Miers will run for district magistrate

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

Dallas Township Police Chief Carl W. Miers announced his candidacy Monday, January 1'8, for the office of District Justice of District 11-03-09, which will be vacated by the retirement of Magistrate Earl S. Gregory in January, 1994.

Miers plans to cross-file, seeking both the Republican and Democratic nominations in the May 18 primary. If elected, he would esign from the police force.

First certified in 1989 as eligible to serve as district magistrate, Miers has updated his district justice's certification each year, as required by state law. District magistrates serve six-year terms.

A lifelong Back Mountain resident and 1963 graduate of Dallas High School, Miers, 47, lives in Dallas Township with his wife, Sharon, and their four daughters, Susan, Amy Jo, Emily and Debra. Miers joined the Dallas Township police department as a patrolman August 1, 1969, and was appointed chief of police in January, 1974. He also served as Dallas Township constable from 1974-1980.

"A police officer must remain totally neutral and unbiased during completed many other courses an investigation, whether he successfully establishes probable cause or not," he said. "Similarly, a magistrate must also remian unbiased, to make a legal judgement based on the facts presented in the case."

Miers retired from the Pennsylvania National Guard as a first sergeant in 1989, after having served 24 years with the 109th Field Artillery in Kingston, where he was first sergeant with C "Charlie" Battery, and with the 28th Infantry Division in Hershey for his last 1-1/2 years.

"My heart and soul will always be with the 109th," he said.

His military career included service as a mechanic, Redeye missile team chief, career counselor Communications Center. and senior personnel sergeant. During the 1972 Agnes flood, Miers served as liason between the advisory board to the former military and civilian agencies, a posiiton which he later resumed in 1976 during the flood at Johnstown.

He is a graduate of Penn State's police officer training course and course offered at the Northeast State Police.

Miers has also successfully offered by the Pennsylvania State Police, FBI, Pennsylvania and United States Departments of Transportation.

He is a member of Fidelity Lodge, Caldwell Consistory, Irem Temple, Daddow-Isaac Post 672 American Legion, 109th Field Artillery non-Commissioned Officers' Club, Back Mountain Police Association, Northeast Chiefs of Police Asssociation, Luzerne County Police Chiefs' Association, Northeast Regional Highway Traffic Safety Council, Mid-Valley Strike Force, Luzerne County D.UI. Task Force, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Advisory Council of the Dallas School District and the board of directors of the Back Mountain

Past memberships include the Luzerne County Police Radio Network, Shavertown Fire Company and Kingston Township Ambulance Association.

Although he has received letters the municipal police training of commendation from local and state law enforcement groups, Training Center of the Pennsylvania Miers treasures personal letters of thanks from citizens the most.



ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY -Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers has announced his candidacy for the six-year term of district magistrate, to be filled in the 1993 election. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

"These are the people whom it's my job to serve," he said. "It always makes me feel good when they take the time to write me a letter, thanking me for helping them out."

Magisterial District 11-03-09 includes Dallas Borough, Harveys Lake Borough and Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston, Lake and Lehman townships.



The Back Mountain Citizens Council General Membership meeting will be held on January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in room H-105 of Hayfield House, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman.

The nominating committee, John Reddy, Janet Phillips and Nancy Eckert have submitted the following list of board members nominated for renewal.

Nancy Eckert, Ray Boyle, Dallas Borough; Howard Grossman, Dallas Township; Ed Schechter, Jackson Township; Janet Phillips, Tom Winter, Kingston Township; Will Conyngham, Lehman Township; Phyllis Belk, Lehman Township/Penn State.

The following name was submitted as a new board member: Rob Lewis, Lehman Township.

Anyone wishing to submit other names for board membership may do so at the meeting.

The nominating committee will also submit the following slate of officers: Will Conyngham, president; Ray Boyle, vice president; Ben Phillips, secretary; Tom Winter, treasurer.

Election of officers and board members will take place at the meeting.

Also on the agenda: The Home Beautification Contest Winner will be announced and plans will be made for the upcoming year's activities.

