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120th District State Representative race

PHYLLIS MUNDY

Incumbent Mundy claims record of accomplishment

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

In two years as state representative for the 120th district, Phyllis Mundy has handled everything from major legislation to advising constituents on how to get a "deer crossing" sign placed on a road.

"There is no spare time. I work seven days a week, even during legislative recess," she said in an interview last week.

During her first term, Mundy says she has been the prime sponsor or has co-sponsored 217 bills

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KEITH COSLETT

Challenger Coslett wants to reclaim Republican district

By BILL HARPER
Post Staff

Keith Coslett thinks his views represent the 120th Legislative District better than those of incumbent Phyllis Mundy.

"I don't think from a fiscal and social standpoint, she is representative of this district," Coslett said. "This is a Republican district and it always has been."

Coslett claims that Mundy's vote for a recent mass transit bill, which he said primarily benefits Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, is an example of her record of not

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Drumming up some spirit
Eric Sowga rattled the skins to rally the crowd at the Dallas High School Homecoming game October 17. For more photos and stories, turn to pages 11-13. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

Lake-Lehman wants to expand day care

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Due to an increasing need for services, the Lake-Lehman school board voted at its regular meeting Tuesday, October 13, to apply for a second $33,000 School-Age Child Care Grant to fund a before-and after-school day care program at the Lake-Noxen school.

A similar program is already in operation from 6:30-8 a.m. and 3:14-6 p.m. at the Lehman-Jackson School, operated at no cost to the district by the Wee Care foundation. Ten eligible children, identified by the free and reduced lunch programs, must be serviced in order for the district to be eligible for the grant.

The board also authorized a $5,275,000 bond issue to refinance the district's debt. Finance manager Ray Bowersox explained that taking advantage of lower interest rates will save the district between $200,000 and $300,000, depending on the condition of the bond market at the time of closing.

The board also entered into a natural gas purchase and sales agreement with Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co., a special program for large-volume heating customers which will save the district approximately $12,000 per year.

The board set aside $945,140.48 to be paid to transportation contractors during the school year.

In other business, the board appointed the following persons:

• Teacher substitutes: Reann Pribula, elementary; Richard Kaskey, social studies; Marvin Wunderlich, biology, general

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County 911 plan could replace Comm Center

By BILL HARPER
Post Staff

As Luzerne County moves toward developing a county-wide 911 service, concerns over how the Back Mountain Communication Center will participate are being raised.

"The police chiefs have met and although the county wants a central public safety answering position (PSAP), we want a multiple PSAP system," Kingston Township Police Chief Paul Sabol said. Sabol, is chairperson of the Back Mountain Communication Center.

"The advantage of a county-wide 911 system is that a universal emergency number would benefit everyone from the very young to the very old to people with disabilities," county 911 coordinator Dave Macekura said.

The Back Mountain Communication Center adopted 911 in 1990 and would like to become a part of the Luzerne County 911 according to Sabol. But some members of the board are not convinced that one central dispatch would be a good idea.

"What we have here with our own communication center is a good thing, and if the county takes over our 911, it will be a disaster," center solicitor Theodore Krohn said.

Despite the skepticism, Macekura said that the county wants to work in cooperation with the existing 911 services while at the same time working with state 911 guidelines under Pennsylvania

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Neighbors protest zoning change

By BILL HARPER
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Fifteen residents from Ferguson Avenue in Shavertown protested a proposed zoning change which would allow a parking lot to be built in their neighborhood at the October 14 Kingston Township Supervisors meeting.

Attorney Bill McCall is proposing that the property owned by the estate of Sheldon Evans be changed from a single residential to a general commercial zone. The property is the only residential zone in a stretch between Center Street in Trucksville and the Dallas Township community line, McCall said.

McCall said that the only thing preventing the property, which is currently unused, from commercial use is the zoning lines on the township map. This zoning is also standing in the way of current plans, McCall said.

"All that we are asking for is to include the property as a commercial zone in an area that is already zoned commercially so that it can be marketed more effectively," McCall said.

Kingston Township Zoning Officer Ben Gorey said that the Evans estate is requesting that the property be changed to a B-2 general commercial zone. He said that he does not know why the area is zoned for residential in a predominantly commercial area.

Gorey said that the question on the change of in zoning has been tabled for the November meeting. Although he does not know the reason why the area is zoned

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Dallas Kiwanis hosts annual Halloween Parade

The Annual Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 at the old Dallas Township High School parking lot on Church Street and Route 309. In the event of rain, the festivities will be held indoors at the Dallas Elementary School on Hildebrant Road.

Contestants are requested to assemble at 12 p.m. Judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. and the parade starts at 1 p.m.

The parade will go down Church Street, Center Hill Road, Lake Street to the center of Dallas Borough and end at the parking lot near the Eastern Star building behind the Acme store.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the top five winners in the following categories: Most original, best group, prettiest, ugliest and funniest. In addition, all contestants will receive a "Halloween goodie bag".

The Dallas Women of Kiwanis will again select the contestant

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FIRST PLACE - Mary Ricci of Dallas won first prize for the ugliest costume in last year's Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade.

Friends mobilize to aid Eddie Turchin and family

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Back Mountain community has begun a drive to raise money to help the family of Eddie Turchin, the young man from Jackson Township who successfully battled cancer to become an Eagle Scout and graduate from Lake-Lehman High School

Eddie underwent an operation October 1 to repair an anuerism, a sort of bubble, in his carotid artery where it branches into a "y," according to his mother, Mrs. Bonnie Turchin. Doctors had discovered the anuerism during a routine followup examination in June.

"The doctors said that Eddie's anuerism was the worst one that they had ever seen, but they were able to repair it," Mrs. Turchin said.

Eddie suffered a slight stroke during the surgery and has only partially regained consciousness, Mrs. Turchin said.

Although he can't open his eyes yet and has had several setbacks since the surgery, Eddie responds to family members and friends, squeezing their hands and making the peace sign when they ask him to.

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EDDIE TURCHIN