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Moore keeps on sellin'

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Every late summer day around noontime, Bob "Morrie" Moore can be seen driving his tractor, hitched to a wooden wagon, along Lower Demunds Road in East Dallas, bringing his fresh produce to his small stand near the East Dallas Methodist Church.

Cut down from a large horse-drawn wagon once used at the Warden Cemetery, the neat wooden wagon also serves as Moore's stand, complete with a scale hanging from a pole in front.

He sells yellow and Silver Queen (white) corn, apples, potatoes, cabbages, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and onions.

"Everything but the onions are locally grown," Moore said. "The fields are still a bit too wet to harvest them."

He plans to bring in pumpkins and cider in the fall and continue doing business until the weather turns cold.

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TASTY TREATS FRESH FROM THE FARM - Bob "Morrie" Moore counts out an order of locally-grown Silver Queen white corn for High Meadows residents Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson. Moore has been selling local produce at his wagon stand on Lower Demunds Road in East Dallas all summer. He also plans to offer fall produce.

County gives 911 ultimatum

Choose in month, or we'll pick for you, county says

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Representatives from Luzerne County Emergency Services handed the Back Mountain Communications Center Joint Operating Commission an ultimatum at a September 15 special meeting requested by the county: decide within a month whether or not to join the county's proposed 911 system.

Luzerne County EMS executive director Kevin O'Brien outlined the Back Mountain's three options under the county's system, slated to go on line in early 1996:

- Continue to operate as a separate 911 dispatch center and not participate in the county's system.
- Close the Back Mountain Communications Center and have Luzerne County dispatch all emergency calls.
- Join the county's 911 system as a secondary answering point.

Local center costs less, pg 16

with emergency calls transferred from the county's system.

"Unless you tell us otherwise within the next month, we will list you in our plan as a secondary answering point," O'Brien said.

The Back Mountain Joint Operating Commission will meet at 7 p.m. September 29 at the Kingston Township building to discuss its options.

The final choice will be up to each member municipality's elected officials.

The commission has filed a lawsuit in state court requesting that it be allowed to continue operating as a separate entity, with all monies collected in the Back Mountain staying there.

No matter which option the Back Mountain chooses, residents

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Mundy faces challenge from Gavlick in 120th district

Incumbent keys on education, job creation

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Seeking her third term as State Representative of the 120th District, Democrat Phyllis Mundy believes that creating jobs, stimulating the local economy and quality, cost-effective education are the election's paramount issues. She gave her thoughts on the issues in interviews with *The Post* last week.

- Economic development. "Economic development is very easy to discuss, but the solutions are much harder come by," she said. "The proposed Luzerne County arena and rail authority are good tools to draw in people from other areas. The arena would be a great asset because it could be used to host conventions and trade shows."

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PHYLLIS MUNDY

Challenger proposes budget, election reform

By GRACE R. DOVE
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Norm Gavlick, Republican challenger for the 120th District's State Representative seat, credits the success of his campaign so far to "grassroots support."

Endorsed by the Business Alliance, Gavlick said members of area taxpayers' organizations, sportsmen's groups, the Catholic Church and the Christian Coal-

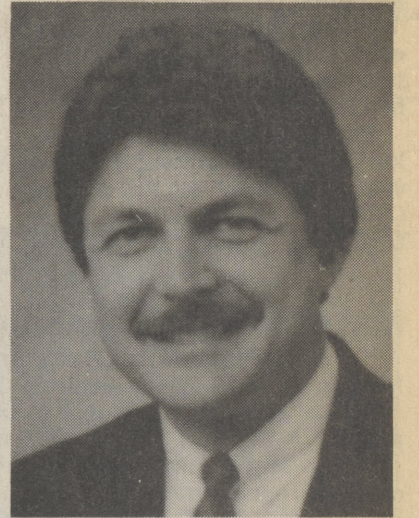
ition have also volunteered on his campaign.

He sees two major issues in the November election.

