

Study time for newest supervisor

By GRACE R. DOVE
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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - Randall Glidden will have to catch up on his reading now that he's a township supervisor.

"My first goal is to get a handle on what's going on in the township," he said. "Last Wednesday Jeff Box gave me a huge pile of papers and the budget to study." Glidden was sworn in April 12 to fill the unexpired term of supervisor Daniel Wisnieski, who resigned due to increased responsibilities at work.

Glidden, 38, grew up in the township and returned several years ago to live with his father after his mother passed away.

"After my dad died, I stayed because I love the area," he said. "Our neighborhood is very friendly and the township is very well-run."

He found out about Wisnieski's vacant seat from supervisor William Tippett. "I told Bill I was interested if they could use me," Glidden said. "The following week Herb Hill asked me if I was still interested."

Although his term will expire December 31, Glidden, a Republican, has already set his sights on a second term. He will enter



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SWEARING IN - Randall Glidden was sworn in April 12 to fill the unexpired term of Kingston Township supervisor Daniel Wisnieski, who resigned. At the swearing-in ceremony were supervisors William Tippett, Shirley Moyer, Glidden and Herbert Hill.

the May 16 municipal primary as a write-in candidate.

Glidden resigned from his position on the planning commission, on which he served since 1991 and chaired last year.

"Kingston Township is in a unique position as the gateway to the Back Mountain," he said.

"We're also one of the area's leaders in implementing innovative programs, such as the founding of the Back Mountain Communications Center and the road materials purchasing cooperative. I hope to help build on these achievements, especially if we can continue to offer our residents a

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higher value of services for their tax money."

Kingston Township is interesting, he added, with most of its commercial area concentrated along Route 309.

"Most of the businesses are nicely landscaped, so you don't get that strip effect found in other municipalities," he said. "It gives the community an identity."

Glidden is an MBA specializing in real estate and works as a real estate consultant with Robert Tippett at WoodTip Realty.

He also is a graduate architect and has done some construction consulting. He was the assistant project manager on Ertley Motor-World's new building.

He and his wife, Deborah, and their daughter, Deanna, 8, live at Westmoreland Hills.

North Lehigh Street paving comes up again

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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP - The supervisors swore in Randall Glidden to fill the unexpired term of Daniel Wisnieski at their regular April 12 meeting.

Wisnieski resigned effective March 27 due to difficulties in balancing work and his duties as supervisor.

"Dan and I served together for a good 20 years," supervisor Herbert Hill said after the meeting. "He's a good all-around guy. I'll miss him."

Glidden resigned from the planning commission in order to serve as a supervisor. His term will end December 31.

During the meeting, North Lehigh Street resident Jonathan Balester asked the supervisors when they would consider his request to pave his street.

"Last month you told me to wait until this month's meeting for an answer," he said. "It wasn't on tonight's agenda, after you told me to come back in a month."

The supervisors had discussed North Lehigh Street at their work session, but wanted to wait until

they had a full complement of supervisors before taking any action, replied township manager Jeff Box.

"If I come back next month, will it be on the agenda?" Balester fired back.

Hill asked Box to add North Lehigh Street to next month's agenda.

In other business the supervisors voted to:

- Adopt a discrimination and sexual harassment policy.
- Award bids of \$5,100 to American Asphalt to repair the Franklin Street bridge and

\$384.75 per container to Waste Management for containers for the spring cleanup.

• Approve the transfer of a leaf collection machine from Kingston Borough for \$1,500.

• Authorize Box to advertise for three summer recreation program counselors, who will earn \$5.25 per hour and work a maximum of 960 hours.

• Close bids for capital fund street improvements and the Back Mountain road materials cooperative purchasing program, postponing action on the bids until they are tabulated.

Black Knight band will get new duds

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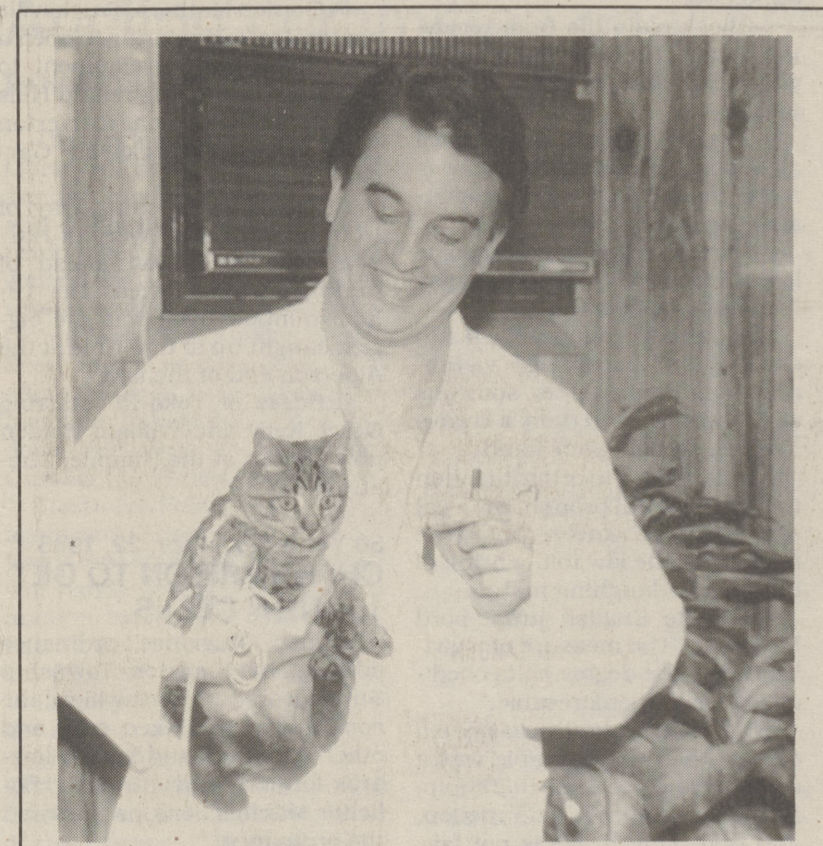
LEHMAN TOWNSHIP - The Lake-Lehman Black Knight Marching Band will have a new look this fall.

