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Voters opt for change in primary

A large number of incumbents lose out in school, municipal races

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN — Long lines of voters could be seen throughout the area Tuesday, and many of the people in them cast votes to change the occupants of some long-held positions.

In the Dallas School District, where no single issue emerged among candidates, unofficial results show several long-time board members were pushed out by newcomers.

Bruce Goeringer, a dentist from Dallas running on a platform of protecting the Little League fields and more public use of school facilities, brought in the highest vote tally on both the Democrat and Republican sides. He was followed on the Republican ballot by Gary Mathers, James Richardson, Russell Bigus and Dennis Gochel. On the Democratic side, Bigus, Gochel, Mathers and incumbent Deborah Morgantini trailed Goeringer.

Ernest Ashbridge Jr., a 32-year board veteran, finished just five votes behind Gochel in the Republican balloting. Since figures available at press time were unofficial, it's possible the order of finish could change.

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This voting stuff is hard. Makenzie Kapitula, 2 1/2, waited as her mother, Tonya, voted Tuesday at the Shavertown Fire Hall. Tonya's dad, Dave, had already taken his turn in the booth.

Townhomes will put more pressure on HL sewers

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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HARVEYS LAKE — A proposed townhome development at the former Hanson's Amusement Park would produce an additional 43,750 gallons of waste water daily, while another one now under construction is to add 15,750. The amount may complicate the borough's already overflowing sanitary lines.

The Department of Environmental Protection said the latest development may be the force needed to require the borough to do needed sewer line testing.

Approximately 125 "villas" are now being planned for the Hanson's property, said Ed Kelly, borough council member. Marina Commons, a townhome community of 45 homes behind Grotto Pizza will add another 15,750 gallons per day. Based on an average home consumption amount of 350 gallons daily (provided by the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority), the two developments combined would add nearly 70,000 gallons to the system.

"In a way it (the proposed development) might be a good thing," said Mark Carmon, spokesperson for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). "It might be the lever we need to make the borough do a Chapter 94 or I.N.I. Study."

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Lake-Lehman tops state History Day competition

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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Lake-Lehman High School was named the "Best School in the State" at this year's History Day competition held at the main campus of Penn State University on May 14-15. In addition, four Lake-Lehman students earned the right to continue the competition at the national level at the University of Maryland on June 15-19.

John Yamrick received a 1st place award for his individual paper. Phil Pineno and Aaron Pagoda also earned first place in the category for group exhibit and Jared Salla took second place for his individual exhibit. In addition, Craig Thomas received an honorable mention for his individual performance.

This year's History Day theme was "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Students advancing to the national level compete for scholarships and cash prizes in their categories and in many other specialty categories. John Comitz, history teacher at Lake-Lehman, is the team's moderator.

Dallas High School's History Day Moderator, Maryann Storz, received the annual "Teacher of Merit" award. "It is a very nice honor and I appreciated it immensely because it is a nomination from the students," said Mrs. Storz.

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Police plan stepped-up patrols along highways

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
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BACK MOUNTAIN — The Back Mountain Council of Governments (COG) is wasting no time. Although only months old, the group has pulled together to combat unsafe driving conditions in the area.

In response to a perceived increase in the number and severity of accidents along the 309/415 corridor, the member communities have planned Operation Traffic Enforcement Among Municipalities, or TEAM.

Participating COG municipalities, Kingston Township, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Lehman Township, will combine

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their efforts to put an extra officer out along the corridor four additional hours per week. The "mini blitz" will occur June through August. Officials said the aim is to enforce basic laws that are currently broken with regularity.

"The corridor is becoming more and more congested with motor vehicles and traffic of all types at all hours of the day," said James Balavage, Police Chief of Kingston Township. "To address the problem on a re-

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Police will soon step up patrols on the Route 309/415 corridor. From left: James Balavage, Kingston Township; Jack Fowler, Dallas Borough; Frank Wagner, Chairman, Back Mt. Council of Governments; Robert Jolley, Dallas Township; Howard Kocher, Lehman Township.

Back Mountain Cup presentation May 30

A cookout at Francis Slocum State Park will mark the end of the first Back Mountain Cup competition between Dallas and Lake-Lehman teams. See pages 10 and 11 for details. Everyone is welcome to attend

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The Relay for Life planning committee recently gathered at College Misericordia. From left, seated: Mary Gill, captain of the Metz Company team; Tom Gill, finance chairman; Michelle Casseteri, luminaria chairperson; Barbara Deeb, committee member. Standing: Trudy Matley, team captain, Dallas High School; Sarah Wick, income development specialist, American Cancer Society; Mary Fran Thomas, chairperson of the Back Mountain Relay.

Relay for Life coming to College Misericordia in June

By SANDY PEOPLES
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DALLAS - Volunteers will be going 'round and 'round in June, but with a purpose.

The College Misericordia Campus will host the Back Mountain American Cancer Society's Relay for Life from 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 21 until 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 22.

Relay for Life began in 1985 as a celebration of life after cancer. It is a non-competitive fundraiser to aid the fight against the disease. Groups of families, students, organizations and companies are invited to form teams of 10 to 15 people to walk or run around a track for 24 hours. Throughout the event there will be music, food and

other activities. After dark, there will be a luminaria ceremony to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who lost their lives.

While waiting for a turn on the track, participants will be free to wander around and enjoy the food, entertainment and camaraderie. Special displays will be set up to promote cancer prevention and detection. The goal of the cancer society is to save lives by teaching the public tips necessary to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The team registration fee is \$150. Many teams have fundraisers to pay for their fee and collect extra money to donate to the cause. Each team

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