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Harveys Lake voters have full choice for council

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Three Republicans and three Democrats are contending for three seats on Harveys Lake borough council, two left vacant by former council president Rick Boice, who is running for mayor, councilman William Wilson and Edward Kelly, who is seeking his third term.

Harveys Lake follows the strong council form of government, in which council makes all decisions

on the borough's operations.

The four-year term is compensated by \$50 per month. Following are the results of interviews with all the candidates.

REPUBLICANS

George P. Andrews, Jr.

"The borough has no Republican watchdog."

Calling the present borough council "a country club among the incumbents, where it's business as usual," Andrews said that

he isn't satisfied with the job done by the present Democratic incumbents.

His major concerns are:

- The police department.

Citing unionization of the department and the recent incident of an officer accepting a TV set, he said that several incidents have been handled "quite poorly." "There is a lack of confidence and communication between management and the police," he said. "This could end up having budgetary ramifications. For example,

one officer was dismissed without pay, then reinstated with back pay. If the department were properly managed, unionization wouldn't have happened."

- The borough's insurance coverage.

No bids have been solicited for the borough's insurance, which Andrews said is currently purchased through the wife of a council member. "Are we getting fair market price on this?" he asked.

- A possible lawsuit.

Andrews said that the borough may face a lawsuit over the dismissal of the former zoning officer, which could result in legal fees, back pay and other costs. "The borough has no liability insurance for this. The solicitor says that the borough is protected by law. That may not be and we could have a shortfall," he said.

- The amphitheater.

"This was a fiasco, to say the least," he said.

If elected, Andrews' goals are to:

• "Give the people their money's worth" in municipal government by streamlining it and cutting expenses. For example, the borough pays the tax collector to collect garbage fees, a job which Andrews says the borough secretary could do for free as part of her full-time job.

• Properly define the noise ordinance so that it can be addressed with all private businesses if necessary. "The noise ordinance

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Vandals damage schools

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Dallas Township police are investigating a case of vandalism at the Dallas Middle School, the high school and the football field, discovered the morning of October 11.

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According to police chief Carl Miers, a police patrol passing the schools shortly before 4 a.m. reported that five windows in the high school and six windows at the middle school had bullet holes in them.

Police recovered several empty .22 caliber cartridges and spent lead soft-point bullets from the scene, according to assistant superintendent Dr. Gilbert Griffiths.

Later, police were called back to the school to investigate vandalism at the football field, where the letters "J A C" had been cut into the turf.

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SHOT THROUGH WINDOW - Dallas Township police are investigating an incident October 11 at the Dallas middle and high schools, in which five windows at each school were shot at. At about the same time, someone carved the initials "J A C" into the football field turf.

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Two vie for Jackson Twp. tax collector

By DAVID KONOPKI
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4-year, \$15,000 per year position.

Voters in Jackson Township could face a tough decision this November when it comes to the election of tax collector.

Who will they vote for? A successful incumbent with eight years of experience? Or a challenger who vows to make the \$15,000 per year position her number one priority and her full-time job?

Democratic candidate Jacqueline Latosek and Republican candidate Joann Wright ran unopposed on their respective tickets in the primary election last May and will square off in this November's general election.

According to Latosek, duties of a tax collector include, but are not limited to, issuing tax bills, collection of tax bills, working with real estate personnel, making deposits, reporting to taxing bodies and submitting a year-end report.

Here is a closer look at both candidates who are vying for the

Latosek, the incumbent who is seeking her third term as tax collector, is a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School and College Misericordia where she received a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. She has been employed for the past five and one-half years as a full-charge bookkeeper for Designs Systems Printing in Wilkes-Barre.

Although history has shown Jackson Township to be a predominantly Republican community, Latosek knows the people vote for whoever they feel can do the best job, not a straight party ticket.

"People are voting for people depending on their qualifications, not which political party they belong to," said Latosek. "I like the job, I like the people. As far as I know, the constituents have no

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O'Donnell, county differ in views of Crown Hill talk

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Although Luzerne County officials met with Franklin Township resident Joseph O'Donnell October 8 about the condition of three roads in the township, each side seems to have a different perception of what the meeting accomplished.

