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## 3 board members stepping down

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**DALLAS** - Three school board members have decided not to seek reelection, at least for now.

Ellen Nagy, Dr. Richard Coslett and Clarence Michael haven't ruled out seeking office in the future, but feel it's time for some new blood on the school board.

They also need a rest. To do a school board member's work properly requires a large investment of time, between attending

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meetings and keeping up with written material.

"I'll miss it. It's been an honor," said Mrs. Nagy, who served for eight years.

She wants to work in education in a more "hands-on" manner, possibly by volunteering in the

valley's adult literacy program.

It takes lots of extra time to do a good job on the school board, attending meetings and work sessions, mountains of outside reading and using vacation time for school board activities, she said.

"I didn't come in with a personal agenda or specific issues that I wanted to see addressed," she said. "I really tried to bring honesty and an apolitical approach to my work."

Voting on school issues has

always been a challenge because a school director doesn't have the time to solicit public opinions on every single issue, she added.

As an elected official, a school board member must always ask herself, "Should I vote for what I think is best, although some of my constituents will disagree, or should I vote the way a vocal group of constituents wants me to?" Nagy said.

Her solution was to research major issues as extensively as possible, then vote for what she

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Ellen Nagy

Outgoing school board member



ELLEN NAGY

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thought was best for the district.

"I might consider running again sometime in the future, but right now I need a couple of years'

## School's still in after 25 years

By JACK HILSHER  
Post Correspondent

It is difficult to say who has appreciated Trucksville Nursery School the most...pupils who attended or parents who sent them! Now that it has been 25 years since Rev. Charles Gomer and his wife Viola first organized the school, there are memories which still seem fresh, and both groups - pupils and parents alike - say the same thing: "It seems like yesterday I remember those happy days so well."

Ex-pupil Alisa Merolli of Lehigh Street in Shavertown, now 18 and a senior at Dallas High, recalls "those walks down to the dairy." Alisa says, "I used to love doing that...we'd feed the ducks and look right into a cow's eyes! I must have been only three or four, but I was thrilled every time."

Cynthia Das of Church Hill Road in Trucksville sent all three of her children to the school...Lisa, now 21 and a junior at Temple hoping to be a psychologist; Runa, 18, a senior at Lake-Lehman heading for Temple in the fall and possibly engineering; and Ann, 16, a sophomore at Lake-Lehman. Their

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### Serving the public

Back Mountain Police Association members Tim Carroll and Wayman Miers manned the grill at the group's annual all-you-can-eat breakfast to benefit the Association for Retarded Citizens April 23. The men dished out more than 550 meals - mountains of French toast, ham, scrambled eggs and home fries - in four hours.

## Hasty meeting attracts few

Harveys Lake 'information session' improper, says media lawyer

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**HARVEYS LAKE** - The borough council held an unadvertised meeting, and almost nobody came.

The meeting, which was called "a public information session," by the council solicitor, as held April 18 at the request of concert promoter Thom Greco, to discuss his plans for crowd and traffic control, security and sanitation at the amphitheater, along with other public concerns.

The meeting time had originally been set for 6:30 p.m., and was supposed to be closed to the public and the press, secretary Carole Samson said that afternoon.

The Dallas Post learned later that day that the meeting had been rescheduled to 6 p.m.

"This is a public information session only, and is open to the public," said solicitor Charles McCormick as he opened the meeting. "Because it's not an organized meeting, there's no need

*"This did not meet the criteria for a meeting. We didn't transact any business."*

Charles McCormick

Harveys Lake council solicitor

*"It was a deliberation of public policy and should have been advertised."*

Theresa Vitzthum

Legal counsel for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Ass'n

for minutes to be kept. You may take notes if you wish."

Council members Ed Kelly, Joseph Miscavage, Martin Noon,

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## Not what it used to be, Grange still lives

By JACK HILSHER  
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How would you answer the question, "What is a 'grange'?" You would probably - like the most of us - head for the nearest dictionary where you would learn Grange (this time capitalized) is "an organization of farmers for the improvement of their welfare."

