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## Board has choice of three spots for new school building

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**DALLAS** - At its work session Dec. 9, the Dallas School Board met and decided not to vote on a location for the proposed new Dallas elementary school. Quad Three Group Incorporated, the project engineers, presented three different locations for the school, all for the 100-acre main campus.

Board members felt they did not have enough information to make an informed

decision. They will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 to select a location.

Quad Three proposed three possible locations for the new school. Location "A" stands at the intersection of Hildebrand Rd. and Conyngham Ave.. This location would necessitate relocating a soccer field.

Location "B" is in the area between the middle school and the current elementary school. Using this spot might necessitate relocating an existing baseball field. Quad Three is waiting for a survey report to know for sure.

*"It's a process. Decisions need to be made in order to move the process along."*

Joel K. Sims  
Quad Three Group

Location "C" is placed west of the middle school where the tennis courts are stand. Some members of the board felt they were being pressured to vote too soon

without sufficient information. "I feel uncomfortable being forced to answer tonight," said Thomas Landon, board member. "We have a lot to answer." The public showed their agreement with this statement by applauding Landon's statement.

Quad Three explained that the decision is necessary to move the planning process forward, but a schedule is not etched in stone. "It's a process. Decisions need to be made in order to move the process along," said Joel K. Sims.

Quad Three. "But, we certainly want you to be comfortable with your decision and will meet with you anytime to discuss it."

Reese Finn, school board member, was concerned about the finality of the whole project in regards to the projected number of students. "What can you do to accommodate if there is an error in your calculations of the projected number of students and you need more room, which doesn't seem to be available?" asked Finn.

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## Crowds turn out for benefit

More than 900 people attend, raise \$4,000

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**LEHMAN** - The community came together in full force Saturday evening for a fund raising spaghetti dinner on behalf of Joyce Coolbaugh and her family.

On Dec. 7 at Lehman High School, 925 people attended in a dinner to benefit Coolbaugh, an employee of the Lake-Lehman School District. Mrs. Coolbaugh is being treated for a spinal cord injury suffered in a recent car accident. The total for night came to 795 paying adults and 200 children, who were let in free. The event raised more than \$4,000.

In addition to the \$5 dinner, which included fresh bread, salad and dessert, there was a raffle and Chinese auction. The raffle drawing will be held on Super Bowl Sunday. All proceeds go to the Joyce Coolbaugh Community Fund to help the family make

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## THREE LITTLE 'DEERS'

Alicia Roncevich, Tara Puffenberger and Peter Recchia played reindeer in the annual Christmas play presented Sunday by the

Gate of Heaven School kindergarten class. Turn to page 13 for photos of the first grade play.

POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

## Firehouse plan moves forward

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - Having overcome a lawsuit by local residents, the Dallas Fire Department will construct a new building at Center Hill and Irem Rd. in Dallas. The department, which bought the land there approximately 20 years ago, received its building permit Oct. 16.

Many neighbors of the new site did not want the department to build near them and filed suit in May 1995. The department won the court decision in September and construction on the new firehouse is slated to begin in spring 1997.

Fire department members are excited about the new building and are thankful to the public for its support over the years. "The community has donated at our fund drives over the years and we are very grateful for all that they've done," said Brett Slocum, volunteer fireman and chairman of the building committee.

It will be very beneficial for both the community and department to grow with the area Slocum said. "We're very excited about the new building. It's been 70

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## With Hayfield Barn gone, an era ends

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**LEHMAN** - To an unsuspecting passerby, it may just look like the charred remnants of another old barn. But, for many local residents, the loss of the Hayfield Barn marked the end of an era. The barn has been a memorable part of Lehman history and its destruction saddened the community it served.

