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## Harveys Lake police station issue is tangled mess

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Over the last several months, Harvey's Lake Borough has experienced a rollercoaster of decisions and discussions regarding the move of the police station to 22 Little League Road. Residents are torn, and council meetings have come to a head on more than one occasion when the topic has been on the

floor.

The current police station is located on Route 415 at the entrance to the borough. The building currently does not meet accessibility building codes for a public building or Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) criteria. The police station has no running water in the sinks and no showers where officers can wash up after emergency calls.

The question doesn't appear

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to be a matter of need. No resident or council member is arguing that the station needs work. The contention is over location. Harvey's Lake Borough owns

both the current police station and the recreation center on Little League Road. Both buildings will require work to meet accessibility requirements and to

properly suit the needs of the officers. And the borough doesn't have the general funds to afford the construction without the help of the Local Share Account Grant.

The grant was applied for by several members of borough council and Mayor Clarence Hogan. And, while there is some debate about the grant being applied for without the knowledge of the entire council, there is evidence of discussion of moving

the police station to Little League Road dating back to the beginning of 2011, both in emails and at public work sessions.

"My position as mayor is to ensure the safety and security of the police officers," said Hogan.

Bids were received for the renovation of the recreation center, but all came in over the grant money allotted and were rejected. The council decided not to

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## Marriage of fine dining, education

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Executive Chef John Hudak has been cooking up a marriage between fine dining and education in Northeastern Pennsylvania for 25 years.

Hudak, of Lehman Township, started in the restaurant business at age 15 when he got a job as a sandwich maker at the Hoagie Bar in Dallas.

"I've always enjoyed cooking," he said.

After graduating from high school, Hudak took a six-month cooking course at Luzerne County Community College. His professors encouraged him to pursue his education even further so when he graduated from the LCCC program in February, he immediately started classes at Johnson and Wales Culinary Arts program in Rhode Island.

Hudak, CEC, AAC, ACE, is now the co-owner of Vanderlyn's in Kingston and has been involved with the American Culinary Federation's Northeastern Pennsylvania chapter for 23 years. The ACF is the largest organization for cooks and chefs worldwide, with over 250 chapters, and serves as the certifying body for chefs while focusing on the importance of education in the world of food preparation.

Hudak currently serves as president of the NEPA chapter.

"Like any organization, it is what you put into it," he said of the ACF. He explained chefs must continually take and re-take certifications to keep their skills fresh and their practices up-to-date.

Each year the ACF of NEPA holds a Progressive Dinner as an

"I cook more comfort foods at home. I'm a meat and potatoes guy."

John Hudak  
Executive chef

opportunity for these artists to give back to their community. Chefs volunteer their time and food for the dinner is donated. The organization uses the dinner as a fundraising event and an opportunity to present scholarships to the next generation of culinary experts.

"It's just unique to get all those chefs in one area, working toward a common goal," said Hudak. "The person across the street that is my competition today is my ally on that day."

After the flooding of the Wyoming Valley last year, the organization held a dinner for victims and crews affected by the disaster, feeding approximately 300 victims. Hudak said it seemed like the right thing to do.

The dinners are not the only way Hudak has found to give back to his community. Following in the footsteps of his mother who was a teacher for more than 30 years, Hudak taught a culinary arts program for five years, has been an adjunct professor at LCCC and has given speeches and demonstrations at Keystone College and Penn State Wilkes Barre.

In addition to his chef duties at Vanderlyn's, Hudak can be seen regularly on WNEP-TV's "Home and Backyard."

He carries his passion for

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Vanderlyn's Restaurant Executive Chef John Hudak, of Lehman Township, prepares a Caesar salad.

## SHOWING COMPASSION



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Dallas High School football captains Logan Bullock, right, Kris Roccogranti, Zach Macosky and Buddy Shutlock present a wreath to the captains of the Pittston Area team in memory of two recent Pittston Area suicide victims. The Mountaineers reached out to their Pittston Area counterparts prior to the Dallas High School Homecoming game. For more Homecoming photos, please turn to page 9.

## DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

# School board approves trial agreement for services with cyber school program

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Dallas School Board approved a trial agreement for cyber services with Seneca Valley School District at its meeting on Oct. 8. Dallas will pay Seneca Valley \$8,750 for 25 part-time seats and unlimited full-time seats in a cyber school program.

The curriculum was matched and all core classes offered at Dallas High School are available on the cyber program. The district has five full-time students already attending classes online.

The agreement is an attempt by the district to regain funding loss from students attending cyber schools and allow students the flexibility to work at their own pace to encourage potential drop outs or students with special needs to stay in their district and earn a diploma.

"It just blew us away when we saw it (the program provided by Seneca Valley)," said Assistant Principal Brian Bradshaw, "be-

cause it's just limitless in the options it offers to the kids." Students need to go through an application process before being allowed to take classes through this program. The classes are only offered at the high school level at this time.

The board also approved field trips for the 2012/2013 school year to Roba's Pumpkin Farm, Frances Slocum State Park, Quiet Valley Farm and several worship locations in Wilkes Barre.

Colleen Slocum of the Legislative Committee discussed the House of Education's plan to hold a hearing on bullying on Wednesday, Oct. 10. She also mentioned the statistics associated with the IFO report and the discussion of a shortfall in funding should the district lose funding provided by property tax.

In other business, the board:

- Approved 71 parent volunteers for Dallas Elementary School.

- Approved Sandy Sprau as PSAT proctor for the year.

- Approved the Finance Committee invoices for Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald in the amount of \$2,519.86 and for Attorney Benjamin R. Jones, III in the amount of \$6,006.00.

- Approved professional substitutes Whitney Catzone, Elementary; Stephanie Elko, Biology; Rudina Francis, Math; Kaitlin Magni, English; Tarra Miller, English; Erin Moran, Elementary/Special Education; Karen Muldoon, Nurse; Denise Nerozzi, Elementary/Special Education.

- Appointed non-professional substitute employees Andrea Dissinger, Aide; Ehssan Dahdal, Aide; Elia Paris, Aide; Joanne L. Doran, Housekeeper; Nicole Har-

ris, Housekeeper.

- Appointed Nicole Munz as temporary professional Wellness teacher.

- Authorized a leave of absence for Jennifer Presper.

- Authorized Dallas Junior Football Association use of the Mountaineer Stadium on Oct. 21 for playoffs and on Oct. 28 for the super bowl conference.

- Appointed Kevin Barry as a volunteer band advisor.

- Appointed advisors for the following student activities: Candace Fike, Forensics co-coach; Crys Jennings, Forensics co-coach; Christie Potera, National Honor Society co-advisor; and Kristen Andrews, National Junior Honor Society advisor.

