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A tough call

Seth Linsinbigler of Harveys Lake has a hard decision ahead. Which one of these Darling's Farm pumpkins will become the family pumpkin. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Lake-Lehman teachers' contract still not settled, strike unlikely

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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While both sides in the dispute have indicated approval of the general terms for a new contract, Lake-Lehman teachers and the school board have yet to iron out all the details.

Following a meeting held last Wednesday night, it was announced that both sides had reached an agreement and that an announcement would be made at a special meeting to be held Friday, October 13, at 8 p.m.

At that meeting the one action item on the agenda called for a vote to either ratify or not ratify the five-year contract tentatively agreed on by the teachers union and the school board on Wednesday, but the vote did not take place.

President of the board Marc Elgaway announced that the board

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was informed at 7:10 p.m. by the state mediator that the teacher's union, which also met earlier Friday night, did not vote on the proposals as expected.

Elgaway explained that there would be no vote because both sides needed time to work out salary schedule details.

As of Friday no meetings had been scheduled since several of the board members would be out of town.

School board members voted 8-1 to reject the fact-finder's report that had been accepted by the teachers of the district at a meeting held Tuesday, October 10.

None of the board members commented on the board's decision after that meeting nor did any

of the teachers who attended.

According to reports, during the negotiations the teams could not agree on the district's proposal to add additional days to the faculty work schedule.

A report by the fact finder, Thomas J. DiLauro, appointed by the Pennsylvania Labor Board at the Lake-Lehman Education Association's request because after both sides had been negotiating since January and reached no agreement, was compiled and copies given to both the board members and the teachers.

The report stated that both parties agreed that items resolved included additional services, health care insurance, group term life insurance, chaperone duty, travel expense, accumulated sick leave, bereavement leave, mentor program (a new item).

Flags can't flap in Kingston Twp.

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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While the state and federal government struggle with the right to burn the American flag, Kingston Township had to deal with its own flag problem last week.

Jamie Spencer, identifying herself only as a Kingston Township businessperson, attended the monthly meeting of the township supervisors on Wednesday night. She said she was notified by the township's zoning officer and told she must remove a flag reading "OPEN" from her business on Main Street in Shavertown.

Spencer challenged the zoning officer's demand to remove the flag. According to Spencer, Zoning Officer Benjamin Gorey told her she was in violation of a township ordinance because "the flag fluttered in the wind."

Spencer claimed flags are used by several township businesses to draw attention to their establishments. "We are not they only people who have these flags," she said. "Other businesses have this con-

cern." No other businesses appeared at the meeting.

According to Gorey, the township has an ordinance prohibiting the use of flags and banners that flap in the wind as advertisements.

"I can appreciate the township not wanting to look cheap, but we want to stay in business," Spencer told the supervisors. She said her flag tells people that her business is there and open.

The supervisors told Spencer that flags can be used for a two week period for grand openings and special events. Any other uses are strictly prohibited.

Township Solicitor Ben Jones explained the ordinance was made because the flags and banners are a distraction. "If its sole purpose is for advertising, they then distract vehicular traffic," he said. "That is the wrong the township wants to mend." Jones pointed out that many other municipalities have the prohibition.

Gorey assured Spencer that all businesses will be notified of the ordinance.

The supervisors pointed out that American flags are allowed to be flown in the township.

No leaks found in Harveys Lake sewers

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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Confirming what it has been saying all along, the Harveys Lake Sewer Authority announced last Wednesday that tests have shown the sewer system is not the source of contamination found in the area's drinking water.

Authority Chairman John McManus told reporters, "After much dye-testing in Warden Place the sewer lines appear to be very sound, no leaks."

The authority used miniature video cameras Monday and Tuesday of last week to view sewer lines along Second, Kitchen, and Orchard streets in Warden Place. The cameras searched for any cracks, breaks, or other leaks in the pipes. No defects were found.

Authority Executive Director Richard Boice said it is now obvious that sewer lines are not the source of contamination. He said the problem could be an old out-house or abandoned septic tank, but is not the sewer authority's

lines. "I want the public to know we are still going to look to other sources until this problem is solved," Boice said.

