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Filings show some hot contests for May primary

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Judging by filings as of Tuesday at Noon, there may be a lack of interest in running for local offices in Back Mountain municipalities in the May Primaries.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES IN HARVEYS LAKE

The most spirited competition seems to be in Harveys Lake Borough where there will be four seats

open on council, plus the mayor and tax collector posts. The latest count Tuesday showed William Purcell, Republican running against incumbent Democrat Joseph Boyle for mayor and Republican Carolyn Scull running against Democrat incumbent tax collector Terry Jones. For the four seats on council, four Republicans, Ron Edwards, Robert Albee, Joseph Kolesar and Joseph Casper; and four Democrats, William Wilson, Joseph Miscavage, Edward Kelly

and Richard Boice. Albee, Wilson, Boice and Kelly are the incumbents running for reelection to council.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD

As late as Tuesday, the most interest evidenced in the Lake-Lehman School Board seats for election was in Region III where Joseph 'Red' Jones, Martin McMahon, Eleanor Miller and Edward

Mark filed for the two seats in Region III. Jones and Mark are the incumbents. Ken Williams was the only person who had filed in Region II, and Mildred Sue Dobash, the only person who filed in Region I. Robert Emery and Bing Wolfe are the two directors whose terms expire this year.

COUNCIL CHALLENGE IN DALLAS BOROUGH

In Dallas Borough there was no

indication that Republican incumbent Tom Reese had any opposition for his position and no one had announced opposition to Republican incumbent Mayor Paul LaBar. At latest report before press time, five persons were said to be vying for the three seats that will open on council this year. Those reported to have filed are Don Shaffer, Timothy Carroll, Pat Peiffer, Don Cooper and Hugh King. Shaffer and Carroll are Republicans, now on council.

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD MAY COME UP SHORT

The Dallas School Board will have five seats on the board to be filled at the end of the year. The seat filled by John Litz, appointed to fill the seat made vacant by the death of the late Albert Pisaneschi and those now held by Thomas Landon, James Richardson, Tex Wilson and Dr. William Camp. John See PRIMARY, pg 3

Grotto plans May opening

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Joe Paglianite, owner of Joe's Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake, plans to be open in early May to serve his many customers in the area.

"I'm getting anxious to open and serve the many individuals in the area who have patronized our pizza business over the past 40 years," Paglianite said recently, as workers started on construction at the site at Sunset, Harveys Lake. The debris left by the fire which destroyed Joe's Grotto Pizza this past summer has been cleared away and construction workers are laying the foundation for a satellite kitchen.

"I plan to have the kitchen up and the gazebo and patio enclosed so we can serve customers by early May," Paglianite explained. "During the rest of the summer we will be working at getting the restaurant up along the side of the new kitchen facing toward the lake and the highway."

Workers have the foundation in for the new kitchen and within the next week or so will begin putting up the outside walls.



The music in our schools is good

Josh Krochta, 11, Lake Silkworth and Kathy Dymond, 10, Lehman, rehearse in the first-ever evening band rehearsal of the Lake-Lehman Cadet Band. A concert is planned for April 5th.

(Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

125 residents get details on sewer project

By SCOTT CRISPELL
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Approximately 125 concerned citizens turned out for a special meeting last Thursday to learn more about the new sewer project in Jackson Township and how it would affect them.

According to Jack Ziegler, a representative of the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, the contractor began setting up equipment over a week ago and was supposed to begin work in the streets Monday.

Ziegler and Scott Linde, co-owner of Linde Enterprises, Inc., the contractor handling the project, were on hand to answer questions from area residents.

"We're here to try to explain the sanitary project," said Ziegler. "We want to make you feel comfortable with it."

Linde assured the crowd that he will try to finish the project as quickly as possible. "We have a mutual agreement with the township to finish the project as expeditiously as possible," said Linde. "We want to get you back to normal as quickly as possible."

If all goes according to plans,

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Jack Ziegler
Luzerne County official

the project should be finished by Thanksgiving, with the exception of the final paving.

Ziegler pointed out that the contract is 365 days, but if weather interferes, the contract will be extended. "If the weather stops the men from working, the clock stops too," Ziegler said.

In the meantime, Linde promised to keep traffic flowing on area roads as freely as possible. "Most of the work will be done during the day," said Linde. "So, most of the roads will be open at night."

Ziegler added, "Local traffic will never be prohibited and that goes for emergency vehicles too."

Linde will also provide motorists with maps of the four major detour areas for those who aren't familiar with area roadways.

Emily Jenkins, a resident of Fieldcrest Manor, was in attendance and seemed pleased with

the plans for traffic control. "They answered my question. I just wanted to know how I was going to get to work every morning," she said.

Ziegler sympathized with drivers, but said that the traffic problem is "an inconvenience that we have to live with."

According to Ziegler, each homeowner will have to get a permit from the township municipal authority in order to hook onto the sewer. Each home must run a 6-inch pipe from their property to the 8-inch pipe which will be put in the street.

Larry Wypa of Meadowcrest was concerned about the distance between the water line of that development, which runs through his property, and his sewer line.

"I wanted to know if there were any regulations concerning how far apart they had to be," said Wypa. "I'd rather find out now than

later."

Ziegler assured Wypa that the sewer will be below the water line and shouldn't cause a problem.

Besides traffic, one topic that seemed to be on everyone's mind was cost. Residents hope that the preliminary cost that they were given is the same cost that they see when the project is finished.

Wypa said, "There isn't supposed to be a hook up fee and we are supposed to pay between \$300 to \$400 a year."

