

## Lake-Lehman attendance shows continuing gains

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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John Oliver, principal of Lake-Lehman Junior High School, was approved unanimously by the district's school board as Senior High School Principal effective July 1, 1990, to fill the vacancy which will be created when John Zaleskas' retires at the end of June.

The board, which met Tuesday, Feb. 13, also approved a sabbatical leave of absence for William Milford for the 1990-91 school year for the purpose of travel.

District superintendent Dr. Charles Borchetta reported that the high school attendance policy has continued to be effective. He stated that in January, 1988, before the present policy went into effect there were 1,779 absences. In January, 1989 the absences were reduced to 1,342 and in January of this year, the absences were down to 1,162.

Borchetta also reported that because of school being closed two days in January due to snow, the two days would be made up April 17 and 18 but assured parents there would be no school on Good Friday nor Easter Monday.

Addition of three names to the teachers' substitute list was approved unanimously. The three teachers added to the list for 1989-90 were Annette Lee Ricker, West Nanticoke, English; Riane Stefanowicz, Dallas, business; and Cassandra Sharkus, Hunlock Creek, Spanish.

Molly White, senior, was congratulated by the board members for her selection as a finalist in the 1990 Merit Scholarship Competition. The selection of approximately 6,100 Merit Scholar winners from about 14,000 finalists is presently in progress.

Jeris Baranowski was appointed to the position as assistant coach for the boys volleyball team at a salary of \$529; Donald Spencer was appointed junior high baseball coach at a salary of \$1,357; and Charles Hampel, pending his Act 34 clearance, was appointed as the girls head soccer coach at a salary of \$1,929.

The board also approved a motion by Ken Williams to approve the PLANCON parts for submission to the State Department of Education, a motion which was approved Jan. 9, but because there should have been a 30-day waiting period it had to be reapproved.

In other business, the board increased reimbursement for mileage from 25 1/2¢ to 26¢, the approved IRS standard mileage rate.

• Approved a contract for group term life insurance effective July 1, 1990 to Robert C. William Insurance Company, Wilkes-Barre.

• Increased the prices of lunch effective Feb. 20, as follows: K-2, 85¢ to 95¢; 3-6, 90¢ to \$1.00; 7-12, 95¢ to \$1.05; and adult lunches, \$1.40 to \$1.65. Students purchasing tickets by the week receive a discount of five cents per day.

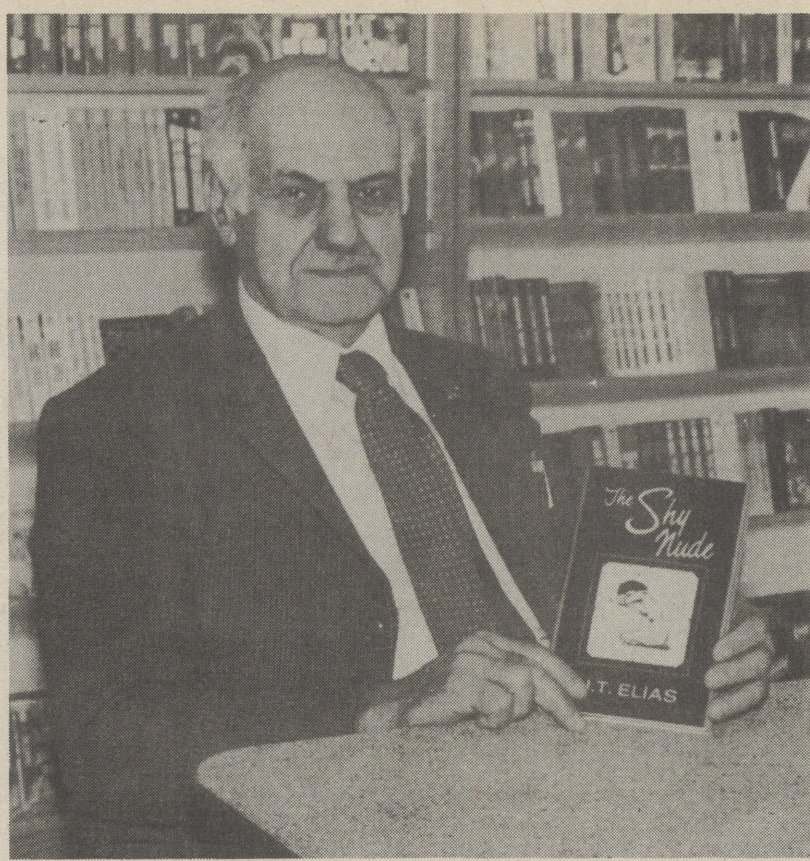
## New program for singles

The Beginning Experience, a group of specially trained lay volunteers, is offering a weekly program for separated, divorced and widowed men and women beginning Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Stella Presbyterian Church, corner of Wyoming Avenue and Owens Street, Forty Fort. This program is open to all faiths and all are welcome.

The purpose of the program is to help separated, divorced and wid-

owed individuals take a look at various aspects of their lives, and begin to put the pieces together again, so that they can start moving forward, and build a happy and productive future.

The program will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m., every Tuesday for nine weeks. For further information or to register, call (717) 825-2158, (717) 288-8997 or the Office for Family Life at (717) 346-8921.



**BOOK SIGNING** - Author J.T. Elias of Centermoreland was on hand to sign copies of his new book, "The Shy Nude" Saturday at Back Mountain Books in the Country Club Shopping Center. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

## New book introduced here

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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A resident of Centermoreland, who spent his boyhood in the Wilkes-Barre area, introduced his new book "The Shy Nude" to the Back Mountain last Saturday at the Back Mountain Book Store.

