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Controversy swirls in 120th District race

By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

With the general election only weeks away, the race for the 120th District State Representative's seat has been thrown into turmoil as voters and officials alike try to sort out the Republican position on the ballot.

The election has been a center of controversy since the incumbent, Scott Dietterick, was charged with 19 violations of law including fraud and forgery. A jury found Dietterick guilty earlier this month on all 19 counts in connection with an investigation of his former insurance business.

Since his conviction, Dietterick, who won the Republican primary election in May, backed out of the race, leaving Republican leaders with only three weeks to find a replacement.

The GOP leaders met and came up with Luzerne County Commissioner Jim Phillips as the new candidate. That action has sparked a widespread difference in opinions for voters and officials.

Back Mountain residents interviewed Monday were split in their opinion on who should take the Republican slot. Many people feel the GOP candidate should be Anne Vernon of Trucksville, who finished second in the primary election, 79 votes ahead of



JIM PHILLIPS
 Endorsed by the Republican committee



PHYLLIS MUNDY
 Democrat stands to gain by controversy



ANNE VERNON
 Supporters say she should be on ballot

Phillips. Thomas Shone of Dallas said that he felt the Republican leaders made the right choice. "Phillips has a lot of experience and that is something we need in Harrisburg," he said.

However, Debbie Harris disagrees. "I think that Anne Vernon got the votes when she needed them and should get the votes now," said Harris. Albert Lowell is a Republican

who hasn't made up his mind. "I'm not sure how I'm going to vote," said Lowell. He maintained that despite the controversy he would be at the polls, "I don't care how bad things get we have the chance to vote and we should take it."

Chris Battista of Wyoming said that he wasn't sure how the election would turn out but felt the controversy wasn't helping the Republicans. "What this is

doing is turning people away," he said.

If that is true things could be good for Democrat Phyllis Mundy, who ran unopposed in the primary election to get the nomination.

A state court in Harrisburg will hear a case today (Wednesday) on whether or not to allow Dietterick's name to be taken off the ballot and replaced with Phillips.

Area communities lay groundwork for recycling

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
 Staff Writer

You're never too old to learn your "3 R's," not in today's world, but probably most people don't know them since "Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic," they are not.

In today's society, the three R's have an entirely different meaning. They stand for "Recycling, Reduction and Reuse," for example, recycling of plastic containers that can be re-used for toys and other items. Recycled newspapers can be re-used for a rougher grade paper such as grocery bags and writing paper. This reduces the increased disposal of plastic containers and newspapers, and means a longer life for landfills.

It's time to become familiar with the new "3-R's" because they will soon become compulsory in the



Back Mountain, Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough have already passed resolutions mandating that the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) take over the recycling program for the three communities. At the last meeting of the authority, the organization's board accepted the mandate of the three communities.

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Program in Harveys Lake moves ahead

By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

As other municipalities in the Back Mountain prepare state-mandated recycling programs, Harveys Lake continues to move forward with a voluntary program that began more than three years ago.

The borough began with a monthly recycling day. Through the years the recycling concept became more popular and has now grown to drop-off future looks as plans are a curbside ect.

Harveys Lake has had a drop-off recycling program for three years

All this is by a community that is not required to recycling pre-existing law. Harveys Lake Borough is not large enough to fall under state regulations which require communities to recycle household refuse. But residents have gone ahead with a plan on their own, and will continue and expand it, according to David Abod, who is in charge of the program.

"We are doing it because we believe in it and it is the right thing to do," said Abod. "We don't have to do it for the state; we're doing it for the borough."

Abod said that participation in the recycling program has increased greatly in the last year. A drop-off point has been set up across from the borough hall and is currently accepting bottle

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Haunted Barn opens Saturday It's getting spooky in Lehman

By RICH JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

You will scream, you will jump, you will be startled and downright scared but you will also have fun at the eighth annual Lehman Haunted Barn.

Ghouls, goblins and more are expected at the show with hopes of scaring the more than 2,000 visitors expected to attend this years event.

The barn will open this weekend and will run through Halloween, according to Jonathan Pineno, its coordinator.

A lot of work has gone into this year's barn and Pineno feels that anyone attending will get their money's worth of "Halloween scares."

According to Pineno there are a lot of new attractions this year, so those who have made the trip in the past will have reason to return.

