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Six candidates vie for four council openings

3 Democrats face off with 3 Republicans at Harveys Lake

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE - Four seats on the borough council are up for grabs in the November 7 election.

While incumbent Martin Noon breezed through the primary, Joseph Miscavage didn't receive enough votes to get on the ballot.

The Harveys Lake Democratic

Party has endorsed Noon, Isla Spock, Elizabeth West and William Wilson.

Seeking his second term, Noon wants to work for progress in the community. "I want to work with the council to make our good community even better," he said.

He's proud of the borough's accomplishments during his first four-year term: avoiding a tax increase, keeping the budget under control, paving or laying

tar and chips on borough roads, buying a new cruiser and computer for the police department, improving the road department, obtaining a federal grant for the lake study and setting up the Back Mountain's first voluntary curbside recycling program, which reduces the waste hauling contract by about \$300 each month.

He also worked closely with residents at the Outlet to convince the state to help remove the

beavers and their structures, which caused Harveys Creek to rise and flood back yards and Outlet Drive.

Another major topic of interest is the Harveys Lake Protective Association's study to determine who actually owns the bottom of the lake, an issue which will affect every dock and lakefront property owner in the borough, he said.

"My goals are to continue all our programs," he said. "They're all very important. I want to make the borough as safe and progressive as possible and avoid raising

taxes, which haven't changed in at least 12 years."

He estimated that he spends about 10 hours a week on borough business and discussing problems with residents.

"I plan to continue to work hard for the borough," he said. "There's a lot of work to be done."

Isla Spock

Already very active in the community, Isla Spock is running for council so she can do more.

"I want to give back to the community some of the many good

things I have received over the years," she said. "Harveys Lake is a very special, unique community. By working in the borough office, I have learned about borough issues first-hand and understand many of the people's concerns."

Her goals are to expand programs for senior citizens and youth and improve the police department.

"The senior citizens used to

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Supervisor post up for grabs

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

JACKSON TOWNSHIP - Republican John "Jay" Wilkes, Jr., is challenging incumbent Democrat Andrew Kasko for his seat on the board of supervisors.

Kasko, who is responsible for the road department, wants to continue his work upgrading the township roads. A retired heavy equipment operator, Coast Guard veteran and former police officer, says he has donated hundreds of hours to the township helping the road crew.

During Kasko's term the township obtained state grants to purchase radios and office equipment and a block grant to build a soccer practice field behind the township building - all at no cost to the taxpayers.

As a member of the SCID Concerned Citizens' Committee, he was part of the team which enlisted area legislators to obtain state funding to build a pipeline between the prison and the Ceasetown Reservoir. The prison now uses the pipeline for half of its water needs instead of pumping nearly 500,000 gallons of water per day from its four wells, which neighbors felt threatened their

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Ricky Wentzel, 10, of Dallas, is an enthusiastic visitor at the weekly bingo games held at the Idetown fire hall. The game is played every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., with early birds welcome at 5:30. Refreshments are provided from a full-service kitchen in the hall. More photos on page 3.

Family of six faces loss of their home to fire

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

Charles and Tina Young salvaged what little was worth saving from their Lower Demunds Road home Oct. 18, a day after it was gutted by fire. It wasn't much, a few singed books and toys were all that remained from the burned-out interior of the home Charles Young had lived in his entire life.

The couple bought the home from Charles Young's father two years ago. Charles said he thought his family, which included his parents and three sisters, had lived there since 1962.

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BMT Kiwanis Club raising funds, goods

The Back Mountain Kiwanis Club announced a fundraiser to help the family. The club has set up an account at Franklin First Savings Bank on Route 309 for anyone wishing to make a donation to help the Youngs. They are also accepting donations of household goods and clothing at the Chili Willie's restaurant on Memorial Highway in Dallas. Anyone wishing more information may call 675-7580.

Police awaiting evidence reports in fatal accident

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

DALLAS TOWNSHIP - The coroner has not determined the manner of death of a Plains woman killed in an accident October 11.

According to an autopsy performed by Luzerne County coroner Dr. George Hudock, Melissa Pollock, 22, died from multiple traumatic injuries and a fractured and dislocated neck after being thrown from the side door of a Chevrolet Blazer operated by Patrick James Brown, III, into a garage owned by Leslie Hoover around 11 p.m. Police recovered her body from the building's rafters.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by deputy coroner Joseph Shaver.

"We have a cause of death, but the coroner hasn't ruled on the manner of death, which will be either accidental or homicide, depending on the outcome of the investigation," said Dallas Twp. police chief Carl Miers. "Depending on what we find during the

investigation, we may file charges."

