



THE DALLAS POST

50 Cents

Vol. 112, No. 42

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE DALLAS & LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS



SCHOOL
Magazine sale raises funds for student activities. Pg 3



SPORTS
Lake-Lehman gets a big win against North Pocono. Pg 11.



COMMUNITY
First Federal Bank holds grand opening at new Shavertown branch. Pg 6.

Puckering up to a pig .. for a good cause.

By HEATHER B. JONES
Post Staff

DALLAS - Kissing a pig was more than just a prank for students at College Misericordia. It also was a great way to raise money for former College Misericordia student Ed Halloran, Jr.

The junior class organized the 1st Annual Kiss the Pig Contest at College Misericordia to raise money for the Ed Halloran Accident Fund.

In June Halloran suffered a serious spinal cord injury from a diving acci-

'I've kissed worse.'

Kevin Wagner
Winning pig kisser

dent at Frances Slocum State Park. He experienced severe paralysis from the injury. He is currently at the Kessler Institute in New Jersey.

Donations to the Ed Halloran Accident Fund help defray expenses for the family from Jackson Township. Halloran's parents devote all of their time to

his recovery. Ed Halloran, Sr. said his family greatly appreciates the generosity of the community over the past five months because the accident not only strained them emotionally, but also financially.

College Misericordia students raised \$1,227 for the fund. The students designated jars for staff members who volunteered to kiss a pig if their jar received the most money.

Kevin Wagner, Director of Resident

See HALLORAN FUND, pg 9



POST PHOTO/HEATHER B. JONES

Kevin Wagner prepared to pucker up and smooch Frank the Pig at a College Misericordia fundraiser to help the rehabilitation of Ed Halloran, a student.

Police, supervisors spar over arbitration

Meeting audience favors direct negotiation

By HEATHER B. JONES
Post Staff

DALLAS TWP. - Residents don't want to pay costly arbitration costs for what they feel is a negotiable disagreement between the township and the police concerning the police contract negotiations.

"It's in arbitration and they're going to take care of it," was the quick response Philip Walter, chairman of the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors, gave to taxpayers questioning why no attempts have been made to settle the police contract. The interchange took place at the Tuesday, Oct. 16 township supervisors' meeting.

The township and police officers began contract negotiations in May. After three unproductive meetings over the course of fourth months, the police filed for arbitration. Filing for arbitration did not have to mean the end of possible negotiations however.

"Can discussions still go on? Yes," said Michael Melnick, assistant township solicitor. "The parties can still negotiate."

The police had no choice in filing for arbitration according to Melnick. Under Act 111, which authorizes collective bargaining between policemen/firemen and their public employers, arbitration must be filed for at least 110 days prior to the end of the fiscal year. The police waited for the last possible day to file, September 13.

"The police have a certain timetable within which they must ask for arbitration. If they don't ask for it, they lose that right. They are then stuck with their expired contract," Melnick said.

The township and the police have until about five minutes before an arbitrator would render a decision to try to reach a settlement between themselves.

See POLICE, pg 7

Lake Silkworth development poses problems, solution far off

By HEATHER B. JONES
Post Staff

LEHMAN TWP. - Lake Silkworth's future sewage problem is a topic Lehman Township Supervisors say they are very well aware of, but can do nothing about right now.

Kathleen Drialo, a part-time Lake Silkworth resident, told the supervisors Monday night she is very concerned about the future of the sewage at the lake.

"We are aware of Lake Silkworth," said David Sutton, chairman of the supervisor. "Lake Silkworth has become developed improperly."

The area that once housed small summer cottages has become a year round home to many residents. The development and population, Sutton believes, is a source of foreseeable problems for the township. The lake does not have the infrastructure to support the development of recent years.

Long-range plans are to provide Lake Silkworth with a sewage system, but Sutton stressed long range. "It's going to become very costly for the people to pay," Sutton said. "We simply can't do it right now."

"The problem with the sewage is not going to go away," said Drialo.

The supervisors agreed, but the township is not prepared to do anything at the current time nor can it afford to, Sutton said. Grant money is needed to pay for the sewer project, he said, and as of now, there are no funds available for such a project.

