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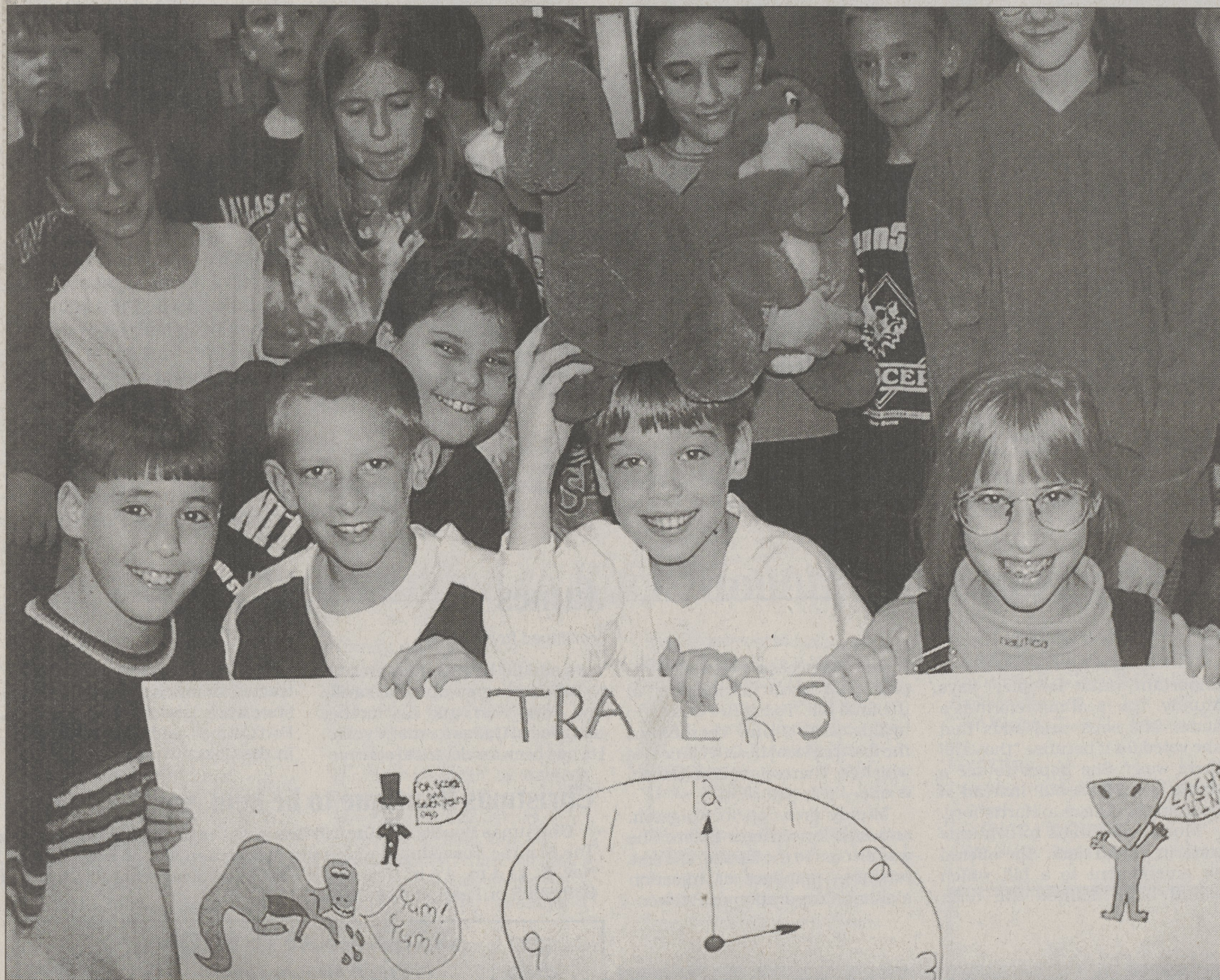
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Fall fun

Dallas Elementary School held a "Fall Fracas" last week, a replacement for the annual Halloween parade, which could not be held because of construction around the school grounds. "Traver's Time Travelers" was one of the groups involved. From left, first row,

Michael Race, Ben Thomas, Ben Chopka, Dan Savage, Brittany Prater. Second row, Lisa Giacometti, Kelly Murphy, Maria Gialonella, Alyse Miller. Back, Alex Harding, Joe Lambert, Ronnie Shendi. More photos on page 7.

