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## Township, Borough police in negotiations

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Two local police departments are presently in the process of negotiations since their contracts expire at the end of 1989, while a third completed negotiations earlier this year.

Members of the Dallas Borough and Dallas Township police departments have had at least one meeting with a committee representing each of the municipalities, but neither party is ready to release information.

"We are making progress with the police negotiators," said Borough Council president Donald Shaffer but neither side has reached the point where we can release information to the public."

Police Chief Carl Miers of Dallas Township also said that the police committee had met once with the supervisors and talks were proceeding amicably although neither party had any information to report.

Kingston Township came to a final agreement on a new three year contract the early part of 1989 which will be in effect through 1991.

Each of the department's representatives released their present salary contracts this week for the public's information.

The new Kingston Township contract stipulates the starting salary for a patrolman in 1989 is \$14,100 for the first six months and after that period is increased to \$15,000. At the end of one year of service a patrolman's salary is increased to \$16,000 annually.

In 1990 the starting salary for the first six months is the same but at the end of six months probation is increased to \$15,600 and at the end of that time a patrolman's salary is increased to \$16,640.

The starting salary beginning January, 1991, for a patrolman is \$14,664 and after six months it is increased to \$16,224. After one year or more of service a patrolman's salary is increased to \$17,472.

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### A rose for the graduate

Jennifer Ann Risch was one of the Dallas High School graduates at last week's ceremonies. Roses were supplied by the school. See special graduation section inside. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

## Developer withdraws Deer Meadow final plan

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Ed Nelen, developer of the Deer Meadows Estates subdivision in Dallas Borough, has withdrawn his petition for final approval of the proposed development. A hearing on the plan was scheduled for last Friday by the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

Preliminary plans for the development of the 30 lots was approved by the Planning Commission last November.

Dallas residents opposing the development appeared at the courthouse but were told that the only statements to be taken would be considered as information and not testimony.

Adrian Merolli, director of county planning, and Alan Major, chairman of the planning commission, announced that Nelen's counsel, Atty. Mark McNelis, had notified the commission that Nelen's petition for final approval had been withdrawn for the present time and would be submitted at a later date. The matter will be rescheduled when Nelen presents his plan for final approval.

Efforts to contact Nelen over the weekend were unsuccessful, but unconfirmed reports were that the developer elected to withdraw his petition for final approval at the present time because of unresolved conditions with the Dallas Water Company.

After Merolli made the statement that the petition had been withdrawn, the commission members voted 3-1 that any statements made by those in attendance would be considered as information only and not as testimony.

Atty. McNelis pointed out that Nelen's expert witnesses were not present and, therefore, could not refute statements made by the Dallas residents or the expert witness, Richard D. Klein, president of Community and Environmental Associates, Maryland Line, Md. Hugh King reportedly engaged Klein to address the planning commission.

Klein told the commission that he was engaged, not as an adversary, but to provide information which might help to solve any existing or potential problems connected with the development. He spoke concerning the possible hazards to adjacent property owners relative to water runoff and pollution and the potential problems which could arise from storm water discharge.

He also explained the type of pollutants which could affect the area, such as lead. Klein also noted the effects of a 10-year storm type runoff which would expand the channel of discharge. He also noted that these problems can be solved.

Atty. McNelis made no further comment on the project due to the absence of his own expert witnesses.

## New Dallas computers expected to aid learning

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

Dallas School District administrators expect the addition of 48 computers to help students in kindergarten through ninth grade next year.

The Dallas School Board agreed to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the 48 computers with Radio Shack Computer Center over a five year period at a cost of approximately \$325,000.

The Tandy computers, chosen by the district, after visiting computer labs in other districts and careful evaluation of their application to the Dallas curriculum, will be set up in three labs. One lab of 24 stations will be in the Middle School, one lab of 12 stations in

the Dallas Elementary School, and a lab of 12 stations in the Westmoreland Elementary School.

