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Successful Democratic Dallas Township Supervisor candidate Liz Martin shakes hands with Steve Traver after he voted Tuesday morning. Martin will replace long-time Republican supervisor Glenn Howell.

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Longtime DT supervisor defeated

Liz Martin successfully garners seat held for 50 years by Glenn Howell.

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Local races causing a stir in communities in Tuesday's general election included one contested Dallas Township supervisor spot and four seats available for Harveys Lake Council in which four Democrats and four Republicans vied for the positions.

Democratic challenger Liz Martin managed to unseat long-time Republican incumbent Glenn Howell in the race for Dallas Township supervisor.

Martin received 893 votes and Howell received 849 votes, according to unofficial results. All election results are unofficial until certified by the Luzerne County Board of Elections.

Martin's win is historic — she is the first challenger to succeed in nearly 50 years, and she is also the first female supervisor in the township.

Howell and Martin set up shop outside the Dallas Township Municipal Building during the day. "It seems like there is a steady

stream of people coming in and out," said Howell, who has been a Dallas Township supervisor for more than 50 years.

A retired bank manager, Howell said he was mostly interested in keeping the township budget balanced and maintaining local roads.

Martin, who ran in 2009 and narrowly lost the seat to Supervisor Philip Walter, remained "cautiously optimistic" throughout the day.

She will join Walter and Supervisor Frank Wagner, who have both served the township for more than four decades.

Dallas Township resident Bob Perschau said it was a "tough decision" to make, but he felt he made the right choice.

"You've got one guy in there who's been there a long time and is doing a good job, and a lady who wants to give it a try," he said.

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As a member of the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition and the Dallas Parents-Taxpayers Group, Martin has been very outspoken against the development and the way township officials have dealt with the issue.

Kunkle Fire Department Chief Jack Dodson said no matter who won the race, the most important part of the job is preserving the community and protecting citizens.

"They passed the ordinance and it's the only one like it in the state of Pennsylvania," he said. Poll officials said Back Mountain residents voted in typical numbers on Tuesday in the general election, with many polling places reporting a turnout of about 35 percent.

George Horwatt, judge of elections at the District 3 polls in Dallas Township, felt the race for township supervisor would draw crowds.

"That's one that's usually un-

contested," he said. "When there's a challenge to an incumbent, it's interesting."

Horwatt said turnout was "pretty low" in the morning, but he suspected it might pick up in the evening, when many would be returning home from work.

"But we keep people moving in and out," he said.

HARVEYS LAKE
At the Harveys Lake Municipal Building, residents were interested in their local council race as well.

Republicans Amy Williams, Richard Haas, William Monk and Richard Svec faced Democrats Michelle Boice, Ed Kelly, Thomas Kehler and Jamie Coleman for four council seats.

Boice was the top vote-getter with a total of 417 votes. Though she campaigned with the three other Democrats in the race as the Harveys Lake Hopefuls, only

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Coming to aid of HL firefighter

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IF YOU GO ...

Harveys Lake residents are hosting a benefit dinner today to aid a local volunteer who has spent much of his time helping others in need.

Mike Avery, assistant fire chief of the Harveys Lake Fire & Ambulance Co., lost his house during Hurricane Irene in late August, but that didn't deter him from helping others during the storm.

Trees fell on Avery's Foster Avenue property, making it uninhabitable. Avery, his wife, Brandi, and their two children have been living at Mike's parents' home in Noxen since the ordeal.

"I was getting the kids up for breakfast when the trees started coming down," Brandi Avery remembered. "There's a big hole in the roof upstairs ... and it's all moldy throughout the house."

Avery said she and her children were stranded at the house due to excess debris on the roads. Her husband ran up the street to check on his family and took them to the nearby Harveys Lake Fire & Ambulance

What: Spaghetti dinner to benefit the Avery family

When: Today, Nov. 13, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Where: Kunkle Community Hall, Kunkle-Alderson Road, Dallas Township

Info: Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 years of age and under and free for children 2 years of age and under.

Co. building on Lakeside Drive while he continued to respond to emergencies throughout the day.

"There wasn't anything else we could do," Brandi said.