Familiar opponents square off in 120th

By MEIRA ZUCKER
Post Correspondent

James touts business background, school choice

HARDING - One attempt was not enough for Republican William "Call me Bill" James in trying to unseat his Democratic opponent. After receiving 35 percent of the vote two years ago, James is again spreading his small business owner, school choice, pro-life message in his goal to get to Harrisburg.

James, a Harding resident, and a former Forty Fort councilman, has gained from his experiences in raising his children, volunteering in their organizations, and becoming locally active. He now hopes to bring these experiences to Harrisburg.

When the Forty Fort Park needed new lighting, James volunteered his time and his company to work with UGI to provide evening lights. His own eyes light up when describing how the children there are now able to have evening basketball games. "It all goes back to the youths," says James.

James, father of five, sends his children to Wyoming Area schools, although he is a proponent of school choice. "I believe that somewhere along the line the government should give money to people who send their kids elsewhere," says James. Parents set the basis for their children to want an education, argues James, and school choice would create a more positive environment for everyone.

James also hopes to abolish the inheritance tax, develop teacher recertification plans, and privatize the state liquor stores. "I believe DUI penalties should be stronger," he says, and feels both drug and alcohol

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WILLIAM JAMES

Mundy proud of 8 years' accomplishments

KINGSTON - After eight years as State Representative, Phyllis Mundy radiates the confidence and poise of a seasoned legislator. Yet she remains close to the needs and desires of her constituents. Mundy worked to maintain the Wyoming Crime Lab, so that local law enforcement would not have to travel to Allentown for a laboratory. As chairperson of the Northeast Democratic Delegation, Mundy attacks regional issues such as insurance rate increases and telephone area code changes.

Mundy is a member of the House Education, Appropriation, and Economic Development Committees, and has been accused by her opponent of missing many meetings. Mundy questions his numbers and sources.

James' criticisms of her attendance record rangles Mundy. "He's got nothing to talk about," she says, "and he is just plain wrong." Mundy's numbers, based on the chief clerk's records, show different, and better, attendance rates. Mundy points to her 95.65 percent attendance rate at the Economic Development Committee, the same as the chairman, as evidence of her commitment.

"I have also never missed a single day of legislative session in eight years," writes Mundy in her rebuttal. Mundy's campaign focus has been issue-oriented, with taxes, education, and health care being her top priorities.

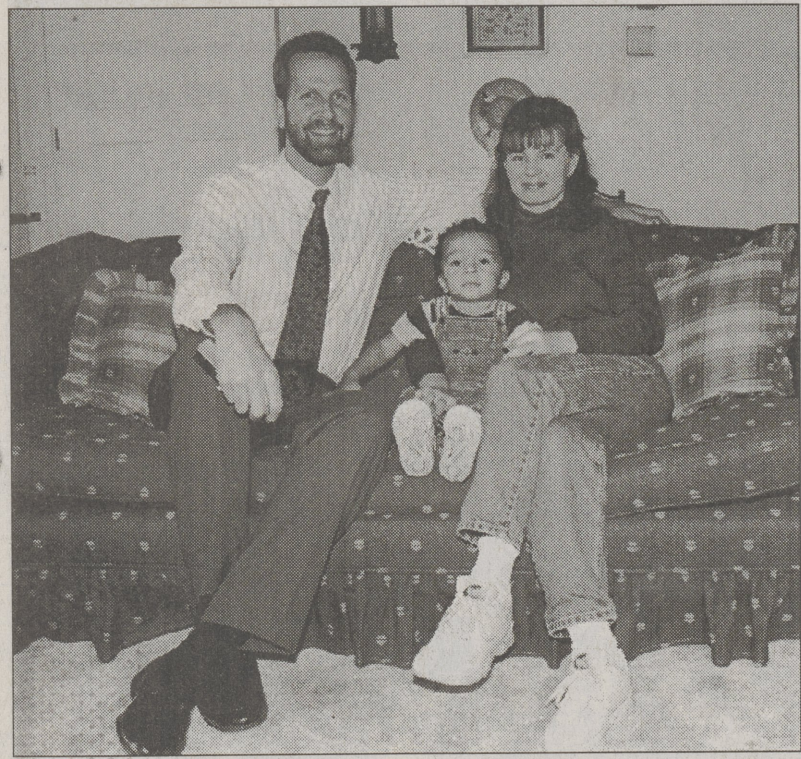
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PHYLLIS MUNDY