"We've done a lot to the barn and we have many more features," said Pineno. "We want to give the kids a chance to have some fun around Halloween. We have no desire to

Call the 'Spook Line' at 675-0373 for a 3-minute ghost story

promote evil, we just want to have some fun."

He is pleased to announce that a film of local origin will be one of the new features at the barn. The movie was conceived and directed by two Lake-Lehman High School Students who did most of the work on it.

The five minute film, "Pathetic", is a curious tale of a boys revenge after being "dumped" by his girlfriend, Jason Gearhart and Jason Turner are proud to present their film at the show.

Also new this year will be a Gypsy tent set up outside the barn.

"This will be something everyone should try to stop at," said Pineno. "If you like ghost stories, you'll love the tales you'll hear at the Gypsy tent."

For those lovers of ghost stories

who can't wait until the weekend, the haunted barn is again offering its "Spook Line." A different three minute ghost story is added to the line every day throughout the month. The stories are edited and acted out by members of the United Methodist Youth Foundation, who sponsor the Haunted Barn. The phone number for the spook line is 675-0373.

Even though the Haunted Barn will try to scare you into a fun-filled screaming fit, Pineno says that this year's barn is going to be a very safe one. "We have done a lot of work trying to make things safer for everyone," he said. Crews began working on the barn in August and have added better electrical wiring and reinforcements on some of the walls and stairways and a roof has been put in the waiting area to help keep visitors dry while waiting to get in.

Young and old will have a chance to be spooked at the barn. Pineno says that a show for children in the second grade and younger has been scheduled on Oct. 20 and 27. The show will feature a short movie, a

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ghost story, and refreshments before the group will be taken on a guided tour of the barn without the ghouls who normally haunt the place.

A senior citizens tour will be held on October 28 and will include the trip through the barn with guides to help at the steps and rampways.

As always, proceeds from the haunted barn will go to helping the Wyoming Valley Children's Aid Fund. So far \$2,000 has been donated to the fund from the Lehman U.M.Y.F. and a surplus of funds is on hand to distribute to the needy children.

Anyone with questions about the barn or the fund can contact Pineno at 675-2985.

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Coming up:

Red Cross Blood Drive - Mon., Oct. 22, 9AM-2PM, Dallas High School. Appts. 823-7161

BACK MOUNTAIN WATER COMMISSION - Thurs., Oct. 18, 8 PM, Kingston Twp. Municipal Bldg.

HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD - Tues., Oct. 23, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.

LEHMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONS - Mon., Oct. 22, Zoning, 7 PM; Planning, 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.



56th Reunion of Dallas Borough High
 Members of the Dallas Borough Class of 1934 celebrated their 56th reunion September 29, at The Castle Inn. Present were from left, Clarence LaBar, Florence LaBar, Beatrice Lewis, seated; Robert Lewis, Paul LaBar, Millicent LaBar, Sophia Dymond, standing; Eleanor Basta, Frank Basta, Florence Besteder and Corey Besteder, seated. The members meet annually at The Castle Inn. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)

New Lake-Lehman super to be sworn in

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Lake-Lehman School District will officially have a new leader October 29. A swearing-in ceremony for Nancy Davis, the new superintendent, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on that date in the multi-purpose room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary building. A reception for Ms. Davis will follow.

Also at the school board's regular meeting Oct. 9, Nancy W. Walters, was appointed as an additional kindergarten class teacher effective Oct. 10.

The board also added the following persons to the substitute teachers list: John T. Howe, Dallas; Debra T. Bayer, Dallas; Corrine P. Smith, Harveys Lake; Jean M. Mekeel, RD 2, Dallas; and Beverly B. Vespico, Harveys Lake.

Acting superintendent John M. Zaleskas reported that the week of Nov. 11 through Nov. 15 will be Education Week and that open house at the senior high school would be Nov. 12; junior high school, Nov. 13; Lehman-Jackson Elementary, Nov. 14; and Lake-Noxen and Ross Township Elementary, Nov. 15.

In other business, the board members
 • Appointed Cathy Wolfe as S.A.D.D. advisor and also Stu-



NANCY DAVIS
 New Superintendent of Lake-Lehman schools

dent Council Advisor, for the 1990-91 school year.

• Appointed Gary McDade and Karen Carey as volunteer junior high soccer coaches.

• Accepted the resignation of Matthew Reinert as wrestling

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