

# They do it all, at Hay Creek fete

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what could be done with the old Joanna Furnace site. Eventually they donated all of the site to the society," he said.

The Hay Creek Fall Festival was born and "we've been working ever since," he added.

The object of the Gang (and the society) was to help preserve the heritage of the area and teach new generations.

While all this was going on, many of the founders of the society found they had common interests in old tools, machines and making things work.

Joanna Furnace came with 10 buildings that needed restoration so the Gang had a new goal. Not only to restore the site, but also stabilize the old buildings.

"We've done well, but there is a long way to go," he said.

Loughery said the society has 800 members, maybe more if all the children were counted, and most help with various events planned for the furnace.

"The 30 of us meet at the site Thursdays (more now that the festival is about to start) and we

do all the maintenance, construction, build new buildings and cut 10 acres of grass.

"We do everything," he said. "We are a group of retired people with various skills and we enjoy getting together."

He said he guesses they put in about 5,000 man hours each year doing everything from welding to cutting grass.

"It's a heck of a good group and we get a lot of help from teenage members of the society too," he said.

Joanna Furnace is run by a private group that gets no money except from shows put on, like the Hay Creek Festival or the upcoming Apple Festival or the Christmas at Joanna event.

Most of the Gang has old tools and even old machines they have restored, even antique engines that hiss and pop at every show.

"I used to see old equipment and engines and now I can work on most of them," he added.

Most of the Over the Hill Gang will be at the Hay Creek Festival -- they'll be the ones doing the hard work.



Berks-Mont Photo by Harold Hoch

**The Over the Hill Gang** will tackle any job at Joanna Furnace and they have. The group is all men because most women, they say, won't admit to being over the hill!



Berks-Mont Photo by Jason Weitzel

**Brian Eisenhard**, right, is led into district court by Douglass (Mont.) police.

## Former resident faces additional sex charges

By Jason Weitzel  
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Additional charges were filed last week against Brian S. Eisenhard, the former Gilbertsville man accused of sexually assaulting two boys.

Since his arrest, a third boy, age 14, has come forward after Douglass (Mont.) detectives questioned the man.

Eisenhard, 28, was escorted by Douglass (Mont.) Township police to a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, where he waived the charges against him.

Several misdemeanor charges were withdrawn from the case, but Eisenhard still faces felony charges, including rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, statutory sexual assault, indecent assault and corruption of minors.

The newest case, involving identical charges, was also waived by Eisenhard.

The alleged incidents occurred over a period of seven years in his former residence on the 100 block of Montgomery Avenue in Gilbertsville.

Eisenhard was residing in Pike County at the time of his arrest and was taken to Montgomery County Prison on Friday, August 3. He was unable to post \$25,000 bail.

Following the August 29 arraignment before District Justice Dorothy Skerchoc, Eisenhard returned to Montgomery County Prison. His bail was set at \$90,000.

Police suspect there may be additional charges filed against the man if more families and victims come forward.

## No private prisons yet, says O'Pake

A number of Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and senior leaders are backing a bill proposed by Senator Mike O'Pake calling for a moratorium on building private prisons in Pennsylvania.

The bill would require state approval before construction and operation.

O'Pake, the Democratic Whip, said they are not trying to decide if private prisons are good, or bad. He said they are concerned about a 1987 report which said there was no way Pennsylvania could make sure such facilities could operate safely.

One company has already announced plans to build a prison in Clearfield County for federal inmates.

# Quarry numbers in contention

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Mining Operations.

Silvi said he was familiar with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, but did not use them when calculating the number of workdays per year.

The projected 180 daily truck trips is based on 279 workdays per year, said Silvi. "As I have said before, these numbers are averages based on estimates," he said.

Logan said that PennDOT requirements allow for only 135 working days per year, which would mean more than 180 daily truck trips to utilize the projected 500,000 tons to be produced by the quarry.

Silvi also admitted that the averages did not include the number of delivery trucks for fuel, mechanical parts, mail or salespersons.

He agreed that more trucks would be needed for daily operations if the mix amounts were different than what were used in his calculations. Silvi said he

used the regulations of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) not the PennDOT specifications.

Silvi testified on redirect examination by his attorney Stephen Harris that the Silvi businesses predominantly supply concrete for commercial and residential uses and not PennDOT.

"Of the 180,000 cubic yards generated by the Limerick facility in the last three years, less than 50 cubic yards were used for PennDOT," said Silvi.

Silvi said that usually the architect for a project determines whether PennDOT or ASTM specifications are used with the concrete mix.

During the last hour of the three-hour session, Gibraltar's environmental engineer, Uday Patankar, continued his testimony on the required air quality permits by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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