J.T. Elias, who moved away from the local area 30 years ago returned in May, 1989, and since the setting of "The Shy Nude" is this local area Elias decided to introduce it from the Back Mountain store.

"I started writing the novel about 10 years ago," Elias explained, "and finished it about two years ago and

have been promoting it for the past two weeks.

"Prior to 'The Shy Nude' I wrote and had published several plays, but this is my first novel. The main plot is an idea I got from a news story about a fake classical painting about 12 years ago. I have started another novel about a flyer and a paratrooper," Elias said.

The author endorsed each of the books which were sold Saturday and said he is pleased with the sales of the novel in various university book stores.

He is the father of four children, two sons living in San Francisco, and two daughters in New York City.

## Harveys Lake turns down Guesto's apartment request

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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The Harveys Lake Zoning Board will not allow a four-unit apartment complex proposed by Samuel T. Guesto to be built in the borough.

At the Tuesday, Feb. 13 special hearing, the board denied Guesto's request for a special exception, which would allow him to build the structure in an area zoned for two-unit dwellings.

Guesto defended his request citing the unusual shape of the lot, which was the parking lot for the former Lake's Edge bar. Guesto has already converted the bar into a four-unit apartment complex.

Thirty three residents appeared at the special meeting, most of

them opposed the complex. Of the 33 in attendance, 22 opposed the complex.

The board listened to testimony from a neighbor of the bar, Georgine Petroskas. She asked the board to deny the request so that other builders would not build homes "not harmonious" with the community.

Guesto became upset at one point and offered to sell the property to the residents. "I'll sell it to you," he said, "chip in."

Guesto's request was unambiguously denied by the board because of "lack of proof" and because several required variances were overlooked by Guesto.

Guesto has the right to appeal the decision to Luzerne County Court within 30 days.

## Kingston Twp. pursues light at Franklin Street

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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The Kingston Township Supervisors took two more steps last week toward providing safer roads in the township.

At their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 14, the supervisors agreed to begin consideration of a traffic light in front of the Back Mountain Shopping Center in Shavertown.

Township Manager, Jeff Box was authorized at the meeting to send a letter of request to PennDOT. In the letter, Box will ask PennDOT to conduct a traffic study at Route 309, near the exit for the shopping center.

There have been several accidents at the entrance and at the nearby Franklin Street intersection in the past. Many accidents resulted from vehicles attempting to enter the traffic flow on Route 309.

Kingston Township Patrolman Walter Davis said he would like to see the traffic light installed at the Franklin Street intersection. "I would question the feasibility of putting a light at the East and West Franklin Street intersection," Davis explained. "That way the side roads could be utilized to get

*A light at the entrance to the Shavertown Shopping Center is another possibility*

into the highway." Davis explained that traffic wishing to enter and exit the shopping center using Route 309 could use Franklin Street, which runs behind the center before intersecting with the highway.

Davis further explained that if a light installed at the Franklin Street intersection could be timed with the light at the nearby Center Street intersection, the lights could create an opening for cars to pull onto the highway.

"If timed correctly," Davis explained, "gaps could be created in the traffic flow, cars could pull out during these breaks."

Box was also authorized to write an amendment to the Township Motor Vehicle Ordinance. The amendment would allow the township to place a "Stop except right turn" sign at the intersection of Bunker Hill and Firecut Roads.

## Quick action saves home from garage fire

By SCOTT A. DAVIS  
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A Trucksville home suffered heavy damage following an early evening garage fire last week, and the owner's daughters are credited with saving the house.

Fire broke out in the garage of the Bunker Hill Road home at about 5:30 p.m., Thursday. The garage is attached to the home.

Robert Grant, 46, was not in the home when the fire erupted. Grant's two daughters, however, were inside.

The girls, Lisa, 20 and Erin, 13, smelled smoke and discovered flames coming from the garage, according to Trucksville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gerald Kapral.

According to Kapral, the girls closed a door connecting the house and garage. "They stopped the fire from spreading to the inside of the house," Kapral told reporters explaining how closing the door

*Lisa and Erin Grant closed a door that blocked the spread of flames*

helped save the home. No one was injured in the fire, but the home suffered heavy smoke and heat damage. Also, walls inside the home suffered severe damage.

About 25 firefighters took about 20 minutes to extinguish the fire. However, flames kept flaring up in the home, keeping firefighters at the scene until about 8 p.m.

The cause of the blaze is under investigation but not suspicious, according to Kapral.

Assisting at the scene were Kingston Township Police and Kingston Township Ambulance and Rescue Units.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, at their regular monthly meeting held Wednesday, February 14, 1990, passed on second and final reading Ordinance 1990-1. The entire text of which may be examined at the Township Manager's Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, PA 18708, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following is the short title of the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON AMENDING, IN PART, RESOLUTION 1987-1, ORDINANCE 1976-39, ORDINANCE 1974-21, ORDINANCE 1988-1, AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE FILING OF CERTAIN APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, AND LICENSES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON.

The ordinance will take effect immediately. FOR THE KINGSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Jeffrey K. Box, Township Manager 7-1-P

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, at their regular monthly meeting held Wednesday, February 14, 1990, passed on second and final reading Ordinance 1990-2. The entire text of which may be examined at the Township Manager's Office, 11 Carverton Road, Trucksville, PA 18708, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following is the short title of the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON ESTABLISHING CLIFFSIDE AVENUE AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON.

The ordinance will take effect immediately. FOR THE KINGSTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Jeffrey K. Box, Township Secretary 7-1-P

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