The Brown vehicle had hit the front of a Chevrolet Nova operated by Joseph Pilcavage, which it was trying to pass, police said. Brown apparently lost control of the Blazer, which then left the roadway and hit the wooden side wall of the block garage, which collapsed onto a Honda Prelude parked inside. The Brown vehicle then began to climb the debris of the garage, ejecting Pollock, and coming to rest upright against a Chevrolet Malibu parked at the rear of the building.

The Pilcavage vehicle slid along the guardrails of the highway, flipped, skidded on its roof, struck a utility pole and the front roof post of the Hoover garage, coming to rest on its roof on the south berm of the highway.

Pilcavage and the other passengers in the Nova, Jessica Fritsky, 22, of Dallas and Robert Shotwell, 25, of Shavertown, had originally told police that Fritsky was driving the car, but later

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As new plan looms, a scramble to rezone

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - In a rush to get subdivision plans approved before a new zoning ordinance is enacted, the planning commission addressed a lengthy agenda at its October 17 meeting.

Five applications were tabled for further study by solicitor Joseph Vullo until the November 11 meeting. They are:

Bella Mundana, a 25-lot subdivision located partially in Exeter Township between Miller, Culver Hill and Sutton Creek roads. Developer John Giambra,

trading as JMG, asked the commission to guarantee it would accept a new design plan involving between 12 and 15 lots, nine of which would have individual septic units and the rest tied into a large communal sand mound septic unit.

"The new plan will impact less on the land," Giambra said.

The original plan had called for 25 homes to be tied into a sewage treatment plant which would discharge into Sutton Creek, a well-known area trout stream. It had received conditional approval from Franklin Township, with a long list of requirements to be met, but was turned down by Exeter Town-

ship until eight provisions, most dealing with protection of well water and Sutton Creek, were dealt with.

After the meeting secretary Sandra Race gave the design plan to Vullo, who said the township won't give Giambra any guarantees because he didn't submit new engineering plans to go with it.

Tall Pine Estates, a 16-lot major subdivision on Orange Road, with each home having its own on-site septic unit, owned by Willard Bullock.

Neighbors Don Roskos and Joseph Chollak told the commission they are concerned that if any of the development's septic

units fail, the creek separating their properties from Bullock's and Lake Louise will become polluted.

The Nadzan minor subdivision, involving two lots on Ransom Road.

The initial review of the Maude Earl estate, involving a total of 114.35 acres contained in two separate parcels separated by Bodle Road.

Chadsford Estates I and II, owned by Ann Marie McAvoy, on Coon Road, because of a question of a 10-foot utility easement along the boundary with the Iaconna subdivision.

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Meeting notice may have been short of legal requirements

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - Accusing the supervisors of breaking the state's Sunshine Law at their hastily called October 9 meeting, Jay Futch told the planning commission all the business it has transacted since that date is illegal.

The supervisors had called a special meeting October 9 at 3 p.m. to appoint Steuben Granger to the planning commission.

Although a notice of the meeting was advertised 24 hours ahead of time in a daily newspaper, Futch says it wasn't posted at the township building.

"I always post meeting notices at my office prior to the meetings," said secretary Sandra Race. "Jay was in here one day but I can't remember if I had the notice up when he was here."

Futch said he, Ray Rybka, Martin Murray and supervisor Bill Miller went to the township building right after the meeting and couldn't find the notice.

"All meeting notices must be posted in a place that's accessible to the public," said Theresa Vitzthum, legal consultant for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association, who called the failure to post the meeting a minor violation. "I can't fault them for their creativity - posting it in a

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Steuben Granger Planning board member

locked building - but I can fault them for their noncompliance. They shouldn't be allowed to get away with it."

"Obviously some of the residents feel that compliance with the Sunshine Law is important to the public interest," she added.

"Also, you held the meeting at 3 p.m., a very inconvenient time for anyone who has a job to attend," Futch added. "I suggest you recommend the supervisors to properly empanel Steuben Granger and to reconsider all decisions made at the October 10 and 17 meetings because they are illegal. This isn't a personal attack on Mr. Granger. The supervisors must follow the letter of the law - this shoots you in the patoot."

"It makes no difference," Granger fired back. "We didn't do anything anyway."

Futch said he has spoken to

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Ghoul parade

The Annual Dallas Kiwanis Halloween parade will be held Sunday, Pg 8.

BMT rules Dallas and Lehman will square off for field hockey district title Saturday, Pg 9.

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