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## Lake-Lehman budget crunch deepened by less state help

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The Lake-Lehman School District faces a common problem this year - rising costs coupled with decreased state and federal funding means hefty tax increases for local property owners.

Making things even more difficult for the Lake-Lehman District, it has been reclassified to the 2 percent category in 1990-1991 due to the fact the district has become more affluent.

In a recent interview, Dr. Charles Borchetta, Lake-Lehman superintendent, said that during the 1989-1990 school year, the district had some shortfalls in revenues which came to approximately \$180,000.

"Among these decreases were real estate taxes, earned income

### Lake-Lehman School District TAX MILLAGE INCREASES

1980-81 through 1990-91

Budget Year	Millage	Increase from Prior Year	% Increase
1980-81	91	0.0	
1981-82	91	0.0	---
1982-83	98	7.0	7.7
1983-84	107	9.0	9.2
1984-85	113	6.0	5.6
1985-86	113	0.0	---
1986-87	118	5.0	4.4
1987-88	123	5.0	4.2
1988-89	128	5.0	4.1
1989-90	133	5.0	3.9
1990-91*	147	14.0	10.5

\* Proposed

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## Phillips outspends opponents

By RICH JOHNSON  
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Anne Vernon has raised the most campaign money, but Jim Phillips is the big spender so far in the race for the Republican nomination for state representative from the 120th District.

The candidates filed expense accounts for the election last week. State law requires that the candidates submit an accounting of funds received and spent during the election up until last Friday. All except Clarence Michael filed reports at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

Vernon showed the most contributions, as she raised \$21,125 for her campaign. The majority of the contributions were made by individuals. Vernon also received some money from political action committees (PACs) and other organizations.

She also received "In Kind" contributions totalling \$3,162.30. These contributions are for services rendered to the candidate without a charge.

Vernon's account showed that she spent \$17,114.53 as of last Friday. That left a balance of \$4,010.47.

Although she had the most contributions, Vernon did not have the largest campaign fund. Jim Phillips showed an account balance of \$30,781.13 at one time in his campaign. Phillips began the campaign with a balance of \$16,346.13 and had contributions totaling \$14,435.

Phillips has spent about as much money on the campaign as have the other four candidates combined. Phillips' expenditures are \$23,833.63. He also is shown with unpaid debts and obligations of \$1,200. His balance, as of Friday, was \$6,947.50.

Incumbent Scott Dieterick's account shows that \$6,306.10 was contributed. Most of the contributions came from PACs and other organizations.

Dieterick had spent \$2,280.65 in the campaign, according to his account. That left a balance of \$4,160.67 in his campaign account.

Andrew Kotch's account showed no contributions to his campaign, while expenditures totalled \$1,900.

Clarence Michael filed his account in Harrisburg, but a spokesperson for him said that his approximate contributions were \$4,000 when filed. Most of these contributions came in the form of small donations from individuals, the spokesperson said. Michael has said that he has received no campaign funds from PACs.

Of the contributions approximately half were used during the campaign, the spokesperson said.

## Candidates make case at forum

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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While fireworks might have been expected, the five Republican candidates for nomination to run for state representative from the 120th Legislative District were calm and composed during the candidate forum held Sunday evening. The event was sponsored by The Dallas Post and the Back Mountain Citizens Council.

Each candidate made opening and closing statements and answered three questions which were submitted by the public. The questions were screened and read by a panel of Jim Eason, Linda Stallone and Ron Bartizek.

The five candidates, Anne Vernon of Trucksville, Clarence Michael of Dallas, Andrew Kotch of Kingston Township, Jim Phillips of Forty Fort and incumbent Scott Dieterick of Kingston were in accord on many of the issues facing the local district and the state. They listed education, the environment, recycling, jobs, family and drugs among their priority concerns.

Each of the candidates, however, listed their priorities differently. While acknowledging a "blip" in his career leading to felony and misdemeanor charges for allegedly falsifying insurance documents, incumbent Scott Dieterick defended his record and emphasized the value of his seniority in Harrisburg.

