

## Tower

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they are not a public utility and they will need a variance," he said of Cellular One.

Landry hopes residents attend the planning meeting. "We'd like to fill the house and then some," he said. "I would hope there will be people in favor of the tower in attendance so we can have a real discussion. If the town will benefit significantly from the tower, fine, but I don't think we will."

Landry reiterated some concerns previously mentioned by residents. "Once this is built, Cellular One is in control. They decide when it comes down." Landry also feels a 280-foot tower would be an eyesore. "I'm sure there are alternatives," he said. "It's clear multiple smaller towers in remote areas would build better coverage, but it's cheaper to build one big tower." Landry explained a tactic used in California to solve the eyesore dilemma. "In California, they build smaller ones that look like pine trees, but they are much more expensive."

Geri Gitlin, a township resident, has also been notifying people in the community of the township's plan to allow the tower to go up. But Gitlin isn't confident

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**Roger Landry**  
Dallas Township

her efforts will pay off. "The towers are an issue, but apparently there are many other issues. In Pennsylvania, they're so desperate for revenue, the laws have become lax. They're loosening all these regulations and letting in other types of commercial development, like billboards."

Gitlin has also heard that 360 Communications is interested in building a tower near Irem Temple Country Club. "They're all coming out here and they're going to steamroll us. We can win the battle but we're not going to win the war," she said.

Gitlin encourages residents to attend the May 13 meeting, but she notes, "People need to come to all the meetings. That's how this one slipped by us." Gitlin added, "I do see this as an uphill battle."



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**Jim Sidorek**, way up on top of the ladder of Shavertown Vol. Fire Co.'s new truck.

## Ladder truck

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the past year and a half to be approximately \$50,000.

Beisel points out that continued donations remain a vital source of funds for the department. "We need people to understand that we still need their support with the cans and other fundraisers. We have to make \$30,000 payments for the next 10 years," explained Beisel. The department has a 10-year lease on the truck.

The new truck will not be in service for three to four months, said Beisel. "We will not be in

service until we're comfortable." Each firefighter must now endure many hours of training. Before being able to use the truck to answer emergency calls, each firefighter must take an Emergency Vehicle Operations course, have 10 hours of driving experience on the truck, 10 hours of experience with the ladder and take a ladder and aerial operations class.

"We want to make sure everyone is ready to use it before we use it," explained Beisel about the required training.

## I.O.O.F. 371 sponsors breakfast May 10

I.O.O.F. No. 371 of Dallas will sponsor a breakfast at the Dallas American Legion on Sat., May 10, serving from 8 to 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit Odd Fellow's Charities. Tickets are \$4 and can be obtained from any Odd Fellow member or at the door.

## Incumbents

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political beliefs."

Ed Kelly has served three terms on council. If re-elected, his fourth term will make him the longest serving council member in the board's history. Kelly has been involved with planning and zoning and has served as president of the Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Company for five years. He was chairperson of the Luzerne County Fair for nine years and has been vice president of the Dallas Area Fall Fair Association.

Kelly, formerly a resident of Kingston, moved to Harveys Lake in 1971. He currently resides there with his wife Joan. Kelly has a daughter, Joanne Kulp, and a son, Edward Kelly Jr. Kelly worked for J.S. Raub for 36 years and is currently employed as a driver for Luzerne-Wyoming County Transportation.

Kelly said he ran for council the first time because he wondered where his tax money went. "There was a knock on the door and they asked me to run," he recalls. "They said it was one night a month, but I found out it's not. It's 24 hours, 7 days a week, around the clock." Kelly feels he has been an effective council member. "Since we've been in office, we haven't raised taxes in Harveys Lake Borough," he notes. "We have taken all the roads from dirt roads to modified and macadam. We were the first ones in the Back Mountain to start a recycling program. And we're probably lowest in the county on garbage fees."

