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and agreement. "I would just recommend to the board that I think you're treading murky water here with this company," Balavage said.

Charles Boytin, the new president of the school board, voted in favor of the action even though he had reservations about the funds administration agreement at the last school board meeting. He deferred to the judgement of Peter Savage, the school board solicitor, in the matter.

Savage said he has had conversations with Main Electric's attorney and the attorney representing the next lowest bidder, Cavanaugh Electrical Contracting. "Both sides are posturing. If they were not awarded the contract they would be considering their legal positions," Savage said. "I don't see any reason that would allow us to cancel Main Electric's contract. Anybody can sue." Savage added the board does have the right to re-bid the contract, but time constraints might hinder that option.

A reorganization meeting was held prior to the special meeting and new board member Jim Mahon, and re-elected members, Sheila Gionfriddo and Moderno Rossi, were sworn in. The board named Charles Boytin as president, Charles Balavage as first vice president, Michelle Coombs as second vice president and Lois Kopcha will continue as treasurer.

Parade of Trees at Grotto Pizza

The Sixth Annual Parade of Trees at Grotto Pizza Harveys Lake is now underway. Decorating teams from 20 area businesses trimmed their trees all in support of regional charities.

Each business has selected a charity to support with their tree. The businesses do the decorating and then visitors to Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake "vote" for the best-decorated tree by making monetary donations. The trees with the most money collected win.

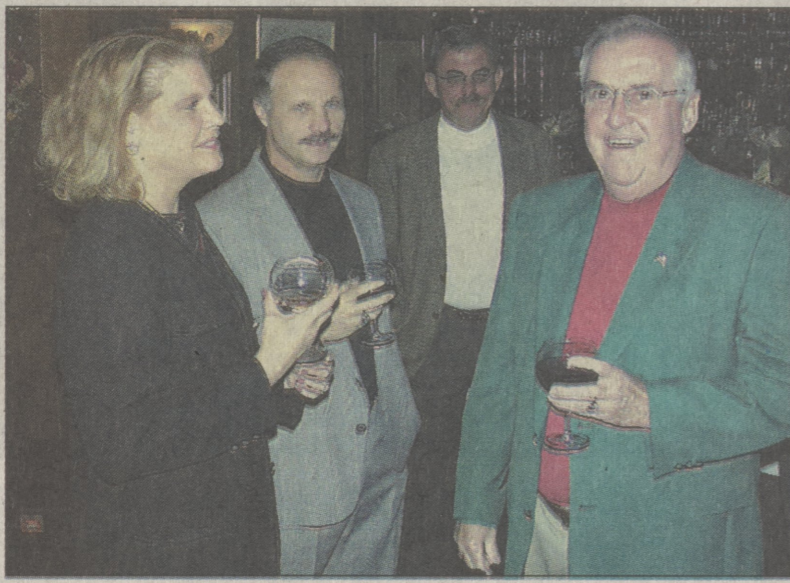
The decorated trees will be on display for the duration of the holiday season. The public is invited to come see the trees and help support local charities with their donations.

Local business association holds holiday party

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association held its annual holiday party December 2 at the Overbrook restaurant in Shavertown. In addition to serving the interests of its members, the local business organization supports Back Mountain students, hosts an annual Easter Egg Hunt for children and partners with the Dallas Kiwanis club at the Halloween parade. Membership dues are \$75 per year, and new members are welcome to join now for 2002. Dues may be sent to: BMBPA, P.O. Box 25, Dallas PA 18612. Shown in photos during the party, clockwise from right:

Tony Macri, host for the evening and BMBPA president, with Bobbie Steever; Kim Woodrosky served hors d'oeuvres to Roberta Walter, Virginia Banks and Bernard Banks; Jill Tupper, Jim Tupper and Tom Robinson, past president, enjoyed conversation.

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Police

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ship police officer with a bachelor's degree and three and a half years experience is \$29,504. Officers also pay \$134 a month for health care benefits. The average salary for a police officer is \$31,040. Officers in Dallas Borough are paid on average \$33,180. In Kingston Township, the average police salary is \$35,073.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, supervisor Frank Wagner intimated the increase for which officers are asking is unrealistic. "Where do you see anybody getting (15) percent across the board?"