Questioned about whether or not he would continue to run for office if convicted, Dieterick said "If I am convicted of a felony, I will automatically be out. If I should be convicted of a misdemeanor, it would be the citizens who would have to decide if I should remain."

"I am the same, honest, trustworthy man I have always been," he stated.

"Believe it or not, seniority is an advantage in Harrisburg," Dieterick said. "It is only the seniors who are appointed to committees. You have to be in about five terms

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### A Bunch of Yolkers

Carol Paxton and Dianne Adamitz did the honors last Sunday morning for the Shavertown Fire Department's Ham and Egg Breakfast. Breakfasters included Brownie Troop 665 hungry after their slumber party. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

## Harveys Lake wells test clean

By RICH JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Things look promising for the residents in the Warden Place section of Harveys Lake, as the latest testing of the water system in that area has come up negative.

The state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) took tests of eight water systems at Warden Place last week. The tests were done to see how much, if any, bacteria remained in the water systems of residences in that area.

The test which was to determine if fecal coliforms were in the water. Fecal coliforms are bacteria that indicate the presence of human waste.

When the test were concluded, the results showed that all eight

of the wells had no fecal coliforms present.

Stanley Lehman, regional supervisor for DER, said that the tests are a step in the right direction for that area. "Things look pretty good," said Lehman. "The results indicate what was in the subsurface has been washed through."

Fecal coliforms were first found in the water systems last summer. DER reported last fall that the source of the contamination was a septic tank near the affected residences. The home where the tank was being used has since joined the borough's sewer system and the tank has been cleaned and filled.

Lehman feels that this helped clear up the problem with the contamination of other wells.

Despite the good results, DER

will test the area wells at least one more time in the near future. Lehman said that the tests will be done after a couple days of rain in the area. These tests will be taken to see if rainwater runoff is carrying fecal coliforms.

Residents of Warden Place are happy with the latest results. William Mann, who has been instrumental in helping clear up the wells, said that things are going well in the cleanup.

"DER seems to have pinpointed what the problem was and we are cleaning up," said Mann.

He also praised the work of DER in helping clean up the problem during the last year. "They have worked with us," said Mann. "Stan (Lehman) has been

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### Coming up:

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - Friday, May 11, 1-6PM, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, W. 8th Street, West Wyoming

- DALLAS BOROUGH COUNCIL** - Tues., May 15, 8 PM, Dallas Borough Bldg., Main Street
- DALLAS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Tues., May 15, 7:30 PM, Dallas Township Bldg., Route 309
- DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD** - Mon., May 14, 8 PM, Administration Bldg., Church Street
- JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** - Mon., May 14, 7 PM, Jackson Fire Hall
- LAKE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Sat., May 12, 9 AM, Lake Township Municipal Bldg, Route 29 North
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** - Mon., May 14, 8 PM, Lehman Township Municipal Bldg.

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Mother's Day is special for all moms, but it probably means more to Debbie Kaleta and her family than to most.

Besides, having five children of her own, the Trucksville woman cares for two foster children and operates a day care center.

Debbie has had a day care for more than eight years and one of her day care children has been with her for all of them. In addition, youngest daughter Colleen was originally a foster child who was with the Kaletas for six years before they adopted her.

"My oldest daughter Kim is 17 and will go to King's College in the Fall and the youngest is Colleen. Katie, 13, is in Dallas Middle School and is on the softball team. Kris, 15, Kate and Karen, 11 are active

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## Mother's Day is special for Trucksville mom



**THE KALETA FAMILY** - Debbie Kaleta loves children and it shows in the photo above where she and her husband Jack pose with five of them. Kneeling in front is Kris 15; seated, from left are Colleen 9; Jack, father; Katie 13; Debbie, mother; Karen 11 and Kim 17. The Kaletas also have two foster children. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)