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## 1 Townhouses planned in lake project

By RICH JOHNSON  
 Staff Writer

A request to rezone part of the former Hanson's Amusement Park is back in the hands of the Harveys Lake Borough Council. At a special meeting April 23, Shirley Hanson said she is going to resubmit a request to have 29 acres of land rezoned from C-3 (Commercial) to R-2 (multi-family residential).

The request is the first step of an attempt to build a townhouse complex on the property. It was originally submitted to the council last summer, but no action was taken at that time.

Now Hanson wants to resubmit her request so that a decision on the rezoning will be made. "We want to have the land rezoned so we can go ahead with other steps in getting the project off the ground," said Hanson.

Joseph Varaly, a planning consultant for the borough, told the

council that a public hearing would have to be held on the rezoning issue. "That will be the first thing," said Varaly. "We will have to decide whether or not the property can be rezoned before Mrs. Hanson can make another move."

"It would not be right to ask them to go ahead with their plans if they don't know if the property will be rezoned," Varaly added.

Varaly said that if the council were to approve the rezoning it would not be giving its approval to the overall project.

"Rezoning and the approval of the project - you really have to separate the two," said Varaly. "If you approve the change from commercial to residential then all you are approving is the rezoning."

The borough council seemed optimistic about the proposal and set a public hearing for May 29 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the issue.

"I think it is a good idea," said council president William Wilson.

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## Commissioner, judge candidates will speak

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

Candidates for county commissioner and county judgeships will make an appearance in the Back Mountain next week, as a "Meet the Candidates Night" will be sponsored by the Back Mountain Citizens Council and The Dallas Post. The event will take place Wednesday, May 8, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 105 of Hayfield House on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman.

The Citizens' Council has invited the 17 candidates competing for the four judicial seats in Luzerne County and the nine commissioner candidates, five Republicans and four Democrats competing for the county seats. Most have said they will attend the session.

By law judicial candidates cannot comment on judicial issues, so each of those candidates will be allowed three minutes to state why he or she should be elected.

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
 Wed., May 8, 7:30 p.m.  
 Room 105, Hayfield House, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Lehman  
 Sponsored by the Back Mountain Citizens' Council and The Dallas Post

County commissioner candidates will be given an opportunity to comment on issues of interest to residents of the Back Mountain. Audience members may also submit questions which will be selected and asked by the moderator, William Conyngham, vice president of the Citizens' Council. Questions should relate to the Back Mountain and its needs.

Residents may prepare their questions in advance using the form on page 5 of this week's newspaper.

## SPRING CLEANUP DAYS MAY 6-11

Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township will be holding Spring cleanup days from May 6 to May 11. Here are the schedules:

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP**-Boxes, barrels, cans, tires and other trash, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the township municipal building on Route 309. Appliances and other heavy items will be charged \$5 to \$10.

**KINGSTON TOWNSHIP**-Accepting items from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. May 6-10, from 8:30 to 4:00 May 11 at the township maintenance garage, East Center Street, Shavertown. Not accepted: appliances, concrete, rock, medical waste, tree stumps, other large items or household waste. Five tires accepted per household. One trip per resident.

**DALLAS BOROUGH**-Will accept all items except tires and batteries, from 7:00 a.m. to sunset at the borough garage behind the borough building at 25 Main Street. Appliances will be picked up for \$5.00 each. Call 675-1389 and leave name and address.



**PARADE AT CLEAN-UP DAY** - More than 100 people participated in the fourth annual clean-up day at Harveys Lake on April 27. Councilmen David Abod (left) and Joseph Miscavage are shown with some of the participants as they prepare to parade around the lake. More information and a photo on page five. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

## Dallas Elementary kids celebrate Earth Day

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

It was "Take Care of the Birds Day," at Dallas Elementary School April 28, as kindergarten through fifth grade students participated in a few of the projects for Earth Day.