Each lab will include the installation of the Tandy 4000 monitor at the unit price of \$2599 or a total of \$7797 for the three. In addition the 48 Tandy 1000 SL computers will cost a total of \$43,152, and the accompanying hardware brings the grand total of the hardware to \$135,745.50. With the school discount of 35 per cent, the cost to the district for the hardware for the three labs will come to \$88,234.58.

Installation and software comes to a total slightly over \$100,000. The continuing support service over the five year lease amounts to \$17,556 each year, this latter an important service since it includes

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## Lake-Lehman board ok's \$10 million budget

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Lake-Lehman school directors approved the 1989-1990 school year budget of \$10,610,338 at the June 15 meeting by a 5-2 vote. Voting in favor of the new budget were directors Marc Elgaway, Dr. John Presper, Jeffrey Fritzen, Thomas Williams and Liz Sichter. Negative votes were cast by Robert Emery and Joseph 'Red' Jones.

The budget requires a five mill tax increase, raising real estate millage to 133 mills on the assessed valuation of real estate in Harveys Lake Borough, Jackson, Lake, Lehman and Ross Townships in Luzerne County, and 58 mills in Noxen Township, Wyoming County.

A mill represents \$1 tax on every \$1,000 of assessed property value so a property owner with an as-

essed value of \$6,000 will now pay \$798, or an increase of \$30.

In his report to the board, superintendent Dr. Charles Borchetta told those taxpayers at the meeting that the new budget is an excellent plan to better the educational opportunities for the students and that it not only maintains the present level of services but includes four new courses at the high school level, in chemistry,

calculus and math. The budget also contains allocations for the purchase of textbooks, library books, instructional and non-instructional equipment and money for a new position of supervisor of curriculum and instruction.

Borchetta also explained that three of the five mills, or \$87,600, is designated to establish a capital

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## Boaters say more enforcement would help

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
Post Staff

Better enforcement seems to be the first step toward making Harveys Lake more safe, according to the people who use it.

Benjamin Hughes was putting his speed boat into the lake at the Fish Commission Boat Launch. "People do what they want out there. You can make laws until you are blue in the face, but without enforcement the laws mean nothing," he said.

Hughes said he feels that enforcement in and around the lake is not as strict as it should be. Hughes and several other boat operators agreed that they would be more safety-minded if the lake was patrolled more often.

Fellow boat operator Bill Knight explained, "If you know you are being watched, it's only natural that you act better. It is like driving a car. When no cops are around you speed. But as soon as a cop comes in sight, you slow down. The fear of being caught causes you to obey the laws."

Ken Messerle, Pennsylvania Fish Commission regional supervisor, See BOATS, pg 2



READY TO GO - These boaters were ready to go tubing on Harveys Lake this weekend. Many boaters say there should be better enforcement of regulations on the lake. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

## \$12 million Dallas school budget passes unanimously

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Writer

The Dallas School directors approved the 1989-1990 budget of \$12,466,441 at a special meeting, Monday.

The budget for the 1989-90 school year calls for a four mill increase to a millage of 132.5 mills, a per capita tax of \$10, an earned income tax of one percent (shared 50/50 with municipal governments), and an occupational privilege tax of \$10, which is also shared 50/50 with municipal governments who have enacted such taxes. The

budget, passed by an 8-0 vote represents a 5.9 percent increase over the 1988-1989 projected budget of \$11,287,935.

The directors also approved unanimously a resolution to authorize the issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in the amount of \$1,100,000, providing for the date, interest rate, maturity date and place of payment, and accepting the proposal of the First Eastern Bank at the rate of 6.39 percent per year for the purchase of the note.

James Crosby, Lincoln Street, See DALLAS, pg 2

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### Coming up:

**BLOOD DRIVE** - Mon., June 26, 1-6 PM, Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake. Call 639-1045 for appointments.

**HORSE SHOW** - Luzerne County Fair Grounds, Sun., June 25, starting at 8:30 AM. Sponsored by the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction  
**HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD** - Tues., June 27, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Building  
**LEHMAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** - Mon., June 26, 8 PM, Lehman Township Municipal Building