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Schools finding it difficult to lure new administrators

By HEATHER B. JONES
Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - Leader, disciplinarian, manager, counselor and communicator are only a few of the roles that a school administrator plays each day.

More than 40 percent of the nation's 93,200 principals are nearing retirement age and the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects openings for school administrators will increase 20 percent over the next six years. School districts are looking toward young, energetic

teachers to prepare for administrative roles. But teachers question if the added responsibilities and pressures of becoming administrators are really worth the headaches.

The Dallas School District recently found how hard it is to not only recruit administrators but to keep them.

Jim McGovern, former Dallas High School assistant principal, resigned after less than one year with the district.

He's moved into the principal position at Crestwood High School. Crestwood sought out McGovern to fill a vacant position. For McGovern it was not only a promotion but an opportunity to be closer to his family, said Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Dallas School District superintendent.

Recruiting the right administrator to fill McGovern's position concerned Frank Galicki, Dallas High School principal. In his 20 years as principal at Dallas, Galicki has now filled the assistant principal position five times.

The school district hired Mark R. Ger-

chman as the high school assistant principal. He is new to school administration but brings teaching experience and business management skills to the position. After teaching math for nine years in the Wallenpaupack School District, Gerchman feels administration is a natural career transition.

Bringing enthusiasm and a fresh perspective to Dallas, he is looking forward to filling the assistant principal position. "I've made a pretty good choice," said Gerchman after being approved by the Dallas school board for the position.

Galicki wishes more teachers had

Gerchman's excitement for taking on administrative roles.

"There isn't a day that I don't come to work energized and excited because I love the kids. I love my job because it's unpredictable. However, I see a situation developing throughout the state," said Galicki, who also serves as president of Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals.

"Young people are not being encouraged to get into administration. They're not getting into leadership roles. We

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'Old Shoe' game holds promise of excitement

By RICK NOTARI
Special to The Dallas Post

BACK MOUNTAIN - The Dallas Mountaineers are a team jockeying for position in the District 2 playoffs. The Lake-Lehman Black Knights are a team on a three-game winning streak.

Normally, those two factors take precedence at this time of the season. But there is nothing normal about the Old Shoe Game. One of the best rivalries in the Wyoming Valley will take place in the Back Mountain Saturday afternoon when Dallas travels to Lehman for a 1 p.m. showdown.

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Kiwanis Halloween Parade Sunday

The annual Halloween Parade sponsored by the Dallas Kiwanis Club will take place Sunday, Oct. 28, beginning at 12 noon. Participants should gather at the old Dallas Township school for judging in six categories. The parade will leave the Little League field area at 1 p.m. and march to the Eastern Star building. There will be prizes and candy for all.

Jason Shaver's costume, above, was judged "Ugliest" last year.



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Soccer showdown

Lake-Lehman's Jason Mahle grabbed hold of Ryan Love's shirt in the annual showdown between the two Back Mountain soccer teams Tuesday. Dallas won 5-2, completing an 18-0 regular season. More photos on pages 4 and 11.

Writing the history of the Back Mountain

By HEATHER B. JONES
Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - "You must know the story of your culture and be proud of your ancestors," said Romana Banuelos, former U.S. treasurer.

From the chatter at the first meeting of the Back Mountain Historical Association on October 18, residents already draw a great deal of pride from their ancestors. Sharing and preserving the stories of the past is the mission of the organization.

"One of the things we'll be looking for is remembrances and details that are going to be lost if we don't write them down," said Michael MacDowell, president, College Misericordia.

The newly formed association is a branch of the Luzerne County Historical Society. The association defines the Back Mountain as

stretching from Luzerne to Harveys Lake. Meetings are scheduled for the spring and fall of each year. College Misericordia is playing an instrumental part in the association is, and is the hub of the group's activities.

"The most exciting part I think of the possible Back Mountain Historical Association efforts is to collect a bit of an oral history," MacDowell said.

Dr. Allan Austin, history professor, and his students are playing a major role in collecting and saving oral histories from the Back Mountain area. Austin, a first-year faculty member at the college, is very excited about the project. "When I interviewed last winter . . . a number of individuals took me aside and talked about the potential to do local history. There was a lot of history to be done," he said.

Starting this spring, he ex-



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Michael MacDowell, president, College Misericordia, left, thinks lifetime Back Mountain resident Edwin Roth can offer a wealth of knowledge to the Back Mountain Historical Association.

pects eight to 10 students to begin collecting narratives from the Back Mountain residents. The project will be ongoing and passed down each semester to the next set of history students.

"Students will be going into

the Back Mountain local community, collecting oral histories and beginning to write papers trying to piece together the history of the Back Mountain," Austin

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Anthrax causes concerns, not panic

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

BACK MOUNTAIN - Although there is concern about the safety of the mail after the deaths of two postal workers from inhalational anthrax in Washington DC, local health care professionals feel the Back Mountain area will not be a target for the bioterrorists and they are going about their daily lives as normally as possible.

People may be uneasy about the anthrax threats, but they are not seeking Cipro or other antibiotics. Marlene Schofield, RPh., of the CVS Pharmacy in Dallas, said she has observed concern in her customers, but is seeing only the usual antibiotic prescriptions.

"Are they talking about it? Yes. Have they been going nuts getting antibiotics? No," said John Zierowicz, RPh., of Rite Aid Pharmacy in Dallas.

Dr. Richard Huntington of Dallas Family Practice said he has had no requests for the antibiotic. Dr. Robert Greenhalgh of Dallas has had the same

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