



**Veterinary clinic opens**

The Harveys Lake Veterinary Clinic has opened on the corner of Rt. 415 and Terrace Dr. approximately one half mile before the entrance to Harveys Lake. The clinic is owned and operated by John Bucha, V.M.D., who has practiced veterinary medicine locally for 29 years.

Dr. Bucha is a graduate of Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine, and has recently completed acupuncture courses at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Boston, MA.

On staff are veterinary technician, Christine Crossley; receptionist, Virginia Bucha, and veterinary assistants, Janell and J.B. Bucha. The building, which was designed by architect David Sheydwasser of Kingston, is recognizable on Rt. 415 by a large dog and cat over the front entrance. It houses an on-site lab and pharmacy, and offers surgical, dental, radiology, and EKG services, acupuncture, spaying and neutering, life-time license tattoos, vaccines, parasite control, and preventive medicine. Air-conditioned boarding is also available.

The clinic carries Innova Pet Food and Wysong Pet Food, two human grade quality pet foods, which have no chemicals, preservatives, or additives.

Dr. Bucha limits his practice to dogs and cats, Office hours are by appointment and emergency coverage is available. Contact the clinic by calling 639-2345.

Shown, from left: Virginia Bucha, Dr. John Bucha, Janelle Bucha, with office dogs Sheba and Echo.

**Dallas**

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Dr. Gil Griffiths, Dallas Superintendent, said Tuesday the other candidate, a woman from outside the area, was not as qualified as McGovern who has worked in administration for the Pocono/Stroudsburg area, Dallas and Crestwood districts.

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**Ernest Ashbridge**  
School board president

"She (the other candidate) was our number two; McGovern has a wealth of experience with the district," said Griffiths about the decision to appoint McGovern over the other candidate. "He is a known quantity because he has worked here before," said Griffiths.

Board President Ernest Ashbridge said that for the board it was also McGovern's experience that weighed heavily in their decision to hire him.

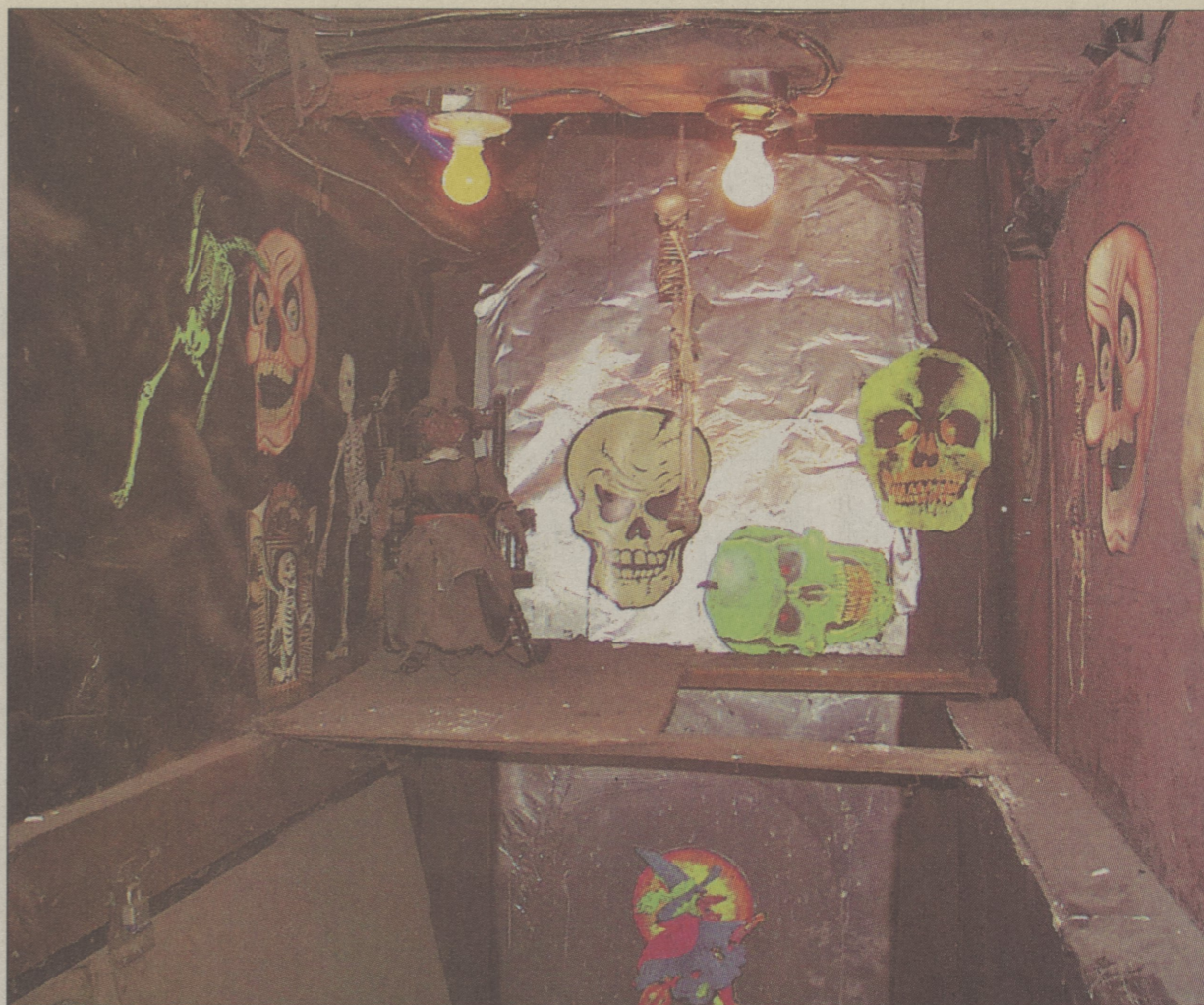
"Everybody was in favor — mainly because of his experience," said Ashbridge.