Brandi said working with their insurance company has been very difficult, and she's unsure whether the family will be able to afford to rebuild their house.

She said insurance estimates may be as much as \$47,000, and the company would not take into consideration several factors that make the house now unlivable.

"I don't want to move into a home until it's safe for our family," Brandi said. "We're not discussing buying a new home yet."

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Brandi Avery keeps her two children, Mike and Mackenzie, away from the door of the family's Harveys Lake house which is covered with mold and ruined by water damage from Hurricane Irene. A benefit dinner will be held for the family today at the Kunkle Community Hall.

Back Mtn. represented in county winners

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The Luzerne County races in Tuesday's general election included filling spots for the new 11-person county council after the passage of the home rule charter last year, seating six county judges and voting for a district attorney.

Republican Stefanie Salavantis, of Shavertown, unseated Democratic incumbent Jackie Musto Carroll in the race for district attorney.

The majority of residents in Dallas and Harveys Lake boroughs and Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston, Lake, Lehman and Ross townships voted for Salavantis, a Dallas High School graduate.

Seven candidates vied for six positions in the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, with Democrat Molly Hanlon Mirabito losing a spot on the bench. Jennifer Rogers, a Harveys Lake resident, earned the most votes in Luzerne County.

Voters also took to the polls to choose the 11-person county council as a result of the home rule charter passage last year. Dallas Township resident Eugene Kelleher won a spot on the newly-formed council, as did Dallas Middle School teacher Harry Haas, of Wilkes-Barre.

LUZERNE COUNTY TOTALS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Listed here are the results from Tuesday's General Election for Luzerne County races. An asterisk (*) indicates a victory; however, all results are unofficial until they are certified.

JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

10-year term (vote for six)
* Dick Hughes (R) 34,995
* Joe Sklarosky Jr. (R, D) 39,535

* Michael T. Vough (R, D) 35,739
* Fred A. Pierantoni (R, D) 39,881
* Lesa Gelb (R, D) 34,755
* Jennifer Rogers (R, D) 41,706
Molly Hanlon Mirabito (D) 34,014

COUNTY COUNCIL

Four-year term (vote for 11)
* Stephen J. Urban (R) 22,577
* Rick Morelli (R) 25,003
Kathleen M. Dobash (R) 17,537
John Ruckno (R) 18,581
* Harry Haas (R) 21,292
Blythe H. Evans III (R) 16,247
William Bill James (R) 15,597
* Eugene L. Kelleher (R) 18,852
Gina Nevenglosky (R) 13,835
Joyce Dombroski-Gebhardt (R) 14,708
Michael Cabell (R) 12,843
* Stephen A. Urban (D) 23,631
* Linda McClosky Houck (D) 19,351
* Jim Bobeck (D) 23,396
* Edward A. Brominski (D) 21,610
Jane Walsh-Waitkus (R) 18,397
Eileen M. Sorokas (D) 18,793
Salvatore Licata (D) 16,591

* Tim McGinley (D) 21,640
Michelle Bednar (D) 17,514
M. Theresa Morcavage (D) 14,288
* Elaine Maddon Curry (D) 19,572
Tim Mullen (L) 10,763
Brian R. Bergman (L) 3,732
Michael A. Lacey (L) 11,104
Jeremy Packard (I) 11,085
* Rick Williams (I) 20,345
Charlie Bible Buck Hatchko (A) 6,302

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Four-year term (vote for one)
* Stefanie J. Salavantis (R) 31,776
Jackie Musto Carroll (D) 30,811

HOW THE BACK MOUNTAIN VOTED

DALLAS BOROUGH
Voter turnout, 729 of 1,895 registered voters (38%)
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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THE COVETED OLD SHOE



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The Old Shoe Trophy is a coveted possession and players from the Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School football teams do battle in the last game of the regular season to fight over the trophy. This year, the Mountaineers racked up a 42-7 victory over the Black Knights to retain possession of the trophy which has been in their possession for three consecutive years. Although arch-rivals on the field, the players meet in a much more relaxed atmosphere when they gather at the Huntsville Country Club for the annual Old Shoe Breakfast the day before the big game. Story, additional photos, page 9.



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