"We had planned a full day's program for April 21 including a nature hike, presentations by a game commissioner and other environmentalists, and placing the bird feeders along the stream behind the school," said chairperson Liz Lloyd. "Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate so this

week the students are making the bird feeders which they will put in place another day."

The first and second grade students made pine cone peanut butter and bird seed feeds which they will place on trees and bushes

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## Danella wins area recycling pickup bid

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority has selected Danella Environmental Technologies to pick up trash and recyclables in Dallas Borough and Dallas and Kingston townships.

"The apparent low bidder is Danella Environmental Technologies of Taylor with a 30 month bid of \$306.80 (per household)," DAMA Plant Manager Tom Bagley said recently. "The committee met with Danella officials to review all of the specifications and they assured the DAMA committee that they had sufficient equipment to do the collection of garbage and unlimited disposal of recyclables."

Bagley said that the committee is working to establish a reasonable limit of bags to be collected each week but that there will be unlimited collection of recyclables.

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## DER investigating alleged wetlands filling at fairgrounds

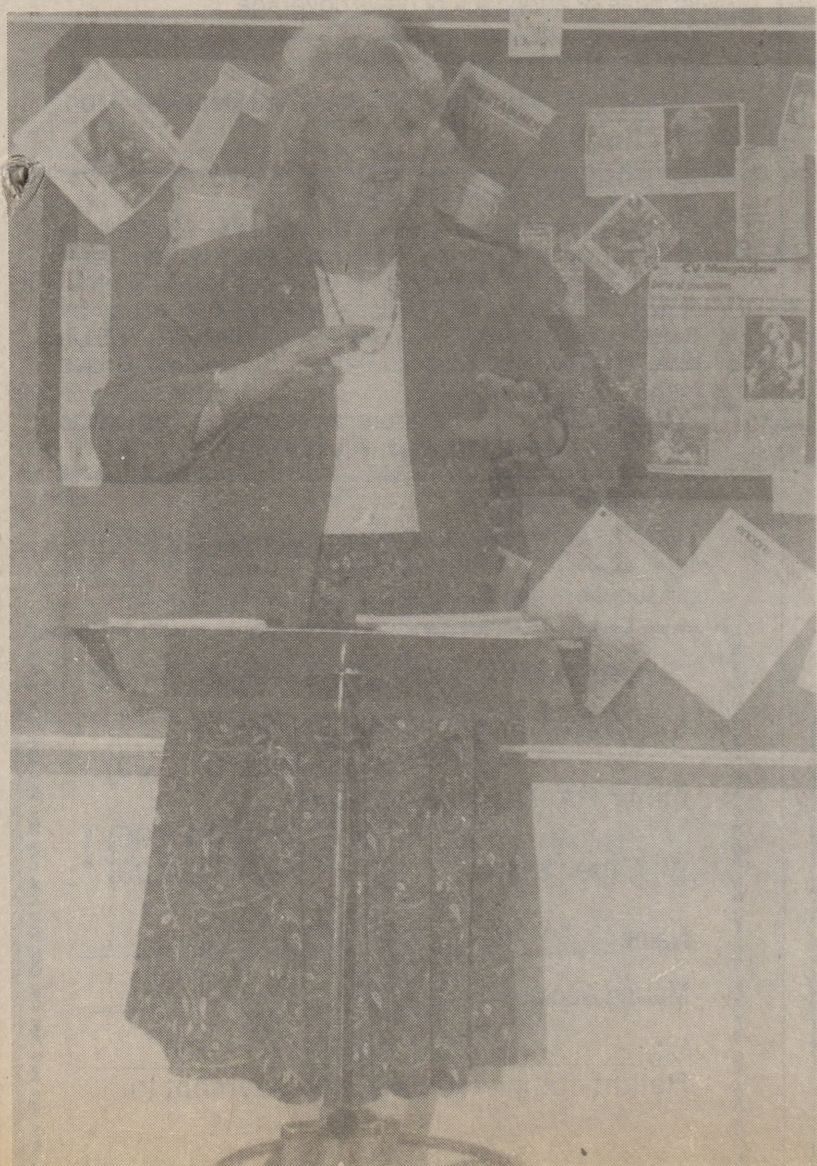
By RICH JOHNSON  
 Staff Writer

The state Department of Environmental Resources (DER) is investigating work done at the Luzerne County Fall Fair grounds after receiving reports that workers were filling in wetlands.