Daryl Pawlusch of Pasonick Engineers, who is acting as project manager, was on hand to give the crowd a brief description of the project. Pawlusch explained that the sewer will cover 30,000 linear feet as he pointed out on a map which areas will be affected.

Everyone in attendance received an information package on the project which included a damage complaint form. "If you have a problem concerning damage, please let us know immediately."

Residents seeking further information about the project are urged to contact Pawlusch at 823-4712 or the Redevelopment Authority at 288-7565.

Joseph Sgarlat announces for County Controller

Saying there is room for improvement in how Luzerne County spends its tax money, Joseph Sgarlat of Harveys Lake has announced his candidacy for Controller of Luzerne County.

"I get very upset when anybody raises taxes, because I think there are other alternatives," Sgarlat, a Republican, said when interviewed Monday. Sgarlat listed such things as more careful buying of supplies and services as priorities. At the present time, he is opposed for his party's nod, and he will likely face Joseph Tirpak, the Democratic incumbent, in November.

Sgarlat said he decided about a week ago to run for the office, after being urged to do so by others. "I've been hashing it around for quite awhile," he said. "I decided for sure about a week ago."

Sgarlat said fellow Republican

and Harveys Lake Councilman George Gwilliam had recommended that he seek the post, as did the Back Mountain Republican Association. Sgarlat said he expects to be the endorsed candidate of both the local and county Republican groups.

"There is room for improvement in the Courthouse," Sgarlat said Monday. "They can cut spending." Sgarlat mentioned a new system that he is researching that he says will yield dramatic savings. While unwilling to give details, he said he expects to incorporate it into his general election campaign later this year.

Sgarlat and his wife, the former Eileen Spencer, own Watahnee Farm, which they operated for 18 years as a park for outings and clambakes. They have no children. A press release announcing

the candidacy states that Sgarlat was in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1968, when he was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

Sgarlat owned and operated Sgarlat's Radio and Television Service for several years and is presently self-employed in sales and marketing work.

This is Sgarlat's first run for county office. He was elected to the Harveys Lake Borough Council in 1987. A native of Forty Fort, Sgarlat and his wife moved to Harveys Lake permanently about 20 years ago. His family had summered at the lake before that.

"With my vast business background, I believe that I can provide Luzerne County with the leadership needed to return fiscal responsibility to the office of Controller," Sgarlat said. "I certainly can't do any worse than the present people."

Dallas Water Company manager assures commission of supply

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Michael Coyle, Dallas-Shavertown Water Company manager, attended the March 2 meeting of the Back Mountain Water Commission to explain the status of the company's operation since he became affiliated with the local company.

Coyle told the members that the new well in Dallas is on line and in full operation as well as a new tank which supplies the Elmcrest, College Manor and Stone Hedge developments. He explained that the company had recently had a problem with a valve which took a contractor four days to correct.

"We are now monitoring the water very carefully and at this time, we have no abnormal conditions. That is not to say what conditions will be in the spring," Coyle said.

The water company manager also explained that the company was awaiting a closing with PennVEST to look toward replacing a well in Shavertown which was contaminated last summer. He also explained that the company is presently filling the new tank on demand and the level in the tank helps the pressure throughout Dallas.

"We are running a pumping and draw-down test, looking for draw-down but we haven't experienced any draw-down to this point," Coyle

explained. "Our average daily sales should be comparable to our average daily pumpage unless we have unaccountable leakage or public use. When spring comes we should be able to meet consumers demands if people follow conservation guidelines."

Coyle commended the Back Mountain Water Commission on the survey they are undertaking and made the company's resources available to work with the community if the company could be of assistance.

In answer to Commission member Joseph Grimes question regarding the status of the company due to the recent death of the owner, Coyle stated that the late Robert Hassold's brother is now president of the company which is operating "business as usual." Coyle also told Ellie Rodda, liaison between the Commission and the Back Mountain Citizens Council that he would provide the Commission with answers to the questions on the surveys being conducted.

In answer to the Water Commission's secretary John Molski's question about how much growth the company could stand in the future, Coyle said the company is presently looking at an engineering study, but with their present operation, company officials believe at the present rate

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Beauty salon owner's notoriety not welcome

Don Onderko, owner of the Happy Day Beauty Salon in Dallas Township isn't happy about the nationwide publicity his shop got in last Thursday's issue of USA Today. That's because the salon's name appeared in an article about the capture of an alleged rapist who some people thought bore a resemblance to Onderko.

It all started when a television show aired a story about a man named Templeton, who was wanted for questioning on rape and other charges. During the show, viewers were asked to call in if they thought they had seen Templeton. As part of his description, the show characterized Templeton as a sometimes impersonator of the late Elvis Presley.

Apparently, someone who had seen Onderko in his Dallas shop

thought he looked like Templeton, and called in to report that he might be working as a stylist at the salon.

Onderko, who owns six salons in all, had also performed as an Elvis impersonator in the past, and still bears a resemblance to the late rock star. But, as he said, there is very little resemblance between him and Templeton. Onderko also noted that the alleged rapist is 29 years old, while he, Onderko, is 51.

"I feel that people who read it might think I'm a rapist, or something, if they didn't read the article clearly," Onderko said Friday. He said he hoped this story would reach those who read the USA Today article, and especially the one who called in his description.

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- JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Mon., March 13, 7:30 PM, Jackson Township Fire Hall
- LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Sat., March 11, 10 AM, Lake Township Municipal Bldg.
- LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL BOARD - Tues., March 14, 8:00 PM.
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS - Mon., March 13, 8:00 PM, Lehman Township Municipal Bldg.



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