New pastor finds helpful congregation waiting

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
Post Staff



POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

Rev. Dennis Scheuermann, Nathon and Linda Scheuermann are settling in to is new post at the Outlet Free Methodist Church at Harveys Lake.

LEHMAN - On a rainy Saturday a few weeks ago, Rev. Dennis Scheuermann and his family drove into town and began moving into their new home. Fortunately, a congregation of people was there to help. Scheuermann's new congregation.

Some 20 members of the Outlet Free Methodist Church helped unload their new pastor and his family's belongings into the parsonage. Not only that, they painted the walls, installed carpeting and stocked the refrigerator; an extra that came in handy when two-year-old Nathon, their son, needed some milk.

"The people here are great," said Scheuermann from the Family Life Center, where services have been held since the congregation outgrew the old sanctuary across the street.

Scheuermann was called by a Free Methodist superintendent for the job after Rev. Ron Payne, who was pastor for 12 years, moved to Alaska.

"A lot of people who attended had a strong attachment to Ron. I could never replace him. I want to establish my own relationship, my own level of trust with the congregation," said Scheuermann, who was associate pastor for four years at Liberty Free Methodist in Liberty, NY.

He grew up in Pittsburgh and his wife, Linda, grew up in DuBois, PA. Both are happy to be back in their home state. Scheuermann describes Nathon as, "our joy and our delight."

The pastor graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and after three years in the U.S. Army infantry attended Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, NY.

"It was during my seminary days that I felt God was calling me to pastoring," he said.

Mrs. Scheuermann graduated from Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. "Linda is definitely a minister as much as I am," said Scheuermann of his wife. She held a women's Bible study and Christ-centered fitness

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And the winners are . . .

The annual Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade was held Sunday, and dozens of youngsters turned out to vie for prizes in several categories. At left, Kiwanian Bob Dolbear and Maryellen Giannuzzi, president of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, which helps put on the event, read a winning name. All the winners on page 5

Parents 'stay connected' at Dallas High School

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
Post Staff

DALLAS - As Sharon Bartolini, Sherry Riley, Kathy Millington and Kathy Samanas sit around a small table in the guidance office, they talk . . . and talk some more.

But these new officers of the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO) are not bickering about a teacher they do not like or trying to figure out a way to reverse a school board decision.

Instead they discuss an upcoming teacher appreciation event and programs they have created to benefit all Dallas High School students.

"This is not a political organization. Teachers are not discussed. The PTSO is here to enhance and increase self-esteem in the Dallas community," said Robyn Jones, guidance counselor.

"I joined the PTSO in order to keep a feeling of connection."

Kathy Millington
Dallas PTSO vice president

The new officers want to assure interested parents, who may have a negative perception of a parent organization, that they only concentrate on the positive.

"I'm not just sitting here for my own child," explained Kathy Millington, PTSO vice-president, who joined the PTSO to "reconnect" with her children's education.

"Personally I felt I was just floating out there. When the kids go through elementary and middle school they always need us. The

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Dallas PTSO officers, from left, Sharon Bartolini, Sherry Riley, Kathy Samanas and Kathy Millington, gathered to plan activities for the year. PTSO keeps parents involved with the high school.

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■ Ups and downs for Dallas and Lehman on the sports fields. See sports pages for photos and results.

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