affected. Stan Davis hopes the project will be

concluded before the 2012-13 school year begins to avoid complications with bus traffic.

The board also approved the minimum municipal obligation for pension contribution to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

The township is in the process of switching its pension system from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors program to the municipal retirement system.

Stan Davis said this is because the administration fees were less expensive with the latter system.

The next Ross Township Board of Supervisors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 at the municipal building.

- Sarah Hite

Last tax payment date is June 26

The last day to pay the 2012 county\boro taxes in Dallas Borough without incurring a penalty is Tuesday, June 26. The tax office will be open from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday,

June 20. Office hours for Saturday, June 23 have been cancelled.

Payments postmarked on or before June 26 will not be charged a penalty.