With arbitration pending, assistant township solicitor Michael Melnick has said the two sides still may hold discussions. Many residents don't

want to see the township spend money spent on arbitration.

Officers have hired an attorney and estimated they will spend between \$3,000 and \$5,000 on legal fees.

Melnick has said officers had no choice in filing for arbitration. Act 111 authorizes collective bargaining between police officers and firefighters and their

public employers. Arbitration must be filed at least 110 days prior to the end of the fiscal year, which for the township is Dec. 31. Officers waited until the last possible day — Sept. 13 — to file.

— former Post staff writer Heather B. Jones contributed to this report.

Lake-Lehman to present 'Murder's in the Heir'

Turn the game Clue into a play and you have the masterfully entertaining "Murder's in the Heir!" Almost every character in this hilarious mystery has the weapon opportunity and motive to commit the unseen murder. And it's up to the audience to decide who actually did it!

Each of the heirs to the tyrannical billionaire Simon Starkweather has the means and the motive to do away with him. Starkweather gathers his family and employees to announce the contents of his will. His lawyer, Lois van Zandt, reveals that he has bequeathed vast fortunes to his befuddled niece Fiona, her playboy son Jordan, his great-niece Paula (a Southern belle) and his grandson Simon III, as well as to his many servants.

Then Lois delivers the bombshell! Within hours this will becomes invalid. It seems that Simon Starkweather has decided to clone himself and keep his billions! Of course, the rejected heirs are not pleased, so it's not surprising when they roam the old mansion carrying such items as an ax, a gun and poison. Predictably, the lights go out, and Simon is discovered murdered.

Simon III (played by the same actor who plays the elderly Simon) is determined to find his grandfather's killer, with the help of detective Mike Davis. The play's unique ending, utilizing secret ballots gathered at intermission from the audience, determines the killer in this Billy St. John maze of murder. It is guaranteed to be a thrill for all ages. If you like mystery and comedy, don't miss this one!

This mostly student run production is the first non musical to be presented by the award winning Lake-Lehman Theater program in four years.

Murder's in the Heir will be staged Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. in the Lake-Lehman High School Auditorium. Call for reserved seating. When school is in session call: 675-7458 ext. 67, 8-10:30 a.m. Adults: \$5, students \$3.

