

# Harveys Lake offers hottest local contests

The battle for council seats in Harveys Lake Borough may be one of the closest races as nine candidates seek to fill four seats. Three incumbents are seeking re-election as both the Democratic and Republican parties have endorsed a slate.

Running on the Democratic ticket are incumbents David Abod, Joseph Miscavage and Joseph Sgarlat along with Thomas Kehler and Martin Noon.

The second District Democrats, local Democrat Party Committee and the Harveys Lake Democrats have endorsed all but Sgarlat.

Abod, an insurance planner, resides at Pole #155 Lakeside Drive with his wife and two children. He has served as chairman of roads for the past three years and as chairman of the borough's civil service board and Environmental Advisory Council (EVAC) for four years.

Other appointments include his position as the borough's recycling coordinator and liaison to the Back Mountain Water Commission.

Abod is confident in his abilities to help the community. "I feel I have accomplished some good things while on council and hope to continue working on other items I have started," said Abod.

Joseph Miscavage is completing his first term on the council but said he is pleased with the way

things have gone so far. "I have been instrumental with work on the Recreation Center and with EVAC," said Miscavage. "I am familiar with the workings of the borough and I think I can continue to help take care of the community."

Miscavage has also served on the borough's planning commission and was involved in establishing the new subdivision and zoning ordinances that went into effect this year.

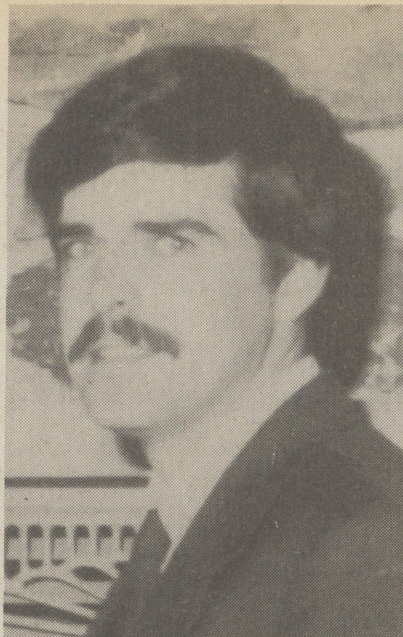
Martin Noon of RD 1 Pole 17, is a graduate of Dallas High School and Penn State. He is self-employed in the automobile service station business and is married to the former Deborah Anthony. The couple has three children.

Noon has experience in politics as he is a former member of the Lake-Lehman School Board and is currently serving as a member of the Harveys Lake Civil Service Commission.

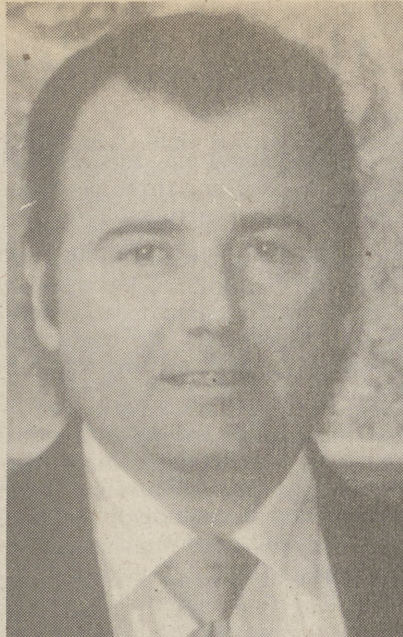
Thomas Kehler could not be reached for comment.

Joseph Sgarlat is a former Republican who changed to the Democratic party last year. Although he did not receive the endorsement of the local party, he feels his experience on council will help the community.

"I like serving as councilman and have been involved with many



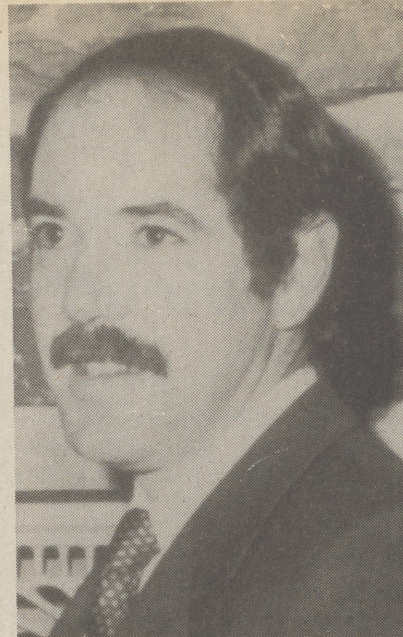
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DAVID ABOD

projects," he said. "I have had the opportunity of serving with a council that didn't raise taxes and I can say I never missed a council meeting or executive session so I was there for the residents."