The sewer authority was highly criticized by residents who claimed the sewer lines were the probable source of the drinking water contamination. "We would now like to become a participant in fighting this problem rather than a suspect. We are looking at the best interests of the people of this area. I hope in the future that people are aware of that," McManus said.

HL police officer awarded \$60,000 in assault lawsuit

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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A Harveys Lake police officer who was assaulted by a woman during an accident investigation was awarded \$60,000 by the courts.

Officer Ronald Spock, Lakeview Terrace, lodged a suit against a woman who assaulted him twice while he was investigating an accident she was involved in. Spock was injured during the assault.

The woman was identified in the suit as Ellen Ferrara of Lakeview Drive, Harveys Lake.

The incident occurred during the officer's shift in August of 1986. According to reports, Spock was called to the scene of a single vehicle accident along Route 415 in Harveys Lake. Spock arrived at the scene and discovered Ferrara had driven her car off the road, over an embankment, and came to rest near the edge of the lake. The woman became violent and kicked Spock in the groin twice, causing injuries to the officer.

A civil court jury's verdict awarded Spock and his wife, Isla, the \$60,000 in damages last week.



HOMECOMING COURT - The Dallas High Homecoming Queen will be chosen from seven Dallas High Students at halftime in Saturday's game. Candidates are, from left; Lorraine Mitchell, Danielle Skoronski, Patricia Cominsky, Renee Strauser, Sarah Lewis and Amy Kowalski. Absent from photo was Carrie Wilson. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

Excitement builds for Saturday's showdown

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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G.A.R. and Homecoming - Saturday will be a big day in Dallas. It's the game of the year - the battle of the undefeateds.

Both teams go into Saturday's game with a 6-0 record and the winner will probably be the Division B champion and earn the opportunity to go on to the Eastern Conference championship.

Grenadiers Coach Charles Fick in a recent television interview, said his team is ready for Dallas, but they are not in awe of the Mountaineers.

"He shouldn't be," said Dallas Coach Ted Jackson. "He has 19 starters back from last season and we have two. Their team is scary; they have good speed and some great athletes in skill positions. They have a good quarterback in Santana Johns. He is an

exceptional athlete and as I have said before he has Division I feet."

Jackson said the Grenadiers have two excellent receivers and if the Mountaineers key in on them, the Grenadiers can always go to their tight end, Matt Skrepenak.

"We have to keep them from making the big play," Jackson

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deadline to begin recycling placed on the municipalities by the state.

The committee met with recycling experts and municipal and other public officials on September 28 to explore how best to implement recycling in the Back Mountain.

One approach brought to the committee involves organizing the State Correctional Institution, Dallas as a Back Mountain recycling center. State Representative Scott Dietrick wrote a letter for the committee to Commissioner David Owens of the Department of Corrections asking if it would be possible to involve the state prison system in a recycling program.

Dietrick pointed out in the letter that state prisons are often located on large tracts of land. Some of this land, according to Dietrick, could be used for storage and/or sorting and separating recyclable materials.

Also, Dietrick explained that the large labor pool at state prisons could be called upon to lend assistance to the recycling program.

Another proposal was submitted describing a plan in which Back Mountain recyclables could be shipped to a large recycling plant presently being planned for Lackawanna County.

Luzerne County Recycling Coordinator Frank Chadwick and Leonard Carlin of the Economic Development Council described the Luzerne and Lackawanna counties recycling facilities being planned. A large 125 ton per day recycling plant - called a Materials Recovery Facility - is being planned for Lackawanna County, according to the two men. The plant is expected to be operational by April, 1990.

According to this plan, each Back Mountain municipality could bring its recyclables to a Luzerne County receiving plant, which would then truck the materials to the Lackawanna plant.

The Lackawanna plant is being paid for partly by state funds with the stipulation that all processed materials be shipped by train.

At present the plant is expecting to receive co-mingled recyclables at no charge or payment. The plan-

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Coming up:

- RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - Mon., Oct. 23, 1-6 PM, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rte. 29, Lake Silkworth. Sponsored by the Lake Silkworth Lions and Lioness.
- HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD** - Tues., Oct. 24, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Rte. 415
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** - Mon., Oct 23, 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.