

Candidate

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election for the sought after position. If the percentage of total votes is less than 10, the candidate is required to have at least 10 signatures, a figure equal to the minimum number required by major party candidates.

Jordan explained the regulations are in place to ensure candidates a level playing field. "The quota was set so that independent candidates are not disenfranchised," he said.

Gionfriddo has gained a new understanding of the intricacies of the electoral process. "I'm not a political person, so believe me this is the last thing I imagined I would be doing, but we need someone to stand up for our children," she said. "I feel there are people on the board who aren't working in the best interest of the kids."

Determined to affect a positive

change in the district, Gionfriddo sought a nomination to the board to serve the remainder of an unexpired term. The school board directors voted 5-3 to approve the nomination of Joseph Kapitula to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Karen Whipple.

Ron Payne, Robert Allardyce and Lois Kopcha cast the dissenting votes. "She (Mrs. Gionfriddo) is the mother of three children who go to school in the district; she has been to school board meetings and is aware of the issues we are facing," said Kopcha. "I for one have never seen Mr. Kapitula at one of our meetings."

Several board members indicated they were not familiar with either Kapitula or Gionfriddo. "They are full of balogna," said Gionfriddo. "I have been attending these meetings all along and I

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Sheila Gionfriddo
LL school board candidate



have personally addressed the board about a dangerous bus stop in my neighborhood. They all know who I am."

Now that her name will appear on the November ballot, Gionfriddo must make herself, and her platform, known to voters in Region 3. "In this district, anyone who has a question or concern has to deal with all this red tape," she said. "We deserve to have someone who takes this job seriously."

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the week of August 6-12:

Beverly B. Henson, vir al, to Kathleen B. Pacca, vir al, seed deed, Dallas Borough, \$78,000.
Donald Watculonis, et al, to Dianne M. Watchulonis, 119 Elizabeth Street, Dallas Borough, \$81,250.
Wyndtree Oaks, Inc. to Louis Rossetti, et ux, Lot 5 Applewood Manor, Dallas Twp., \$266,000.
George E. Meeker, et ux, to Raymond Chester Hall, 3 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$90,000.
James J. Wisniewski, et ux, to Scott A. Evans, et ux, Lot 3

Stonehedge Court, Dallas Twp., \$42,000.
John E. Halbing, III, et ux, t Jay Burkhardt, et ux, Lot 26, Dallas Twp., \$39,000.
Joseph Amato, et al, to FUNB, 2.2 acres, Dallas Twp., \$525,000.
Frank J. Barnousky, Jr., et al, to Scott A. Shafer, et ux, Lots 220-223, 218, 19C Dallas Twp., \$78,000.
John C. Metz, et al to Andrew F. Korshalla, et ux, see deed, Harveys Lake Bor., \$125,000.
Edward Higgins, executor, to David R. Chilcote, et ux, see deed Jackson Twp., \$45,000.
Anthony J. Garbush, et ux, to Micahel J. Arcangeli, et ux, Lot

63 Oak Drive, Jackson Twp., \$25,500.
Hillbrook Corportion to Leonard Kuchemba, et ux, Lot 8 Hillbrook Farms, Kingston Twp., \$50,000.
George Sellock, per atty, to Walter A. Kuharchik, et ux, 45 acres, 51 acres, Kingston Twp., \$325,000.
Russell E. Steadele, et ux, to Margie Miller, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$58,000.
William T. Levi, et ux, to Brian Meeker, 3 parcels, Lehman Twp., \$84,000.
Steven G. Alston, et ux, to Thomas M. Hutchinson, et ux, see deed, Lehman Twp., \$105,000.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Thomas Mastri, M.D., has been appointed director of gastroenterology for the eastern region of the Penn State Geisinger Health System.



Dr. Mastri earned his medical degree from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Camden, NJ. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and his fellowship in gastroenterology at the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center, in Boston, MA. Dr. Mastri is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology. A member of the American College of Physicians and the American Gastroenterology Association, he has been associated with the Penn State Geisinger Health System for eight years. He resides in Shavertown.

Michael Cramton, Trucksville, has been promoted to the position of Corporate Controller at Metz & Associates, Ltd., a provider of dining management services for health care, colleges and universities, school districts and business.



Cramton, who had been serving as the accounting manager will oversee banking relations, treasury control, and supervision of all corporate insurance contracts.

Cramton joined Metz & Associates, Ltd., in January of 1998 after having been with U.S.

Foodservice as a senior staff accountant.

Dr. William Camp, of Dallas, professor of history and department chairperson, social science at Luzerne County Community College, has been chosen to serve on the American Sociological Association (ASA) Task Force on Articulation of Sociology in Two-Year and Four-Year Sociology Programs.



The goal of the task force is to better enhance transfer of students from two-year sociology programs to four-year sociology programs.

Estella Parker-Killian has been named Continuing Education Representative at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.



In her new position, she will be building relationships with area companies to identify and meet educational and training needs. She will also plan and schedule public microcomputer programs and technical programs including AutoCAD and Geometric Tolerancing.

Parker-Killian holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Wilkes University. She resides in Shavertown with husband, Atty. Stephen B. Killian and their two daughters.

John P. Peterson, Sr. has been appointed Branch Manager of the Grange National Bank's Back Mountain office. Peterson will be replacing Lee Posten, who will be entering retirement at the end of this year.



John was previously employed by the former Franklin First Savings Bank, now M & T Bank as Branch Manager of their Dallas Township Office.

Peterson resides with his wife Jennifer and two sons John Jr. and Justin in Pittston. He is a Board Member of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association and the St. John's Lutheran Church in Pittston. He is also a Lay Reader for St. John's Church and recently was recognized by the Lehman Jackson Elementary School for participating in the Junior Achievement program.



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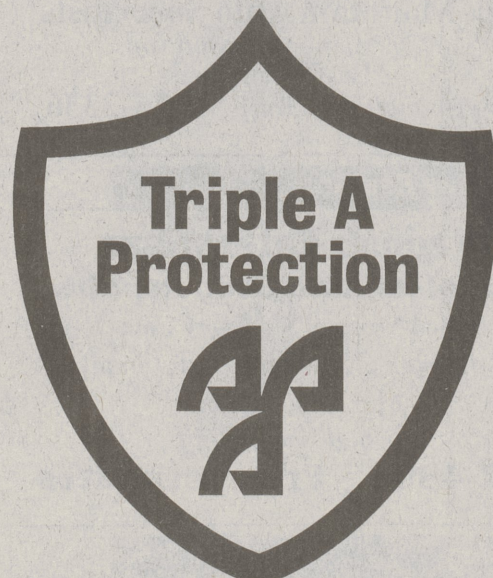
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