Sgarlat has recently worked to obtain a grant to put in safety lights near the Lake-Noxen Elementary School and he said he is working on a grant to take care of dilapidated homes in the borough.

On the other side, four candidates are hoping to get some Republicans on the predominately Democratic council.

John Morris, Jr., Jeffrey Austin,

William Wagner, and Georgine Petroskas will appear on the Republican ticket and all four are guaranteed to make it to the November election.

John Morris, Jr., has lived in the borough since 1988 and said he is interested in seeing new faces on the council. "I got interested through others and I think it's time we have some new names working for the borough," he said.

Morris feels that the borough is in good shape but would like to see some small changes take place. "The idea is to help the community and for the council to give something back to the community," he said.

Morris believes that more time should be spent on traffic control around the lake and more emphasis should be placed on the youth of the community.

He is currently employed for a food service firm.

Jeffrey Austin is a native of the borough and believes that it is time for the borough to get "...back to grass roots and forget about the political labels."

The 23-year-old majored in economics in college with a minor in government and law.

"I think that the labels Democrat and Republican should be left at the national level not in local government," he said.

He is currently employed at John Hancock financial services.

William Wagner has been a teacher for the Dallas School District for 13 years. He has served as the president of the teacher's association and believes he has a lot to offer the borough.

"Usually there aren't any Republicans running for the council and this year we have four," he said. "I think there can be some improvements made to the borough and we can be the ones to do it."

Wagner is a 12 year resident of the borough.

Georgine Petroskas could not be reached for comment.

## L-L board race draws challengers

### Edwin Kern III

I am a 1966 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. I have been a resident of the Lake-Lehman School District for 43 years, except for the four years which I spent in the United States Air Force. My only child graduated from Lake-Lehman High School last year. I think that I am an ideal person to be on the school board because of the following reasons:

1. In my profession, I get into many of the homes of the taxpayers and find out their views and problems. I have no children in the school system and no relatives working in the school district to influence my vote.

2. I believe in a good education program, but does a good education mean we should burden the taxpayers of the district with a tax increase every year? I think not! Because there are other means of raising funds other than raising taxes.

3. I could go on with many more reasons but I am going to close with this statement: I believe that the strongest asset in the Lake-Lehman District is our taxpayers. They are the ones paying the taxes that give the school board the money to spend to provide quality education for our children.

### Francis Kopko

Francis Kopko and his wife, Margaret of Harveys Lake, have two children, son Llewellyn and daughter Franmar. He has resided at Harveys Lake since 1968. He graduated from King's College with a B.S. in Biology; and from C.W. Post College of Long Island University with a M.S. in Biology in 1966.

He served on the Planning Commission of Harveys Lake from 1976 to 1988, on the Harveys Lake Zoning-Hearing Board since 1977 and presently is chairman of that board; member of the Harveys Lake Lions Club; member of Knights of Columbus, Father O'Leary Council, Dallas; involved with the Harveys Lake Little League for six years as coach and or manager.

"Having been community minded for a number of years and since the school board is an area that I may have an opportunity to offer some contribution, I feel that the 25 years of educational experience which I possess may be an asset.

"Since I have children in this district, I am concerned that the fiscal uncertainties may have a detrimental effect on the educational and athletic programs within the schools. Therefore, again, I have an interest in the future of the Lake-Lehman School District.

### John H. Presper

Dr. John H. Presper is seeking reelection to the Lake-Lehman Board of Education. Dr. Presper has been a member of the board for four years and has served as president of the board and education chairman.

He is an associate in neurosurgery with the Geisinger Clinic in Wilkes-Barre and is vice-chairman of the surgery department of the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Dr. Presper lives in Lehman Township with his wife and three children. He is a graduate of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Program and is a veteran of the Vietnam conflict.

A believer in excellence in education and non political school boards, Dr. Presper hopes to continue to pursue these goals for another four years. He encourages those with similar views to support his bid for reelection.

### Thomas Williams

Thomas E. Williams of Sweet Valley has announced his candidacy for re-election on the Lake-Lehman School Board in the May Primary. Williams is running for one of the two seats in Region II (Ross Twp.-Lake-Silkworth-Middle Dist. of Lehman).

