

# Conservancy acquires parcel to develop new game lands

One hundred acres of land purchased Monday in Eldred Township is expected to aid the Pennsylvania Game Commission in developing state game lands.

On Tuesday, John F. Young, president of the Seneca Highlands Conservancy Inc., the organization which bought the property located just south of Larabee, said the land was sold by Mark and Laura Jane Bacha of Duke Center for \$15,000.

"We've been trying to purchase this land for seven to eight years," according to Young, who said the property is situated between the Potato Creek-Allegheny River intersection and Larabee.

He said the conservancy will sell the 100 acres to the state as soon as possible. "They've pretty much said in advance they'd buy it," he noted, adding that it could take more than a year. He explained that the state will study and survey the land and have deeds drawn up and signed before it officially buys the property.

Regarding the state's reaction to Monday's deal, Young said, "They

seem very pleased. They've wanted this property for some time."

To date, the conservancy has purchased three-quarters of the land eyed for a plan to create state game lands in the Eldred area. All of the acquired lands have or will be sold to the State Game Commission, Young said. "We're getting pretty close. We're 83 percent of the way."

Another five or six properties are needed before the project's completion. "We're missing a little in the middle," Young said. Including Monday's purchase, he explained that the conservancy has bought the southern and northern ends of the area eyed for this plan.

When finished, this project is expected to cover 1,500 acres of property which begins at the southern tip of Eldred Borough, follows the Allegheny River and ends in Coryville.

Also purchased this year for the plan were two other properties totaling about 30 acres. Bearing a total price tag of \$5,000, these lands were bought from Neil Trask and Lawrence Gross, both of Eldred.

Regarding the whole project, Young said, "This is a nice stretch of very unspoiled wetlands that runs from the southern border of Eldred to Coryville."

He said once these properties have been turned over to the Game Commission, they will be managed to maintain the wetlands habitat of the river valley. It will also provide for outdoor recreation such as hiking, he added.

According to Young, the Game Commission uses the conservancy to make its purchases easier. He explained, the conservancy obtains smaller plots of land and then sells the entire acquisition to the state in one large purchase.

The Seneca Highlands Conservancy Inc. is a non-profit group incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1983. It is the smallest of the four conservancies in the state, and has purchased more than 2,000 acres of land since its inception — all which have been sold to other agencies such as the state Game Commission.

## No Wild Card winner

HARRISBURG (AP) — Friday's "Pennsylvania Wild Card Lotto" jackpot will be worth at least \$1.9 million because no player matched the six winning numbers drawn Tuesday night, a lottery official said.

Acting lottery director Conrad Stauffer said no player matched five numbers plus the wild card and as a result, the winnings will roll over to Friday's jackpot; 40 players matched five numbers and won \$1,671.

## McKean Co. SPCA OKs 1992 budget

Planning to finish this year in good financial shape, the McKean County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals board of directors on Monday approved its 1992 budget which does not include any profits or losses.

At its monthly meeting, the SPCA board of directors passed the \$104,716 budget, which represents the amount anticipated for income as well as expenses.

Compared to last year, this budget shows a \$1,069 increase in expenses but a \$6,484 decrease in income.

According to budget figures, the SPCA's expected income will be less than this year because a bequest which came in during 1991 will not be received during 1992.

However, it is expecting additional money to be made from shelter operations and fund raising events.

According to the budget, \$39,316 is expected to be made through the SPCA's special events, an increase of \$5,916 over last year; and \$18,000 from operations, a jump of \$7,000.

In addition, the SPCA anticipates finishing this year in the black.

Board president Janet McCauley said, "It's always tough and go with the SPCA ... but we're not on the verge of closing." She added, "We still need money coming in regularly and we hope for continued support."

McCauley said, "We don't expect any problems, and we're not in distress."

new name memorial hospital Auxiliary and a member and past matron of the John Wanamaker Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a sister, Daisy Azzato of St. Marys.

Other than her parents and husband she was preceded in death by four brothers.

There will be no visitation. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lynch-Green Funeral Home with the Rev. Frank Sherman officiating. Burial will follow in McKean Memorial Park, Lafayette.

## Forrest Fox

GREENVILLE — Forrest D. Fox, 84, a former Aiken resident, died Saturday in the Greenville Regional Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 10, 1907, in Corsica, a son of John and Edith Mentee Fox. On Oct. 7, 1939, he married Marie Shanafelt, who survives.

Mr. Fox was operator of the sewage and water department of Reynolds' Developing for 30 years. Prior to that he worked in the Bradford-area oil fields.

He was a member of the FA&M, Northern Star Lodge No. 555 of Duke Center, and the Scottish Rites New Castle Consistory.

Survivors include two sisters, Dorothy Shoff of Duke Center and Velna Wonderling of Brookville; two brothers, Harvey Fox of Duke Center and John Fox of Sigel; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Osborne Funeral Home in Greenville. Burial followed in Mount Tabor Cemetery of Sigel.

## New Johnsonburg directors take oath

JOHNSONBURG — Newly elected Johnsonburg school board members were sworn in at the board's regular meeting Thursday night.

Taking their oaths of office were William Repko, the only newcomer to the board, and incumbents Gary Stuedler, William Scilingo, Richard Warmbrodt, Sam Rosenhoover, Ray Oglesby and Antoinette Marrone.

Carry over board member Mark Muroski read the oaths to the new school directors.

Rosenhoover was re-elected board president; Muroski was elected vice president.

Since Muroski was elected vice president, he had to resign his position as board secretary. Lisa Mahoney was named to the position.

In other board news, the board approved a special education cost for 1992-93. The total cost for Intermediate Unit 9 to provide special education services to the district is \$502,253.

There will be an early dismissal Dec. 20 for Christmas vacation. The elementary school will dismiss at noon, and the high school will dismiss at 1 p.m. Both sessions of kindergarten will be held.

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