Landon praised as he steps down from Army Reserves

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

When Kunkle resident Tom Landon retires from the Army Reserves Tuesday, January 26, he'll be able to look back on a distinguished military career.

An Operations Sergeant Major in the newly-formed 320th Military Police Battalion and former member of the 402nd Military Police Camp, Landon recently received the Meritorious Service Medal for his role in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the Army's reorganization the U.S. Army," Smola continued. afterwards.

As a First Sergeant Major in the 402nd MP's, Landon was deployed with his unit to the Persian Gulf to operate a prisoner of war camp to detain Iraqi soldiers captured during combat.

After the 402nd's return to the United States and subsequent deactivation, it was absorbed into the 320th Military Police Battalion.

"Sgt. Landon's organizational skills and attention to detail during the deactivation of the 402nd Military Police Camp and the activation of the 320th Military Dallas school board.

Police Battalion," wrote Landon's commanding officer, Major Paul S. Smola in submitting the recommendation for Landon to receive the Meritorious Service Medal.

"Sgt. Landon's knowledge of personnel and his experience were an asset that greatly enhanced the activation of this battalion. His outstanding leadership and achievements during his military career have greatly impacted on the soldiers whom he has led. His extraordinary efforts reflect distinct credit upon himself, his unit and

According to his military records, Landon has also earned the following medals: Army Reserve Company Achievement, Armed Forces Reserves, National Defense Service, Army Reserve Command, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (awarded for service in the Persian Gulf) and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal

Landon, 48, lives in Kunkle with his wife, Ayleen and children, To.n, Jr., and Tami. He is a territorial provided a smooth transition sales manager for Brown and Williamson Tobacco and is beginning his eighth year on the

Fair scrapbook missing

Five years ago, Dallas High School student and Key Club member Barry Slocum lent members of the Luzerne County Fair committee a scrapbook containing photos of Fair activities for an anniversary observance.

The scrapbook, a white hard-cover binder, also contains

Misericordia health center nears completion

Carol Jobe, president of College Misericordia, described the soonto-open Anderson Health Center on the college's campus to members of the Back Moutain Business and Professional Association last week.

Jobe told the group that appli-Cations to the college have increased 40 percent in the last year, creating a need for 150 additional dormitory rooms as well as facilities like the Anderson Center. She stressed the importance of close relations between Misericordia and the community, saying that public access to the new sports and fitness facility, which contains a sixlane Olympic size pool and a 1,600 seat gymnasium, will be a priority. In addition to full-time study, College Misericordia offers weekend college classes, evening continuing education classes and summer programs.

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association has set as one of its goals reaching out to the college community so that students and their families are aware of products and services available in the Back Mountain. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at Pickett's Charge restaurant. For membership information,

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MISERICORDIA HEALTH CENTER - Carol Jobe, president of College Misericordia, explained the new Anderson Health Center at the college's campus to members of the Back Mountain Business and

call Bartt Slocum, president, at 675-1167.

Professional Association. Above, from left, John Lloyd, BMBPA board member; Carol Jobe; Bartt Slocum, BMBPA president; Paul Provenzano, board member.

personal mementoes of Slocum's high school career. Anyone with information on the scrapbook's whereabouts is requested to call 675-FAIR and leave a message.

Blue Cross offers fraud hotline

and abuse hot line. Originally es- outside investigative agencies. tablished in 1990, the toll free referral system was implemented to help contain fraud and abuse committed against the area's largest health insurer.

According to Blue Cross spokesman, Bill Bachman, callers may remain anonymous if they wish when reporting suspected incidents of health insurance irregularities. Since its inception, the hot line has provided information accepted for investigation.

Individuals who suspect medi- which has helped Blue Cross track Cal insurance fraud and abuse are suspected fraud and abuse encouraged to call the Blue Cross through its own audit department of Northeastern Pennsylvania fraud as well as in collaboration with

> The number is 1-800-352-9100. It is only set up to take fraud and abuse calls. If you have a legitimate example of fraud and abuse to report call 24 hours a day. if possible, your name and telephone number should be left in case investigators have additional questions for you. In any event, Blue Cross says anonymous calls are

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