McGovern was hired at a rate of \$60,000 a year and will be covered by Act 93 benefits to start upon release from his current job.

In other business, the board approved adding the following persons to the list of professional substitute employees for the 2002-2003 school year: January Cook, Chris Davtrich, Julia Hutton, Ronald Kross, Janice Lapinski, Melissa Mc Geer, Holly Sayer, Joseph Shaughnessy, Joyce Saska, Stacey Yeager.

**Poetry Society seeking members**

Anyone interested in forming a poetry group in the Back Mountain, should contact Steve at 639-2320 or e-mail BkMtnPoetry@hotmail.com



POST PHOTO/ERIN YOUNGMAN

The Lehman Haunted Barn has something to scare everyone. This is one of the milder displays.

**Haunted**

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Pineno became glowingly animated as he explained how the haunted barn had been intentionally set up similar to an old-fashioned fun house, with the intent to assault all of a visitor's senses at every turn.

For those who are accident prone or fearful, there are cameras, blue lights and glowing tape set up at every stairway.

Diane Alters, who has worked at the barn through 10 Octobers, said there are options for the faint at heart. For visitors that decide part way through that they just can't make it, there are what the volunteers commonly refer to as "chicken doors," escape doors strategically located throughout the barn.

Pineno, who has been active in theater since college, says he

tries to run the haunted barn similar to a theater production.

During the new, "Pathetic Too" movie created by Lake-Lehman seniors Phillip Pineno and Aaron Pagoda and shown in the waiting area, actors act out scenes on a small stage.

The volunteers, which number approximately 30 a night, have a lot to say about the experience.

"It's a good way to help out the community," said Phillip Pineno who co-wrote the movie.

Alters who is 25, says it is the thrill of scaring visitors that brings her back year after year. "There is nothing like seeing an adult that is so scared they just can't handle themselves," she said.

Originally, money from the event went to fund the Lehman

United Methodist Youth Group, but as the scope of the project and the amount of money coming in grew, organizers decided to donate a large portion to charity. They created the Wyoming Valley Children's Aid Fund to distribute money to those in need.

The barn now grosses approximately \$30,000 over five weekends in October, with a tenth going to promotion, 50 percent going toward production and the remainder going to charity.

For information on days and hours of operation, or children's show reservations call the Haunted Barn Spook Line at 674-5420. Similar information including directions and a map can also be obtained by visiting their website at [hauntedbarn.org](http://hauntedbarn.org).

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