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All I want...

Children from area towns were treated to a hot dog and Christmas presents last Saturday at the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post in Dallas. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Bellas household fills up for holiday

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Christmas means a full house for Len and Rose Bellas, but they don't mind. It's all part of the biggest family get-together of the year as they welcome their loved ones home for the holidays.

Beginning Thursday night, their daughters will start arriving from Maryland and New Jersey planning to stay until after New Year's. Their son, Albert, and family will not arrive until Christmas Eve depending on the weather.

"My sister Isabel will be with us for Christmas and so will my sisters-in-law, Vi Millham and family and Jeannette Kester," Rose said. "This will be the first Christmas for our youngest granddaughter Marris Ann, who is only six months old."

"We are eagerly awaiting their arrival, Albert, Lynn, Lee Ann, Jayna and Jannine and our grandchildren, Lynea, Ann Marie, Matthew, Marris Ann and Jennifer. Those from out of town will stay with us while those in the local area will go to their own homes at night."

Traditionally, the family begins its celebration Christmas Eve with a typical Italian dinner interspersed with a few Lebanese and Polish dishes.

"On Christmas morning we all sit down for Christmas breakfast and then we have the opening of the gifts," Rose explained. "It's bedlam but we love it. One year, Len was supposed to pick up all the papers and empty boxes and get rid of them. He filled a large trash bag and while he was taking it outside, he saw some apparently empty boxes on the steps, so he gathered them up, put them in the bag and took them out. Later, when it was too late we discovered the



BELLAS' GRANDCHILDREN-Len and Rose Bellas anxiously await the arrival of their grandchildren for the holidays. Above are Ann Marie, Matthew, Lynea, Jennifer and Marris Ann, the latter coming for the first time. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

boxes were filled with one of the girl's gifts. We never did find them."

When the family all get together there are approximately 25, sometimes a few more. During the day, Rose said she sets out a buffet lunch and everyone can help his or herself.

Christmas evening, they all enjoy a sit-down dinner of lasagne, kibba, ham, kielbasi, potato salad, cole slaw, and all the rest of their favorites.

"During the day the children amuse themselves with games while the adults watch football. Each year we get some new games to play such as Trivia Pursuit, and Picturama and during the holiday week they spend their time visiting, shopping, eating and enjoying relaxing," Rose continued.

"The time passes too quickly and as the last one leaves for home, I begin planning for the next year. It's great to have them all home," Rose said, and Len agreed.

Shavertown father of four awaiting double transplant

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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A Christmas tree stands tall in the furnished basement of the Wroblewski home in Shavertown. The entire home is decorated with holiday trimmings. But the cheerful holiday spirit of the family living in this home is accompanied by a underriding tension created by the painful knowledge that the father of the house may not be there next year. Robert Wroblewski, 34, a husband and father of four, needs help.

Robert suffers from Chronic Renal Failure. His kidneys can no longer function to filter out deadly waste materials from his body. Robert is waiting for the ultimate Christmas gift...life through a double transplant.

Robert's illness began six years ago. He was a typical, middle class, American family man with a loving wife and four beautiful daughters. His only medical concern, along with millions of other Americans, was the diabetes he had lived with since the age of 11. But that year things changed for the Wroblewski.

The diabetes that usually brings no major complications turned against Robert. Diabetes, a disease marked by excessive flow of sugar-urine in the body due to failure of the pancreas to produce insulin, caused his kidneys to begin to fail.

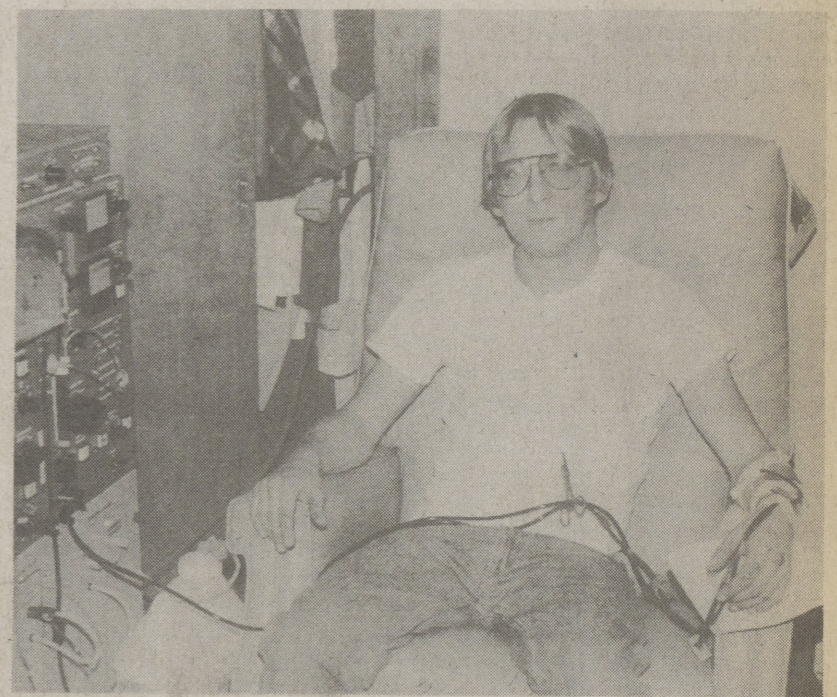
For the next four years, Robert was only monitored by doctors because his kidneys functioned

