

HARVEYS LAKE



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Twelve-year old Anna DelPino, of Harveys Lake, and her uncle Glenn Hooper, also of Harveys Lake, begin the first day of trout fishing season off the shore on Sunset Beach, Harveys Lake.

TROUT SEASON STARTS

The shores of Harveys Lake were outlined with fishermen, fisherwomen and fisherchildren on Saturday, April 13 for the start of the 2013 trout fishing season. Fishing lines were dropped into the water at the 8 a.m. start while those casting them were filled with hope.



Do fish really bite at these beautifully colored lures? Fishermen swear by them.



Ben Uzdilla and John Barilla, both of Dallas, and Bob Gupko, of Plains, begin their day fishing at Harveys Lake.



Keith Hall, of Plymouth, makes his way carefully to the end of this stone jetty to get his line in at 8 a.m. as trout season begins at Harveys Lake.

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parents still upset over cheerleading program

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In spite of controversy, the Dallas School Board voted to retain head cheerleading coach Suzanne Powell at its April 15 meeting.

The list of coaches included coaches for the controversial cheerleading program. Board members Maureen Matiska, Fred Parry and Karen Kyle voted against the measure. Board member Larry Schuler was absent from the meeting.

During visitor remarks, parent Michael Alves read a letter which had been sent to his wife by board solicitor Ben Jones III. Jones' letter accused Alves' wife, Lisa, of harassing school administrators and the letter warned that her behavior might make her liable to criminal prosecution.

Alves and his wife, along with other parents, have spoken out against Powell.

Alves disagreed with the letter and said his wife was not harassing or rude. He said, "I'm proud of my daughter and my wife." He also said he did not appreciate the effort to intimidate her.

Lisa Alves also spoke. She said that posts on the cheerleading team's Facebook posts had bothered her daughter. "My daughter has reason to be upset," she said.

Another parent suggested that a code of ethics for coaches be adopted by the district.

Resident Thomas Dombroski objected to the letter sent to Ms. Alves. He said, "I've never seen a letter going out like that to people who are trying to take care of their children. It's an insult."

He told board members they should be more concerned with the failure of the Dallas Elementary School roof and suggested that the board should seek redress from the roofing contractor.

The board heard a presentation by Mason Hemphill, a representative of school bus company Brightbill Body Works, who told the board of the advantages of propane-powered school buses and answered board questions.

G. Davis, Inc., one of two companies vying for the district's transportation contract, has promised to purchase propane-powered buses from Hemphill's firm. Board members were able to view a propane-powered bus after the meeting.

In regular business, the board appointed fall coaches, including cheerleading coach Powell, Chris Scharf as head boys soccer coach, Ricky Bartolini as assistant boys soccer coach, Abe Lewis as head girls soccer coach and Kim Lanunziata as assistant cheerleading coach.

The board also learned about the uses of the iPad in science classrooms. Zack Palfrey, 12, David Smith, 11, and Brenden Jesse, 12, presented their projects about elements. Teacher Sam Barbose explained how the iPads had been obtained through grant money and how they had become an integral part of the science curriculum.

High school principal Jeff Shaffer honored four high school students of the quarter. Gregory Strazdus, Chris Colachito, Gates Pallisery and William Stoss were honored for their contribution to the high school.

In an interview after the meeting, Superintendent Frank Galicki addressed the cheerleading controversy. He revealed that the administration was looking into changes in the cheerleading program. Galicki said, "We are refocusing our attention on the cheerleading program to make it as highly competitive as possible."

BACK MOUNTAIN BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: TOP VALUE KITCHENS

Back Mountain business is all about vision and design

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From functionality to decorativeness, from kitchen cabinetry to bathroom sinks and from wood finishes to metal knobs, the variety of choices available at Top Value Kitchens in Shavertown is vast. One could easily get lost amongst the multiple displays in the showroom.

There's no need to be overwhelmed with the options and decision-making, however, as the shop specializes in the designing process, according to owner Robert Nause. One way Nause believes the business is different from others like it is "we're usually better at design."

The business' website, topvaluekitchens.com, explains, "We cater to the consumer who is looking for a fresh perspective combined with exceptional design expertise and product selection."

Nause said when a customer comes into the business, he or she first receives a tour of the shop and helpful information about cabinet construction. The staff exchanges ideas with the consumers regarding what they are looking for and how to best use the space they have available in their homes or offices. Once the customer settles on the design and color scheme,

he or she will move on to choosing accessories.

"The overall experience from start to finish should be relaxed, informational and satisfying," Nause said, adding that employees even try to exceed those expectations.

Nause's favorite part of the job is "transforming a bad-looking set of kitchen cabinets into a beautiful functioning kitchen, with the consumer being ecstatic with the results," he said. "And we get that compliment a lot."

The business was established in 1990 and Nause purchased it about seven years later, considering it a good investment in something he could do well. He now employs three additional designers who collaborate on project ideas, two full-time cabinet installers and two part-time staff members.

Top Value Kitchens is also involved in several business and community organizations and events, such as the Builders Industry Association, Builders Network, Back Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Nause described the business as family-oriented, having good products, design and installation, offering various price



A display sits in the showroom at Top Value Kitchens in Shavertown.

points and first class up-to-date showing. He said the shop's reputation, however, is what keeps new customers coming in.

"We enjoy an excellent reputation," he said. "Many customers who come here are referred by someone else."



Robert Nause, owner, stands in the showroom at Top Value Kitchens in Shavertown.

Meet the owner: Robert Nause, 49, of Swoyersville
Favorite food found in your kitchen: Roast beef or steaks on the grill
Favorite wood finish: Cherry
Hobbies/interests: Canoeing, golfing, backyard pool and playing basketball with the kids
Dream vacation: Camping in the Badlands in South Dakota
Best part of your job: "Watching the company grow and the development of the level of complicated designs we complete."