- Education

"I'm not anti-teacher," he said. "Teaching is one of the most important professions in the country. Teachers literally hold the future - our children - in their hands. What we need is a better

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NORM GAVLICK

Nancy Dukas and her dogs to be honored

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

They're outgoing, very adaptable and "gorgeous," three purebred standard poodles who bring smiles to many faces while they help patients regain skills lost through accidents or illness.

Registered therapy dogs Libra, Sable and Toby and their owner, Harveys Lake resident Nancy Dukas, will be honored by Allied Services for their contributions to area rehabilitation hospitals at a dinner September 22 at Scranton's Lackawanna Hotel in observance of National Rehabilitation Week.

Libra, 13, and Sable, 5, are veterans at helping physically challenged or injured persons regain lost skills and learn new ones, while ten-month-old Toby is learning the ropes.

Every month they hop into Dukas' specially equipped station wagon to visit their patients at the John Heinz Institute, the Veterans' Medical Center nursing home and Riverside Adult Day Care Center.

"We have been very successful, especially with head-injury patients," Dukas said. "One patient whose eyes couldn't track (follow a moving object) started to follow the dogs during her very first session with them. Two weeks later, five doctors came to see her do it."

The dogs have worked with multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, head injury, autistic and Down's syndrome patients and have enjoyed a "wonderful" response, Dukas said.

"Often the older patients begin to reminisce about their dogs and begin calling Sable and Libra by their former pets' names."

Nancy Dukas
Therapy dog trainer

"Libra helped to teach an autistic child the concept of 'up.' We put a doggie treat in the child's hand and raised it, saying 'up' over and over until Libra stood up on his hind legs," she said. "Often the older patients begin to reminisce about their dogs and begin calling Sable and Libra by their former pets' names."

Dukas first got into pet therapy in January, 1989, after noticing Libra's sweet temperament. Libra wasn't exactly a novice - he had done pet visitation therapy at area nursing homes with the SPCA.

"He has this nice, gentle way about him," she said. "He loves babies and children. A friend mentioned John Heinz Rehabilitation Institute to me and within a week we were up there."

Dukas credits therapist Kelly Martin and director Tom Pugh with her dogs' success at Heinz.

The therapists have been wonderful working with us, especially head trauma therapist Dawn Hendrick," Dukas said.

In pet therapy, the dogs do all

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SPECTACULAR STUFF - Chairman Ernie Ashbridge shows off a large copper weather vane and a Tiffany dome lamp, among the 125 interesting and antique items to be offered for sale across the block at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's September 24 fundraiser, "September Spectacular."

September promises to be spectacular for library

By GRACE R. DOVE
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No matter what the weather, September 24 will be a spectacular day at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, when about 125 interesting and antique items are offered for sale across the block in "September Spectacular," a sort of mini-auction.

According to chairman Ernie Ashbridge, 125 items slated for sale at the July fundraising auction, which never made it to the

block because time ran out, will be offered for sale with about 100 other items acquired since then.

"Some of these are great bargains," Ashbridge said. "We have a Tiffany dome lamp, a copper weather vane, a huge copper fudge pot, many beautiful cut glass items and several pieces of Limoges china and Delft ware."

Assorted crockery pieces, brass pieces, a child's trunk, blanket chest, needlepoint pictures, brass

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Lehman administrative raises under 4% yearly

By GRACE R. DOVE
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The Lake-Lehman school board passed a three-year administrators' salary agreement with increases of 3.6 percent the first year, 3.75 percent the second and 3.9 percent the third year at its regular September 13 meeting by one vote.

Voting against the pact were Allen Moss, Patricia Gold, Ed Kern and Dr. John Presper.

"Six months ago this board agreed to keep administrative raises within the cost of living," Presper said. "The increases were supposed to have a cap and there would be an attempt to control health costs. No attempt was made. The increases for both teachers and administrators could have been smaller. I feel that this will come back to haunt us over the next three years."

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