

HARVEYS LAKE BOROUGH

Kopko, Barber presented plaques of appreciation

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Outgoing council members Fran Kopko and Boyd Barber received plaques of appreciation for their years of service to the council and the community at the Dec. 17 council meeting. The plaques were presented by Solicitor Charles McCormick. Council member Larry Radel also received a plaque, but was not in attendance for the presentation.

Council has passed the 2014 budget with no tax increase or garbage increase.

Council unanimously voted to consolidate all borough PNC bank accounts that are able to be consolidated by law. This action came after the borough's CPA John Brokenshire suggested the move, as PNC's fees for the accounts faced a considerable increase in 2014.

Council member

Michelle Boice explained that many banks are starting to charge a higher fee for municipal accounts, due to the extra paperwork involved.

Among the accounts that will merge is the Harveys Lake Crime Watch account, which will be consolidated with the business money market account. The merged account will lower the associated fees, as the balance will move to a greater amount. The Crime Watch account will, however, maintain its own separate balance in the borough's records. Also, the analysis business checking account with muniSweep will be changed to a business checking account with interest.

Jay Niskey, who owns shoreline property and a boathouse in Harveys Lake, wanted to go on record as saying he is concerned about the high water level and possibility

of boathouse flooding. Niskey's concern comes after the Moretti family, which owns a dam near the outlet of the lake, made repairs to the dam. Niskey, along with several other residents, is saying the repairs have caused the raised dam to increase the water levels.

Niskey contacted Senator Lisa Baker, who said the matter will be looked into, and PA State Rep. Karen Boback, who has not yet returned his call. Niskey asked council what could be done about the situation.

Council member Thomas Kehler responded that the Department of Environmental Protection has been contacted and is now in charge of the situation. The DEP has also informed the Morettis they need to take the dam back to its previous level. The Morettis insist they did not raise the dam, rather they only repaired it and

are disputing the action.

The Harveys Lake Homecoming Committee has officially been changed to the Harveys Lake Recreation Committee, effective immediately. The change came after several residents, who have put together the committee in the past, decided the new name is more fitting. The committee participates in several recreational activities, such as the Halloween party, Christmas party and Easter egg hunt, and not just the homecoming events.

In spite of the bad weather, the Harveys Lake Recreation Committee's Children's Christmas party was a success, with 67 children enjoying the day's events.

The borough's re-organization meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. The next council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014.

Dave Pasquini is newest member of Dallas Rotary



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David Pasquini was recently inducted into the membership of the Rotary Club of Dallas. A Trucksville residents, Pasquini is an administrator at Misericordia University. From left, are Dallas Rotary Club President Todd Buckley, Pasquini, Past President Kerry Freeman. The Dallas Rotary Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Irem Country Club.



Frosty visits Hilbert's

Frosty the Snowman was spotted recently at Hilbert's Equipment and Welding, Inc. on Memorial Highway in Dallas. With the cold temperatures the area has experienced recently, Frosty is sure to be around for a while.

Convenience store robber apprehended

During the snowstorm on Dec. 14, at approximately 8:49 p.m., a male entered It's a Life Saver Sunoco in Kingston Township. The actor displayed a firearm and took a small amount cash from the register and two packs of cigarettes.

Kingston Township police officers Martin C. Maransky and Jonathan Chipego tracked the actor in the snow through the woods, roads and back yards to a residence a little more than a mile away from the convenience store.

Along with Kingston Township police officer Robert Spencer and

officers from Dallas Township and Borough Police Departments, the officers secured the residence and arrested Kyle Philip Burdick, 24, of Shavertown.

During a search of Burdick's bedroom, police confiscated clothing, a loaded 9mm firearm and the two packs of cigarettes stolen during the robbery.

Burdick was taken to the Luzerne County Correctional Facility to be arraigned by a Magisterial District Judge on charges of robbery, theft, receiving stolen property, and firearms not to be carried without a license.



Lodge donates to food pantry

George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge # 531 recently presented a donation to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The Back Mountain Food Pantry gave out food baskets to over 200 local families this Thanksgiving. From left, are Robert Wagner, Worshipful Master; Carol Eyet, food pantry manager; Joe Hardisky, food pantry assistant manager; Donald Holdredge Jr., Senior Warden; Donald Holdredge Sr., Junior Warden; Robert Shaffer, treasurer; and Peter Calkins, Senior Deacon.

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