Despite the council's past accomplishments, Kelly still hopes to keep moving forward. "We would like to see the lake completely cleaned up," he said. "We have a beautiful lake and we have a lot of organizations telling us what needs to be done. We have a strong working relationship with everyone who works for us." Kelly feels the borough's once a year spring cleanup is a step in the right direction. "Little by little, we are cleaning up the lake. We will continue to do that."

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**Ed Kelly**  
Borough council incumbent

Francis Kopko, a seventh grade science teacher at Dallas for 29 years, has been on the council for four years. Kopko, who has lived in the borough for 30 years, currently resides there with his wife Margaret and their two children, Franmar and Llewellyn.

Kopko cites several reasons for running for council. "I wanted to see the roads maintained, garbage collected, and recycling continue," he said. Kopko has taken steps to make sure this happened. "I was able to procure a \$55,000 grant for recycling," he notes. "It took me a couple of years to do that."

Among his other accomplishments while on council is his work with the county 911 system. "I worked with a couple of community people to rename some of the roads that were duplicated for the 911 system," he explained.

Kopko feels that being on the council has helped him "to meet more people and get to know their side of living in the community." Kopko said, "I think my next big thing would be to see people in the community work together towards common goals — a neighborhoodism type of thing."

*"I believe government on the local level should work for the people and politics should not be an issue."*

**George P. Andrews Jr.**  
Borough council incumbent

## Excursion

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in Cape May, N.J. Brown mentioned the possibility of portable cameras. Griffiths said many schools are buying one portable system at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

The demonstration also took the board to the shores of sunny Monterey, CA to speak with Tom Camille of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and finally back home to Suzanne Kapral at Commonwealth Telephone, who told the board about multi-point communication. Kapral said the system will accommodate up to four people with video access and up to 12 with only audio.

Each of the three told the board about how they use the distance learning system and answered questions. The reception was clear both visually and audibly. At times there was a short delay with audio, no more than a couple seconds.

Connie Keiper, who works at the high school with the Internet and email, coordinated all the stops along the video jaunt across the nation. "I'm excited. I think students will benefit from this a

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**Dr. Gil Griffiths**  
Dallas superintendent

great deal," said an enthusiastic Keiper. "For example, we don't offer the Japanese language, but we can go to another school and learn it (via the distance learning lab)."

Griffiths said the lab could be used to not only receive classes from other schools, but to also teach them.

Carol Yzlski of Dallas thought the lab was great. "The presentation was good. There are very few opportunities for the public to witness things like this. It's very important," said Yzlski, who is happy to see money being spent on this kind of technology.

"It's a very nice interactive classroom. The people of the Dallas School District can be proud of it," Griffiths said. "It's a teaching tool and we have to use it."

## VNA/ health services to meet May 8

Members of the VNA/League for Home-Health Services Board of Directors have finalized plans for their 16th annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held on May 8 at noon at the Appletree Restaurant, Newberry Estate. Susan Kluger, Executive Director of Leadership Wilkes-Barre will be the guest speaker. Those interested in making reservations may call Barbara at 819-0866.

The VNA/League is a volunteer auxiliary of the Visiting Nurses Association of Luzerne County, providing support for the VNA's charitable mission through service projects and fund-raising.

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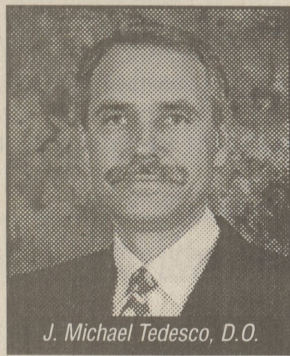
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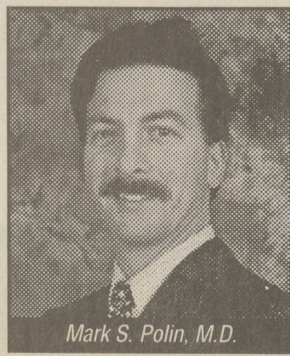
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