Not any more. Although this is "Grange Week," celebrated by about 4,000 local Grange groups in 37 states, farmer members are not too prevalent. At least that's the case at our local Mountain Grange #567 in Carverton.

There, head honcho Ralph Beane (they are called "Masters" in the Grange) is an ex-Marine. Mountain's secretary is a gracious lady of considerable years, Melinda Sutton of Carverton Road. And the chairperson of a forthcoming (April 29) craft show in the Grange Hall is Freda Roskos, housewife. Not a farmer in sight!

For a fraternal organization designed by and for farmers they seem to be conspicuous by their absence. So too are young people. Grange groups used to attract all ages and the kids were always around doing something, but as Master Beane says, "That was before TV!"

Beane adds, "You could call us fraternal still, even though the original farming premise is wearing thin. And although you could not term us exactly as healthy, I myself believe the small farm is on the way back, and when that happens, granges will rebound too."

Secretary Sutton, now a spry 88, may be a symbol of a Grange

Ralph Beane, left, is Master of Mountain Grange 567. He is shown with his wife, Janet, county grange secretary



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**MEETING PLACE** - Mountain Grange 567 meets in this building in Carverton, the group's third home. The previous two burned down.

problem - that of needing a transfusion of younger Grangers. She says, "In my case, I have been the secretary for 40 years and frankly I'm tired. We have about 25 members and only a dozen show up at meetings. I don't know how long it can continue. Our dues are only \$15 per year, but we give \$10 of that to the state...you can't do much with what's left."

Master Beane says Grange ties remain strong. If say, a member suffers some loss through a catastrophic event, the word gets out to other Granges and replacement

money pours in. He admits many men today are not interested. Freda Roskos says pretty much the same thing: "When I was a girl the hall was filled with activities. Dinners were crowded, children were everywhere. Today everything is different. It's sad."

Probably the youngest member of #567 is Steven Krzanowski of Carverton Road. Steve is 27 and has been a Granger since he was 16. He's not a farmer, he's a machinist, and his dad Stanley was Grangemaster for almost 20 years. Steve says, "He was an ideal

### Mountain Grange Craft Show Sat., April 29 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Master. He knew people and he knew a lot of them; he always had his pulse on the community and they turned to him for help."

The first Grange was founded in 1867 by a government clerk named Kelley. Kelley had toured the South for the Department of Agriculture and he saw how farmers were poor and discouraged. He believed a fraternal order would help them communicate and educate them to better ways of doing things.

In 1868 Kelley started forming local Granges in Minnesota. The movement grew and by 1875 there were 21,000 Granges with a total of 850,000 members. They caused a lot of helpful laws to be passed and to this day continue legislative, educational and community service programs from their Washington headquarters. National membership has dwindled to about 300,000.

Mountain Grange Hall on the corner of Mt. Olivet Rd. and 8th Street was twice destroyed by fire, and today's neat functional building testifies to the determination of its members. They may just overcome that sluggish membership yet.

Mountain Grange's annual Craft Show will be held on April 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome... especially new members!

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**JACKSON TOWNSHIP** - At a special meeting April 24 the supervisors opened seven bids for excavation and leveling of a 360' by 225' site behind the municipal building for sports practice fields.

Bear Creek Nursery was the apparent low bidder, at \$44,739.

The supervisors voted to table the bids for audit and review by project engineer Jack De Fazio.

Chairman Walter Glogowski said he hopes the supervisors will

act on the bids at their regular May 1 meeting.

The site will include practice fields for soccer, softball and baseball, for the use of various Back Mountain sports organizations, according to recreation commission member Karen Whipple.

Future plans include a basketball hoop and children's playground, she added.

No target dates have been set for the beginning of construction or use by the community.

### Force 10

Kingston Twp. adds 2 police officers, bringing the total force to 10. Page 3.

### He's got attitude

Jeff Chopick's winning approach makes him Dallas volleyball captain. Page 9.

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