well enough to keep him out of immediate danger. But in 1987, his doctors decided his kidneys could not support his body much longer. He needed a kidney/pancreas transplant. A new kidney would enable his body to remove the deadly waste material, and a new

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HOME TREATMENT- Robert Wroblewski is pictured here receiving a dialysis treatment at his home. He received the home dialysis machine last Wednesday, becoming the first in the area in 17 years. The machine enables Wroblewski to stay home while being treated, rather than traveling 13 miles away to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital's renal center. He is awaiting a kidney/pancreas transplant. (Photo by Scott A. Davis)

Will earn almost \$60,000

Lake-Lehman superintendent Borchetta gets a hefty raise

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The Lake-Lehman School Board, at last Tuesday night's meeting approved by 6-3 vote the motion to increase Superintendent Dr. Charles J. Borchetta's salary to \$58,500, a 12 per cent increase, for the 1989-1990 school year.

In addition, Borchetta will receive a deferred compensation contract from which he will get \$2,000 for each year of his current employment in the Lake-Lehman School District. Borchetta is in the

third year of a five-year contract. Kenneth Williams, Liz Sichler and Joseph 'Red' Jones voted in the negative.

The board also approved a motion by an 8-1 vote to change the 1989-1990 salary of Assistant High School Principal Robert O. Roberts from \$41,899 to \$42,499. Kenneth Williams cast the dissenting vote.

The board voted down by a 5-4 vote a motion that would have given the superintendent more power over hiring in the district. The change would have allowed

Borchetta to hire applicants without the consent of the board.

Borchetta read a section of his job description and said there was a conflict with the present policy and that his description indicates that only the superintendent will interview all applicants and recommend his choice of one to the board.

But director Joseph 'Red' Jones read the superintendent's contract and explained it did not conflict with the policy. Directors, Jones,

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Traffic stop turns nasty for two cops

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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A routine traffic stop turned into a confrontation between Kingston Township police and a 29-year-old Wilkes-Barre man Wednesday morning, and left two township patrolmen injured.

The incident began when Robert B. Burgit, North Meade Street, was stopped for a routine traffic stop about 9 a.m. Wednesday on Mt. Airy Road in Trucksville by Kingston Township police officer Charles Rauschkolb.

According to reports, Burgit became abusive toward the patrol-

man. Rauschkolb requested police assistance. Burgit then exited his vehicle and struck the officer.

Kingston Township patrolman Michael Moravec arrived on the scene as Burgit was re-entering his vehicle. Both officers attempted to pull Burgit out of the car.

The Wilkes-Barre man accelerated the vehicle dragging both officers up the roadway. The patrolmen then fell to the ground. Burgit then ran from the car allowing it to coast back down the hill.

The officers said they believed Burgit was still operating the vehicle and attempting to ram a po-

lice vehicle. The car, however, ran off the road and struck a tree stump. The patrolman found the car empty.

The officers then began searching the area, and were told by a witness that Burgit had fled the car and entered a Mary Street home in Aldrin Heights. The officers observed blood on the door of the home and gained entrance from the owner, who claimed not to know Burgit was inside.

Burgit was found hiding in a basement bathroom. The home-

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Early deadlines for Dec. 27 issue

Because of the Christmas holiday, early deadlines will be in effect for the December 27 issue of The Dallas Post.

All routine news and advertising copy should be received at our office by 12 Noon on Friday, December 22. Classified ads will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday.

The office of The Dallas Post will be closed Saturday, December 23 and Monday, December 25. We will reopen Tuesday, December 26 at 8:30 a.m.

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Wed., Dec. 27, 1-6 PM, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Main Street, Dallas. Sponsored by the Back Mountain Blood Council. Call 823-7161 for appointments.

HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD - Tues., Dec. 26, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415