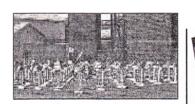


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Historical group backs wilderness proposal

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An historical organization wants to preserve nature as much as it does artifacts.

During a meeting earlier this month, the Elk Township Historical Society board of directors voted unanimously to endorse the "Citizens' Wildernia's Allegheny National For- Area between Webb's Ferry her organization's work is est." The proposal is published boat launch and Camp Olm- more than just restoring a by Friends of Allegheny stead. The other would be a wooden building as it did with Wilderness.

ing the proposal includes two most of the ANF land south of serving clear water and trees, forest reserves within Elk Camp Olmstead to the Kinzua she said, which brought Scan-Township.

One would be the 3,022-

ETHS Board Member Dr. See WILDERNESS / A10

ness Proposal for Pennsylva- acre Cornplanter Wilderness Julie Lindbloom Boozer said 4,752-acre Scandia National the 1870s Scandia one-room FAW issued a statement not- Recreation Area, covering school. It also includes pre-

Wilderness...

dinavian immigrants to the tradeoffs, Boozer said, such area.

The area looked like Sweden to them, Boozer said, and had an abundance of clean water. Trees were part of the reason the water was side. so clean, she said.

Lake looks like."

Residents make some developed.

as dealing with snow as well as wildlife. However, she said, they do so because they want to be surrounded by the beauty of the country-

According to FAW, near-"Those who have lived ly 50 organizations from the here for many years really local level to the national appreciate the beauty of the level have endorsed the prowest shore of Kinzua Lake posal. The group is asking as it is right now," Boozer for Congress to act on it in said. "It's undisturbed as op- order to leave the majority posed to what Chautauqua of the Allegheny Reservoir's western shoreline un-