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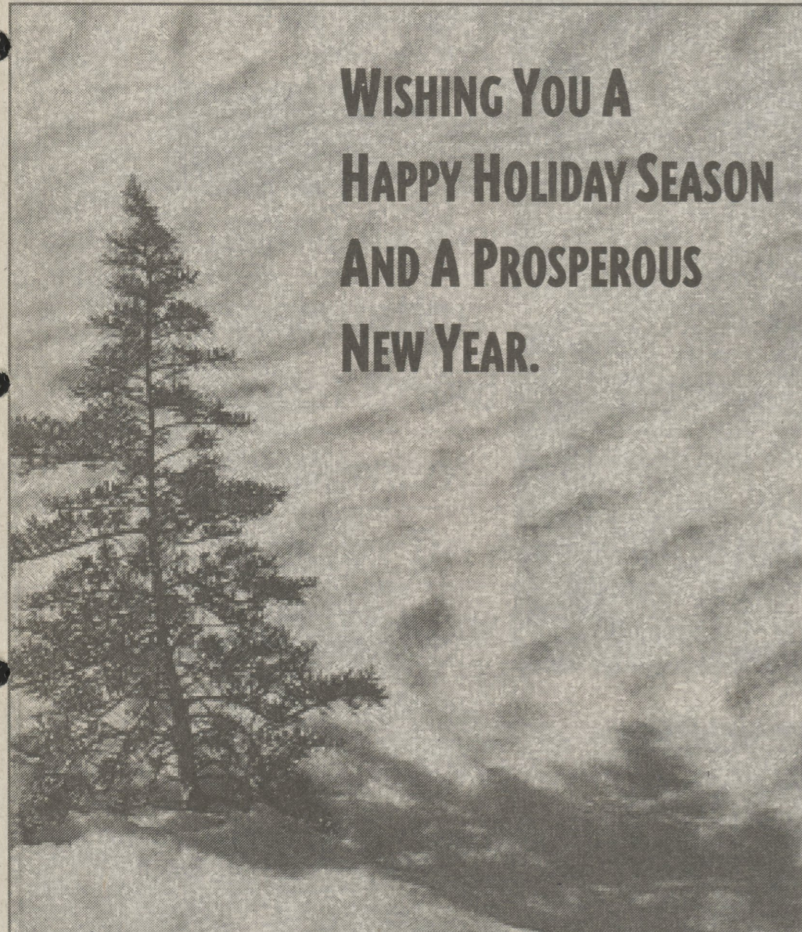
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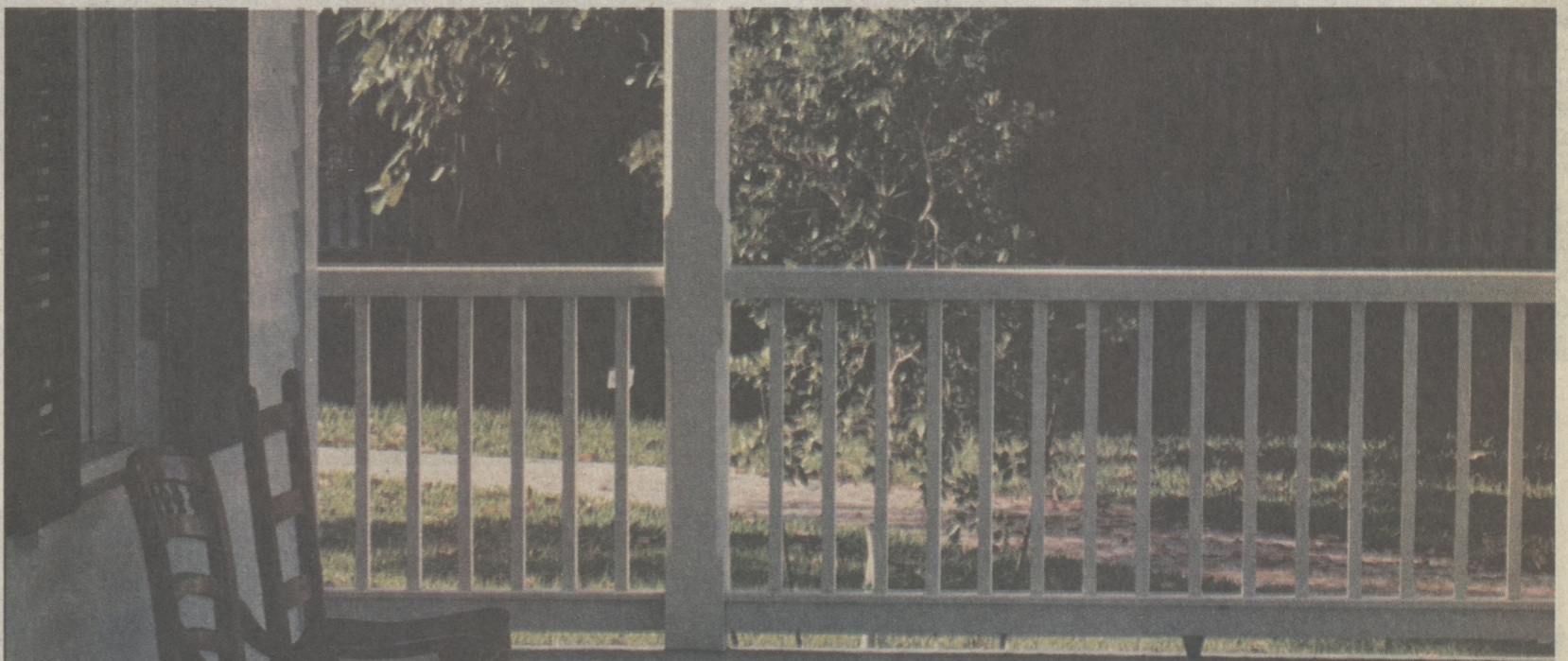


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