The school board awarded a \$22,978.70 bid to Stanbury Uniforms of Brookfield, MO, for new uniforms at its April 11 meeting.

"The band's present uniforms

are 10 years old and are beginning to look rather worn," said business manager Ray Bowersox. "The students wear them in many parades and competitions during the year and have them professionally cleaned very frequently, sometimes after every event."

The board also voted to spend a maximum of \$2,000 to take the band on an educational trip to Williamsburg, VA.



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Dr. Brock Phillips explains to his feline friend, Fancy, why house cats must have rabies shots. Phillips will be on duty at the Dallas Kiwanis Club's annual rabies clinic for dogs and cats April 23 at the Dallas Township building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shots are \$6 and are required by law for both cats and dogs. Pets attending the clinic must be on leashes or in carriers.

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Wells

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is insufficient and unreliable. They want to drill their own wells, according to attorney Erik Dingle.

Kingston Township is the only area municipality to require homeowners within 150 feet of a public water system to use it instead of drilling a well. It is also the only area municipality to require developers to either tie their subdivisions into an existing water system or to drill a common well to supply its residents, an ordinance enacted in 1993.

"In Luzerne County, anyone can drill a well, but in Kingston Township they can't," Dingle said.

Township zoning officer Ben Gorey said there are three different ordinances which require that new subdivisions either connect to a public water supply or establish their own common systems. Gorey said the regulations were created because the supervisors were concerned that many separate wells near one another might draw each other down and seriously affect the water table.

Violations are subject to fines of up to \$500 per day. Gorey said Tuesday he hadn't discussed the legal ramifications of the Cedar Lane property owners' lawsuit with supervisors yet. The regulations haven't been tested before.

Residents in other three subdivisions in the township have drilled wells, Dingle added. Wells are allowed at Maple Crest, which predates the zoning ordinance. Crane's Landing and several homes in a new subdivision on Manor Drive developed by Scott Parkhurst also have wells, he said.

"There are exceptions everywhere in Kingston Township," he said. "We are the only development where the ordinance is being enforced. There must be something wrong here."

Dingle has filed an injunction in Luzerne County court to prevent the township from enforcing the water supply ordinance.

Named as complainants are Genoa Lane residents John and Patricia Thomas Richard Szatkowski and his wife, Karen Pyros; Tiller Lane residents Erik Dingle and Thomas Delehanty and his wife, Kay Strickland; Breeze Way residents Manuel and Elaine Evans, David and Ellen Smith and Jeff and Theresa Pyros.

Residents have been getting their water for free from the common well owned, by Cedar Lane

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Affected homeowner

Associates and operated by United Service Associates in Scranton.

However, United Service Associates recently applied to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for permission to charge each household \$850 per year for water because of increasing costs.

"You can't supply affordable water to just a few households any more," Dingle said. "The costs are much too high - one test for carcinogens alone costs about \$2,000, and the government requires many different tests."

The system's total storage consists of two small tanks with a capacity of 500 to 1,000 gallons, Dingle said. Dingle said John Moreck, the system's owner, said he will install a 25,000 gallon storage tank if the PUC approves the rate request.

Several residents told *The Dallas Post* last year that one reason they had moved to Cedar Lane was because developer Len Wal-lach had told them plenty of good, clean water would be available.

During the summer the water pressure drops noticeably between 7 and 11 p.m., they said. Sometimes the water has gone off until after midnight, preventing them from taking showers before going to bed.

Even with water rationing, there wasn't enough water pressure in the summer to take a shower during the evening, neighbors said.

In July, 1993, Cedar Lake experienced five water outages in July alone.

When the system goes out or runs low, United Service Associates tells residents not to use their water outside, and has threatened to shut off anyone caught doing it, residents say.

The water problems are most noticeable in the development's highest points - the upper end of Tiller Road and Breeze Way.

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