Scott Nice, a Briar Crest Road resident, brought complaints about water runoff to the board of supervisors' meeting. The water comes from Boyle Road. After investing more than a \$1,000 in gravel for his property, Nice has not received any relief from the problem.

"We're putting another pipe in to pick up the water coming out of Boyle Road," said Douglas Ide, roadmaster. Within a few weeks, Ide said, other

See LEHMAN TWP., pg 9



POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Feeling the beat

Michael Miller, a percussionist in the Dallas Marching Band, concentrated on his work during an exhibition performance Sunday at the high school. Dallas hosted a Tournament of Bands, which attracted groups from around the area. More photos on page 4.

\$11 million in bids awarded for school project

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

ROSS TWP. - The Lake-Lehman School Board approved \$10,786,969 in bids for the Lake-Lehman Senior High School Addition and Alterations project at the board meeting Tuesday night.

All contracts were awarded to the lowest

bidder with the exception of the contracts for the security system, library equipment, and the Prototyping Lab & Technology Education Department equipment. The low bid on the library equipment was rejected as it was not in compliance with the specifications of the contract and the next lowest bid was taken, while the bids for the security system are

still being evaluated.

The business manager has been authorized to re-bid the contract on the Prototyping Lab & Technology Education Department equipment at a later date.

General construction will be handled by S.G. Mastriani, Dunmore.

See SCHOOL BIDS, pg 7

Local firefighters salute fallen brothers

By SANDY PEOPLES
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - Their badges and fire trucks were draped in black. They came from every town in the Back Mountain and the surrounding area, to pray for and salute the fallen heroes from New York City.

The members of the Back Mountain Volunteer Firemen's Association, their families, police officers, clergy and others formed a silent procession from Luzerne to the campus of College Misericordia to remember those who had given their lives in the line of duty on September 11. Crowds of people along the side of the road waved and applauded with a new appreciation for the work and dedication of the men and women in blue.

"The idea for the procession and memorial service came from Jack Dodson, Chief of the Kunkle Fire Department and President of the Back Mountain Vol-

"A little bit of all of us died that day, but we are a proud group, and we live to serve."

Ted Wright
Dallas Ass't Fire Chief

unteer Firemen's Association," said Ryan Moss, a firefighter for the Shavertown Fire Department. "We all felt that we should do something. We also started a fund with \$1,000 seed money from our firemen's association. Our hope is that others will want to add to it. They can do so at the PNC Bank. Then we will send the money and a plaque to the firefighters' families in New York."

Speakers at the service were Rev. Joseph P. Rafferty, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake; Frank Lutinski,

Fire Chief, Harveys Lake; Phyllis Mundy, State Representative of the 120th District; Ted Wright, Assistant Fire Chief, Dallas; Rev. David Mansfield, Pastor of Huntsville Christian Church; Jack Dodson, Fire Chief, Kunkle and President of the Firefighters Association; and Rev. Michael Bealla, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church, Endwell, NY.

Chief Lutinski offered the opening remarks. "We went from carefree tranquility to what we feel today," he said. "Many firefighters responded to their final call on that tragic day. Others are still with us because of a few minutes or a few feet. Their loss is felt across America."

In her remarks, Mundy said, "the essential elements of our natural character remain. As we look at the pictures of the emergency service workers who paid the ultimate price, we must never forget them. We must remem-

See FIREFIGHTERS, pg 7



POST PHOTO/SANDY PEOPLES

Ladder trucks from Shavertown and Kunkle formed an arch across Memorial Highway, from which the American flag proudly waved. A procession of emergency vehicles passed under later in the day.

INDEX

18 Pages, 2 Sections	
Calendar.....	18
Classified.....	14-17
Crossword.....	12
Editorials.....	8
Obituaries.....	2
School.....	3
Sports.....	11-12

CALL 675-5211
FOR HOME DELIVERY,
NEWS OR ADVERTISING
E-mail: dalpost@epix.net

The Dallas Post

Please enclose this label with any address changes,
and mail to The Dallas Post P.O. Box 366, Dallas, PA 18612-0366