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Local Family Preserves Camp Archbald History

Land purchase keeps lifelong memories alive

June 6, 2018 (HARRISBURG, Pa.)– Joan (Otto) Esherick, whose ancestors are the Elys for which the lake was named, and her husband Donald Esherick, recently purchased a 70-acre tract of land, adjacent to Lake Ely, that falls within the overall parameters of Camp Archbald, a property owned and operated by Girls Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania. The purchase, confirmed by the Eshericks, was facilitated by listing agent Brian Bullard of Timberland Realty.

“We are blessed and privileged to be caretakers of this land,” said Joan Esherick. “Owning this piece of property has been a lifelong dream of our family and we are delighted to maintain our great neighborly relationship with the Girl Scouts.” Esherick emphasized the long history surrounding the lake and property, which has been an important part of the family’s story for generations. The Eshericks, as part of the extended Ely family, intend to maintain the tract in its original state, preserving the natural landscape.

The 70-acre tract is a portion of 120 acres of Camp Archbald the Board of Directors for the Girls Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania voted to retire, as a result of a comprehensive review of properties and programs conducted over a two-year period.

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About Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania provides the character-building benefits of scouting to more than 17,000 girls across 30 counties in central and northeastern Pennsylvania. The organization’s mission and long-term goal is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. For more information, visit www.gshpa.org.