

## Candidates

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Although issues such as security and drug prevention are being addressed, other issues that were once discussed have never come up again. Kyle cites problems with intensified scheduling that were reported to the board last spring and lack of space at the high school. "I don't know that they are making any effort to get the community involved at an early stage," she said. "It's hard to come to a school board meeting and feel you have anything to offer when they don't try to include people in what they are doing."

Kyle said she does not have a problem with the random drug testing of athletes or the use of canines. "I don't think they're singling them out. I think it protects the athletes. It shouldn't be looked on as negative," she said.

As a mother of two children in the district, she supports the board's efforts. "I like the fact they want to take a hard stand. It will make people aware they can't reach our students on campus," she said.

Kyle also supports security measures taken this year. "Although it's an inconvenience, it's a necessary evil," she said. "They are protecting our children. I think it can be done in a friendly way."

Kyle is thrilled the board voted in Ellen Nagy. "It's important to keep the board balanced," she said.

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Karen Z. Kyle

Unlike Kyle, Barbose thinks if one athlete is to be tested for drugs, then so should the entire school including the administration, teachers and other district employees. "Drug testing has to be done. If it includes the entire student body, it's no problem," said Barbose, who has three children in the district. He is a project manager at American Asphalt.

Barbose thinks the board is making a good first step, but should not discriminate against one group of students.

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Anthony Barbose

He agrees canines are a good deterrent for drugs on the campus. "The district has the right to find out what is on their property," he said.

Barbose is all for the security systems in place at all the schools. "Anything as far as safety of kids is worthwhile. If it helps the kids, I'm 100 percent for it," he said.

Barbose thinks the board needs to give taxpayers more input on issues. "It's the taxpayers' school and they should listen more to the taxpayers," he said.

"I think I can bring a bigger ear to the board and listen to what different people have to say. I want to hear the story from all sides."

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Frank Natitus

Frank Natitus, who initially ran with Barbose, Steve Wengen and Ted Wright under the name, "Four for Our Kids," is interested in bridging the gap between board members and the public. "I would try to do the best possible job to make rational decisions and let the public be involved as much as possible," he said. "It's a public district, it's not mine, it's not the school board's."

Natitus does not like the idea of any individual being singled out for drug testing, but he thinks the use of dog searches of the school is a good tactic. "I think something had to be done," he said, referring to drugs on campus.

Natitus said anyone willing to put their time and effort into the school, deserves a shot on the board. "I think it is positive that people are looking to be involved," he said of his opponents. "It gives people a choice when they go to vote."

Maureen Banks was not available for an interview at press time.

The election will be held November 4.



Amand and Matthew Blum won Best Group at last year's parade.

## Halloween parade, party Sunday

The annual Halloween parade, sponsored by the Dallas Kiwanis club, will take place Sunday, Oct. 26.

Children will assemble for the parade at noon at the Old Dallas Twp. school on Church St. Groups will be judged at 12:30, and the parade will begin at 1 p.m. Children will march down Church St. to the Eastern Star building, which is located behind CVS on Foster St.

Volunteer judges from the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association will

select winners in five categories: Most Original; Funniest; Best Group; Prettiest, and Ugliest. Winners will receive cash prizes. The party will follow.

In the event of rain, the parade will be held in the gymnasium at the old school.

The business association will again sponsor a party for children marching in the parade.

The party will be held in the Eastern Star building immediately following costume judging. It will include a discjockey, doughnuts, cider and prizes for the children.

## Deer hunt at Frances Slocum

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will conduct a regulated antlerless deer hunt at Frances Slocum State Park, Luzerne County, Dec. 15, to help control the deer population within the park.

The one day hunt is for antlerless whitetail deer only, and will be conducted in areas not normally open to hunting. To ensure the safety of all park visitors, the park will be closed to all other activities this day.

To participate, hunters must hold a Luzerne County antlerless license, as well as a special state park permit. Only manually operated shotguns or muzzleloading firearms will be allowed, though they may be any type caliber. The hunt will be limited to 40 hunters, chosen by random drawing.

Fickes, director of the Bureau

of State Parks, explained that the excessive deer herd is destroying park vegetation.

He said after the hunts at other state parks, the park staff usually see a return of long absent wildflowers, shrubs, and small trees.

Safety zones, no hunting areas and park boundaries will be posted and strictly enforced.

Extra park rangers, Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel and the State Police will be stationed throughout the park area during these hunts.

For more information about the regulated hunts, call 696-3525.

## Recycling

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would work together and create a solid waste and recycling program," said Box. "The best way to do that was to give the authority to recycling to DAMA they picked up the ball."

Box said the three municipalities exhausted all other options before the decision was made. "We discussed how to do this between cost estimates of hiring people and buying equipment ourselves. Buying a \$50,000 recycling truck for this small town didn't make much sense," said Box.

At first, many people were upset by the decision because they did not want to give up their private haulers. "There was a lot of opposition to what we had done. Several people claimed we had no right to take away their private hauler," said Box. There were meetings held about the situa-

tion, but no resolution was made. "A lot of things had to be ironed out at first. It was a transitional period," said Milton Lutsey, Dallas Borough manager.

Box said using DAMA has proved less expensive for most people. The cost started at \$136 per household for two bags a week and unlimited recyclables, he said. Now it is around \$112. "Most people were paying between \$200 and \$250 a year just for trash," said Box. He does acknowledge that there are some households that pay more.

"The cost seems to get less every year because of the recycling," said Lutsey.

The program is going well in Kingston Township, Box said. This year 27 percent of the township's total waste was recyclables.

"I think everyone has a responsibility to renew and reuse. It benefits everyone," said Box.

## Other towns

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Jersey where we were used to recycling," said Thomas, who is a self described environmentalist.

"The township supervisors were very supportive. Township trucks and workers take recycling to various places," she said.

Thomas said she was happy to receive recognition from the county. "I think they are really promoting recycling," she said.

Harveys Lake Borough provides a recycling service for its residents at no charge. The borough received a \$55,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources last year to purchase a truck and trailer. The trailer is already in service and the truck should be in by March, said Carole Samson, borough secretary.

The borough has been doing its own curbside

recycling since 1991 when it received its first grant. "We purchased a truck and trailer with that grant money. In order to receive this new grant we had to give our truck and trailer to Lake Township," said Samson.

Although they did not win county recognition this year, Samson is hopeful for the future. "We were close, maybe next year," she said.

People who live in Jackson Twp. and Lehman Twp. must set up recycling with their independent haulers.

Rick and Sue Makara of Lehman recycle through their hauler. "We just inquired about it at Searles Trucking. It doesn't cost any extra and they were cheaper," said Sue Makara. "It would be good if the township (provided curbside service.) It might get more people to recycle," she said.

## Everett publishes, Gaydos presents

Poetry by Maureen Ann Everett is included in Morning Song, a collection published by the National Library of Poetry.

Her poem is entitled "Sunday Morning."

Christopher Gaydos has presented his publication, "Using the Internet for Triple-blind Research Studies."

Gaydos, who holds an undergraduate degree in research psychology from Penn State and a master's degree from East Carolina University, will pursue a doctorate in Utah. He is the son of Maureen Everett of Long Beach, North Carolina and Frank Gaydos of Charlotte.

Both Maureen and Chris were born and raised in the Back Mountain.

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