Work to improve the fairgrounds has been going on for nearly three weeks as crews have been moving land in an effort level off the parking area.

Where that soil is being moved

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## Mrs. Florence Sherwood hangs up her baton

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
 Staff Writer

After 34 years, Friday night may be the last time Florence Hughes Sherwood will direct a Dallas Senior High Spring Concert.

Sherwood's husband Robert retired recently from Commonwealth Telephone and she has applied for a sabbatical leave so they can travel. "We have relatives in Wales and if the world situation is settled, we would like to go over there to visit them," she said as she was preparing for this year's concert.

"My concern, however, is that while I am on sabbatical, the chorus and choristers will be discontinued and whether or not the musical theory classes will progress," said Sherwood.

"This is my 34th year in the Dallas School District and I don't want to see the program go backward. I'm fearful they will have only part-time people in while I'm gone and they won't want to give the chorus and choristers the time it takes. These groups spend a lot of time after school hours."

Sherwood started in the district in 1951 when it was Dallas Borough-Kingston Township as a full-time music teacher, then left when she had her children. While they were young, she came back part-time. She also taught part-time while her late daughter Dawn was ill with leukemia. After Dawn

died, Dr. Robert Mellman was responsible for Florence bringing back to the district full-time.

"I first started as supervisor of music but now the teachers are considered relief teachers which is sad. While I have been here I started the chorus and the choristers," she explained.

Florence first taught seventh through 12th grade, then when she came back full-time taught kindergarten through 12th.

"We were then merged into one school district including Dallas and Kingston Township and Dallas Borough and that's about the time I organized the choristers and more recently I started a group, 'The Note-ables' in the Middle School. All of these groups meet after school," she said.

The Choristers present programs at nursing homes, in businesses such as banks and for community groups throughout the entire year. All of the rehearsing and planning was done on the students and Sherwood's own time.

The teacher is proud of her students' achievements. "Our District Chorus students have made All-Eastern since 1973," she said. "Eric Martin was the first Dallas student to go to Nationals in Boston and this year I have his daughter, Jessica, in the Note-ables at Middle School."

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### Community Events

**'MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT'** - Wed., May 8, 7:30 PM, Room 105, Hayfield House, Penn State Campus, Lehman. Candidates for county commissioner and judge will speak and answer questions.  
**REP. GEORGE HASAY OFFICE HOURS** - Fri., May 3, 10 AM - 12 Noon, a field aide will be at Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg.  
**RUMMAGE SALE** - Fri. and Sat., May 3-4, 9 AM-3 PM, Jackson UMC. Homemade soup, food and beverages.  
**CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE** - Fri. and Sat., May 3-4, 5-7 PM, Fellowship Hall, Trucksville UMC, Church Rd. Takeouts available. Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00.  
**RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** - Sat., May 4, 9 AM - 1 PM, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown.  
**FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN DINNER** - Sat., May 4, Huntsville UMC. Serving starts at 4:30, takeouts at 4:00. Adults \$6.00, children under 12, \$2.50.  
**FLEA MARKET** - Sat., May 4, Sweet Valley Fire Hall. Tables \$5.00, refreshments available. Call Connie Doty, 477-3417 or Alice Walsh, 477-5239.

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**LAST TIME** - Friday night, May 3, may be the last time chorus director Florence Hughes Sherwood will direct the Dallas Chorus. Sherwood is shown as she does above. (Post Photo/Charlot M. Denmon)