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## This is one busy lady!

☞ *Newest county farm director juggles work, family, farming and causes*

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON  
Post Correspondent

KINGSTON TWP. - Marianne Karalunas, of Kingston Township, is a very busy woman. As the newest farm director appointed to the Luzerne County Conservation District, she is a community leader, passionate about water conservation and hoping to make other people more aware of watershed issues.

She is a farmer, wearing the hats of accountant, business manager, environmentalist and entrepreneur, to name but a few.

On Saturday afternoon, she is playing veterinarian, her husband holding a mare's head as she struggles to put the antibiotic ointment into the horse's infected eye. Horses have very strong eyelids she says. It is getting dark. Sundown comes early in these harsh winter days. "Can you come over here and hold the flashlight for me? Try not to shine it directly in her eyes," she asks. Karalunas actually worked for a veterinarian for 10 years.



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Marianne Karalunas and Rio. The stallion has a strange quirk — he holds water in his mouth after drinking and spits it out at people.

"The only time anybody in farming makes any money is when they quit."

Marianne Karalunas  
Kingston Twp.

She is also a wife, mother, sister and daughter. With her husband, Ray, she shares a love for horses. They have 13 presently. When she can fit it into her schedule, riding her horses is a relaxing pastime. In a good

year, they grow all the hay, corn and oats for their animals. In a not so good year, like the last dry summer, feed must be bought. She has made a few dollars with bedding plants from her greenhouse, her specialty being geraniums. She designed her own house with the help of an Amish carpenter. He frowned on a luxurious bathroom but she held firm for the rose-colored spa bathtub. In the past, she has been involved with Farm City Day and farm tours, showing urbanites what life on a farm is like.

With her sister, she raises a herd of about 50 beef cattle. Last calving season added 27 more calves to the 402 that have been born on the family farm. This year, 22 of the cows have been bred. Most of her cows go to individuals. Last Memorial Day, she sold cattle to a man who had acquired a piece of property in Mansfield and wanted to try his hand at cattle farming for the first time. "What made me feel really good was he called me to wish me a Merry Christmas and tell me how pleased he was with the ani-

mals he had bought," she says. "He was very happy."

Her great-grandparents bought the farm when they arrived in the area from Europe. "In the 30s, during the Depression, when my grandparents took the farm over, my grandfather knew a lot of people from down in the town who would come out and help him, work for him. He would give them food, even though he was dirt poor," she says. Farms were more

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## District still unsure of financial position

☞ *Lake-Lehman might save \$100,000 by bond refinancing, but does it need more?*

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON  
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LEHMAN - By taking advantage of favorable interest rates, the Lake-Lehman school board has the opportunity to save the district's taxpayers \$100,000 if they strike while the iron is hot, by refinancing bond money. A request from Ray Lowery, of PNC Capital Market, for a meeting with the board and bond counsel to implement the refinancing sparked a debate about whether extra funds should be borrowed at the same time. The exchange took place at Tuesday's meeting of the board.

Board member Angelo DeCesaris said he has a problem going forward with the refinancing before having a more accurate picture of the school district's financial numbers. "I have questions still outstanding that I have not had answered yet," DeCesaris said. "What's important is to get a good number, not just any number. I started asking this question back in October," he reminded the board. "I'm not questioning the need to refinance," DeCesaris added. "My only concern is do we need to add money to this refinancing to get the athletic field done properly."

The business manager, Kathleen Williams, has been working to reconcile her figure of \$1.9, discussed at the last meeting, to the \$900,000 sum DeCesaris came up with, but needs until the end of the week to complete her finan-

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## Dallas wins 1st half

Rosalyn Wentko of Dallas tried to block a pass by Nanticoke's Arielle Phillips during the Mountaineers' stirring win over the Trojanettes. Wentko took a charge in the waning moments of the game and the play gave Dallas the winning advantage. The victory clinched the first-half championship for Dallas and assured them of a playoff berth when the regular season ends.

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## \$150,000 state grant will fund study of Toby Creek flooding

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB  
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BACK MOUNTAIN — Three Back Mountain municipalities have received state funding to help eliminate flood and erosion problems along Toby Creek.

Senator Charles J. Lemmond announced last week, "the release of \$150,000 by Governor Mark Schweiker's Office to undertake pre-engineering work for flood damage reduction measures along the creek in Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township."

"The money is coming from the Department of Environmental Protection," said Lemmond in a prepared statement. "The money will be for a pre-engineering study to develop the scope of the work for the project."

"These kind of programs are a step in the right direction towards helping to clean up our creeks and streams," said Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager. "It has taken eight months to get the ball rolling, so we are anxious to get started on the survey."

Toby Creek has long been an issue in

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## Borough to tackle 911 addressing

BY TIMOTHY J. RAUB  
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HARVEYS LAKE — Harveys Lake Borough Councilwoman Betty West has a large task before of her over the next few months.

West will head the 911 addressing committee, which will look into the best possible addressing system for residents around the lake.

"I will be sending letters out to local organizations asking for their help," said West after she was unanimously elected to the committee by the borough council.

Councilwoman Ruth Eaton nominated West for the position, saying that she wanted what was best for the constituents of Harveys Lake Borough.

Many members of the borough brought up possible ideas for the addressing plans, but "no decision will be made until the committee has looked into all possible solutions," said West.

Two of the more argued possibilities have been a numbering system based on a footage system, and the use of a pole number with some sort of distinction for each individual property.

The footage system is what the postal service uses throughout most of the country, while the pole system would be a variation of what is already in existence around the lake.

The board also voted to dissolve the Planning Committee and Zoning Board, deciding to place those responsibilities with the county instead.

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