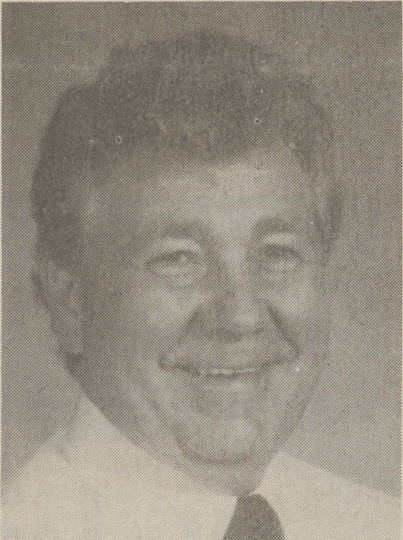
He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, Lehman; Irem Temple, Dallas; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg and a Past Master and former Trustee of George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge #531, Dallas. He is a graduate of Lake-Lehman Class of 1958 and is employed by Trade Eastern Inc.

Williams, presently board president has served as a member of the Lake-Lehman Board of Education for eight years and has also served seven years on the West Side Area Vocational-Technical Board of Education.

As a graduate of Lake-Lehman, he feels a great deal of pride in our school system and the people in our area. "I feel our three children have received excellent preparation for their futures while at Lake-Lehman and would like all future students to have this same opportunity. Our board should provide the best for our students that the resources of our community will allow. These resources could be expanded with less burden to the property owners if some form of income and property tax combination could be instituted to fund our educational system. I will continue to strive for fiscally and educationally sound policies that will be beneficial to our students and community."



EDWIN KERN III



FRANCIS KOPKO



THOMAS WILLIAMS

## Two challenge Adams for Jackson Twp. supervisor

Three residents are vying for the position of Jackson Township supervisor.

Incumbent Thomas Adams is facing challenges from Walter Glogowski and Andy Chopyak.

Thomas Adams is currently completing his first term as supervisor and is hopeful of being elected to a second term. "I have accomplished some things," he said "and I hope I can continue to work for the residents."

Adams is currently the chairman of the supervisors and believes the board is genuinely concerned about the residents. "I am enjoying myself but we are also looking out for the community," he said.

Walter Glogowski is active in many community and volunteer groups and thinks his concern for the community will make him a good supervisor.

"I am very much concerned about the quality of life in the township and the leadership must take that into consideration," he said.

Glogowski said that the township must plan for the future as it continues to grow. "We must develop long range plans now so that we don't get stuck in the future," said Glogowski. "We must plan our growth or we will run into problems with the water, sewage and the quality of life."

"There are a lot of qualified people in the Back Mountain and we can tap into their expertise to plan our community's growth," he added.

Andy Chopyak also expressed a plan for the future in running for supervisor.



WALTER GLOGOWSKI

"This area is beneficial to growth," he said. "But it should be a controlled growth."

Chopyak believes that if not controlled properly the township could face problems down the line. "This is a country setting and should stay that way," he said.

"We have basically two types of residents, farmers and those who live in developments, and they are going to have to work together because things are expanding very rapidly."

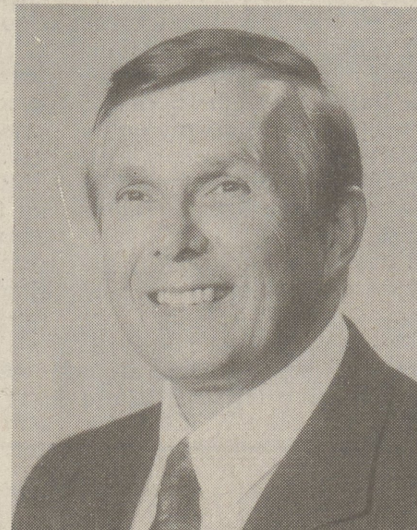
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- Wetlands
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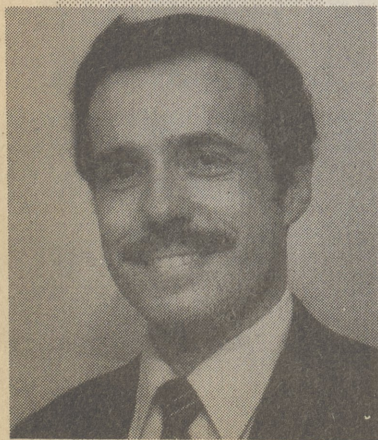
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Jackson Twp. Supervisor  
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