

RACES

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"We had the gym reserved, insurance purchased and tickets printed," Rollman said, indicating the church has returned the club's deposit on the gymnasium and the money it used to pay an insurance premium.

Rollman indicated the Night at the Races usually brought in anywhere from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for the club.

"We have enough to get us through the rest of this year," he said of the club's treasury. "But we're now forced to cut back on

some of our budgeted items."

Club treasurer Joe Canfield said cancellation of the Night at the Races will force the scaling back of many of this fiscal year's budget-approved donations.

Don Berlew, a four-year member of the club who co-chairs the Night at the Races with Rollman, said about 85 to 90 percent of the club's 32 members get involved with the event.

"It's a lot of work," he said. "But it was the best promotion we had and everybody got involved with it. It brought friends, families and neighbors together for a night of fun and we never had any trouble."

Maggie Giannelli, legislative director in Sen. Lisa Baker's Har-

risburg office, said the senator is a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 390 which addresses concerns of organizations like the Dallas Lions Club that depend on profits from small games of chance to fund their charitable efforts.

House Bill 390 was introduced in the Senate on Feb. 4 and referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it will be discussed for consideration. From there, it will move to the Appropriations Committee, of which Baker is a member.

Brenda Zablotsky, legislative secretary in Rep. Karen Boback's Harrisburg office, said House Bill 290, of which Boback is a co-sponsor and which would allow events like Night at the

Races to be held, passed the House of Representatives last week by a vote of 186-10. That bill will now be sent to the Senate where it will pass through standing committees before being brought before the entire Senate.

While those bills make their way through the legislature, members of the Dallas Lions Club continue to discuss possible fundraising efforts to take the place of their annual Night at the Races.

"The last thing we need is to have 200 people at an event and have the State Police come in and tell us they're going to fine us and everybody has to leave," Berlew said.



Dallas Lions Club member Frank Rollman shows a ticket that has already been printed for the club's annual Nite at the Races while event co-chair Don Berlew looks on.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Event benefits Blue Chip Farms

A Western Whitehouse Reunion to benefit the Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge, Lockville Road, Dallas, will be held from 4 p.m. till the last person leaves today, Feb. 24 at the R-Bar, 144 W. Union St., Nanticoke.

Blood drive slated

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 at Gate of Heaven Church, 10 Machell Ave., Dallas.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Bingo set for Feb. 25

Bingo will be held on Monday, Feb. 25 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds begin at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverage will be available.

For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

Roast beef dinner slated

A roast beef dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

Benefit for Blue Chip planned

A benefit for the Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 at Knuckleheads

Bar & Grille, 244 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

A \$10 cover at the door includes food and chances for raffles with 70 percent of cover price donated to the cause.

There will be a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 raffle and entertainment provided by DJ Patti O with karaoke.

For more information, call Jess Kovalski at 991-1378.

Contra dance set

A New England Contra dance

featuring music by the "Contra Rebels" with fiddlers Todd Clewell and Barb Shmidt, accompanied by Henry Koretzky on guitar along with calling by Dave Colestock, will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 at the Church of Christ Uniting, 776 Market St., Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary.

Admission is \$9 for adults, with reduced admission for families.

For more information, call 333-4007.

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BACK MOUNTAIN Dining Guide

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

The Lakeside Skillet opened its doors for business in May of 2007. It is located at Pole 279 Lakeside Drive, a left at the stop sign from Rte. 309. Since its opening the Skillet has become one of the area's most popular eateries. It is a favorite of Harveys Lake residents and has been voted as having Best Breakfast in the Back Mountain several times by the Dallas Post readers. Open daily 7am-9pm, serving breakfast until 4:00pm daily for those who like to sleep in. The Skillet is a polished casual restaurant with a nautical theme. The walls are adorned with lake photos of Harveys Lake in its day. There are photos of the old trolley car that ran from Shavertown Park to Harveys Lake, Hansons Amusement Park and even some of the grand hotels that once stood at Harvey's Lake.

The Skillet has an extensive menu serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast specials are available Mon-Fri from 7am-11am starting at just \$2.99. Try a made to order omelet, maybe the Side Stepper filled with lump crab meat, scallions, Old Bay & aged cheddar cheese - it's a house favorite. Try the catfish & eggs, or if you are a pancake fan the Bananas Foster Pancakes are delicious. Stop in for lunch and try a daily homemade soup and sandwich special from \$5.99. The menu offers a large variety of salads, wraps, burgers, and melts. Don't forget The Skillet for a great dinner. Prime rib is roasted on Friday and Saturday nights. We have a great dessert menu and there is an all new kid's menu with many new choices.

The Lakeside Skillet is located at the outlet section of the lake in the Benjamin Harvey Inn building. Romayne's Ballroom is also part of the business. It is a beautifully appointed grand ballroom that seats 150 guests with a deck overlooking beautiful Harveys Lake.

New to the Benjamin Harvey Inn is Fishtales Bar and Grill. A new bar and restaurant open daily at 4:00 pm. Ten draft beers are on tap and there is live music on Friday and Saturday night.

Lakeside Skillet
Open Daily 7am - 9pm
639-3500

Take a ride to Harveys Lake this winter and check out all that is happening at the Benjamin Harvey building. There is something for everyone from the ever popular Lakeside Skillet to a grand banquet facility and an awesome bar & grill in the lower level. Stop out to see what you are missing! Visit www.benjaminharveyinn.com or friend us on Facebook.

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