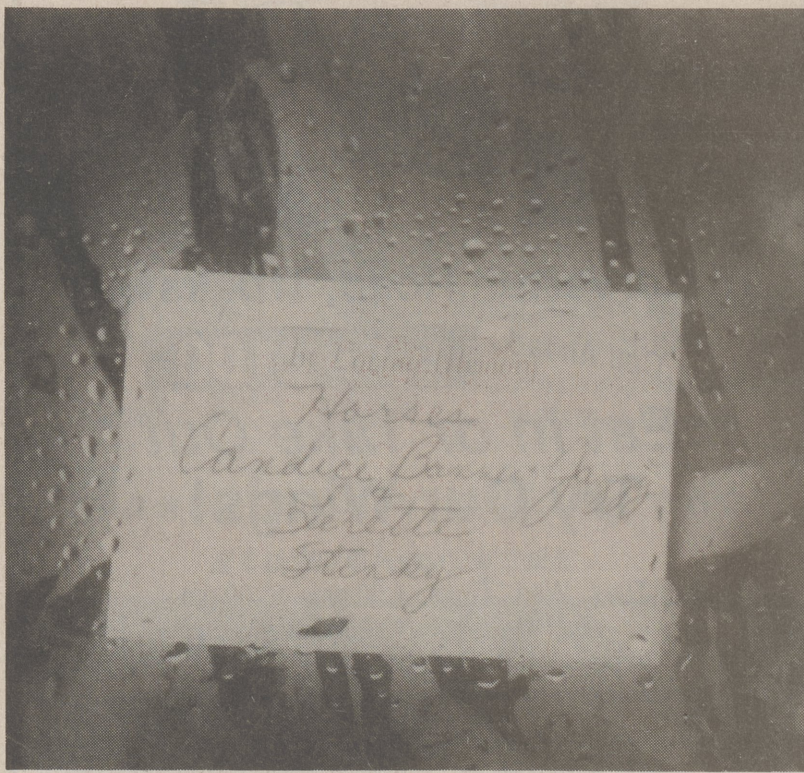
The barn caught fire in the early morning of Dec. 2. It was completely destroyed by the blaze, which also killed three horses that were boarded. The barn had a rich history of grandeur that dates back to the early part of this century.

*"You felt like you were in a place in a magazine. It was definitely a special place."*

Annie Root  
Lehman

In 1910 John Conyngham, a Scotsman, purchased 700 acres in Lehman and proceeded to create a beautiful farm, showcasing a variety of animals. Conyngham recreated his native land by bringing its craftsmanship to Lehman.

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Someone left a wreath in memory of the horses that died when the Hayfield barn burned Dec. 2.

POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

## Clinic provides free medical care for those who need it

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**SHAVERTOWN** - In an age when medical insurance is becoming more expensive and more difficult to obtain, a local clinic is providing much needed medical care.

St. Therese's Church Rectory offers a free medical clinic every Friday for those in need. The volunteer run clinic provides acute medical care to area residents who

either have no health insurance or who are underinsured. The clinic also refers patients to appropriate health care resources. The clinic is headed by Dr. Fred Bloom along with five other doctors, 10 nurses and 12 clerical volunteers who donate their time every Friday.

"A lot of people fall through the cracks and this is a great place to help out with sprained ankles,

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## Local couples cut a rug in ballroom dancing club

By JACK HILSHER  
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**SHAVERTOWN** - One of America's disappearing art forms may have begun to reappear ... ballroom dancing. Back Mountain members of an association devoted to that resurgence are doing their best to make it happen and are having a lot of fun in the process.

If this sounds interesting and all you want to do is the fox trot, then the Big Band Society is all you need. But if you aspire to

something a little better, like say, the tango, then have we got the group for you!

It goes by the initials USABDA. Spelled out that's the "United States Amateur Ballroom Dancing Association," and we are in the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter's territory which extends to Berwick, where President Barry Juda admits, "We cover a lot of dance floor."

Juda's chapter has over 80 members, about a baker's dozen of which are from the Back Mountain. He says, "We're a little differ-

*"It's a great evening out with congenial people sharing a common interest."*

Edward Crafts  
Shavertown

ent from the Big Banders. We have both feet on the floor and they have one foot in the hereafter."

After laughing he quickly adds,

"I'm only kidding, of course. But we do have variety. And we sure aren't as crowded on the dance floor. Plus, and this is a big plus, where else can you mambo, tango, samba or rumba? Where can you even find that music? But we've got it all."

The Crafts of Pioneer Avenue (Arlene is the chapter treasurer) are enthusiastic members. Arlene says, "Where else can you have this much fun and good food too, for only 40 bucks a couple?"

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