Barely more than rutted dirt cart tracks, Farm View, Crown and Hill Drives in Crown Hill Village have been the subject of an ongoing battle between O'Donnell and the Franklin Township supervisors for several months.

O'Donnell and other residents want the township to pave the roads.

The supervisors say that the roads belong to the county.

The problem has been compounded by Luzerne County being unsure who actually owns the roads in Crown Hill - the county, Franklin Township or someone else.

Until that issue is decided, neither side wants to commit itself to improving and maintaining roads which may not belong to them.

The supervisors said that their October 4 meeting that they will accept responsibility for the three roads if Luzerne County brings them up to the township's specifications: paved 20 foot-wide roads.

Luzerne County Engineer Jim Brozena has repeatedly offered to bring the road up to minimum state standards: 16 foot-wide gravel roads which he has estimated could cost up to \$15,000.

And it appears that never the twain shall meet.

After his meeting with Brozena and county solicitor Richard Gold-

berg, O'Donnell said that the county promised to bring the roads up to minimum state standards (16 foot-wide gravel) within two to three weeks if the Franklin Township supervisors agree to plow them for snow during the next four months.

O'Donnell said that the county also promised to "explore all available monetary options" to fund paving the roads the way the township wants them.

A Crown Hill resident for 18 months, O'Donnell is also the Democratic candidate for Franklin Township supervisor in the November 2 election.

"They don't want us to go through another winter like this," he said. "These roads are listed as roads on county maps and have been legal rights of way for 30 years."

But Brozena doesn't see it that way.

"A line on a map doesn't make an official road," Brozena said. "The maps are published by the state, not by us. These roads have never been officially dedicated to the county."

Brozena said that he told O'Donnell that he would have the larger crevices in the roads filled in with gravel during the next two to three weeks to allow residents better access.

"If Franklin Township will agree to maintain (plow) the roads over the winter, we will try to put down gravel roads," he said. "My major concern is that it all could wash away in a heavy rain. You don't get ditches like that unless there's a major drainage problem."

Brozena said that he plans to tour the development sometime this week to get a first-hand look

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Mushroom man

George Krupsha, 72, of Lehman Township, harvested this 35 pound sheephead mushroom Sunday near Chase. Krupsha, who says he has been picking mushrooms his entire life, puts some up and gives some to his friends.

Business association notes achievements of first year

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association recently welcomed its 100th member. The BMBPA was organized in mid-1992 to help promote and develop business in the Back Mountain area. It was formally incorporated in September, 1992.

In its first year, the association coordinated retail promotions for the 1992 holiday season and during the annual library auction, distributed nearly 1,200 promotional bags to College Misericordia students and donated more than \$500 in vouchers to

needy families in the Dallas School District.

The organization meets the second Wednesday of each month at College Misericordia in Dallas. Meetings provide an opportunity for members to discuss business among themselves as well as a forum for guest speakers on topics important to small businesses and professionals.

The association is now conducting its 1994 membership drive. Anyone interested in membership should call Bart Slocum, president, at 675-1167.

Bus video cameras pass the test in Dallas district

They help in discipline cases, says superintendent. More to be added

By GRACE R. DOVE
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At a committee-of-the-whole meeting before the regular Dallas school board meeting, superintendent Gerald Wycallis said that a pilot project using camcorders on five school buses to help deal with discipline had been very successful.

"It makes the drivers' complaints more binding," he said. "In one instance, a middle school student called into the principal's office continually denied that he had been jumping out of his seat and running up and down the aisle of the bus - until he saw the videotape of his activities."

Wycallis said that the bus contractor will add camcorder boxes to two more buses, so that behavior can be monitored on a total of seven school buses.

The board agreed to consider purchasing one or two more camcorders to go with the boxes.

At the regular meeting, the board voted to appoint David Bieri to the newly created position of assistant high school principal and supervisor of special education, at a yearly salary of \$45,000, pro-rated from October 20.

The board noted that this is the first step toward the district's taking over its own special education classes, which will save it money in the future.

In other business, the board voted to:

• Appoint art teacher Debra Bayer to teach full-time at the Westmoreland School and the high school and Leanne Yurkanin as a part-time elementary guidance counselor, to work 20 hours

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