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## New policy introduced at Lake-Lehman Principals must now approve outside teaching materials

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An administrative bulletin from the office of Lake-Lehman School District Superintendent Dr. M. David Preston was distributed to all members of the faculty and administrators in the district last week. Highlight of the bulletin was the announcement of a new policy regarding the use of instructional materials, a policy not too cheerfully accepted by faculty nor administrators.

The policy states that, "The use of materials for instruction which have not been provided by the Lake-Lehman School District or by Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 but available from personal sources or various agency or organization sources, should be predicated on the appropriateness of such in helping to realize stated goals and objectives of the planned course and consideration of the age or level and readiness of the pupils in terms of learning expectations and outcomes."

If, based on the above considerations, a teacher wishes to use such materials, the

materials must be presented to the building principal with sufficient time provided to allow for adequate review by either approval or non-approval to use such materials. The principal may call on the superintendent to assist in such review and disposition, if he desires.

The policy is a result of a lengthy, heated discussion conducted during the Nov. 4 work session of the directors over a film shown in an elementary class during the Halloween holidays.

Jonathan Pineno, elementary music teacher and department head of the fine arts program, showed the Michael Jackson film "Thriller" not only for the music, but to show visually how make-up and decorations could turn a gymnasium into a setting. In a part of the film, with the aid of makeup, Jackson becomes a werewolf.

The film was used only in the elementary program with approval. Pineno contended that the film is within the realm of fine arts and, therefore, acceptable.

Lake-Lehman Board Director Bing O. Wolfe claimed the children were frightened by the film "Thriller" and using part of the film, showed a five-minute cassette he had made to those

present at the meeting.

Wolfe remarked, "If this is going on in elementary, I can't imagine what is going on in senior high school." Director Ed Mark remarked that it "could leave scars on children."

Wolfe criticized the showing and charged Dr. Preston, as being responsible for what is done in the classrooms.

The subject had not been placed on the agenda of the Nov. 11 board meeting but various

taxpayers at the meeting voiced their displeasure over the policy, maintaining that principals are not being paid to review books, slides, films or other audio-visual materials in the district. The taxpayers also questioned whether or not administrative officials were qualified to review specific instructional materials or whether this should be the responsibility of the department chairman.

## Local school salaries lower than state average

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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Average annual salaries of administrative/supervisory

staff positions in both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts are lower than the state average in every category but one, according to data provided by the Pennsylvania School

Boards Association, Inc. Only the business manager salary at Lake-Lehman is slightly higher than the state's average.

Administrative/supervisory staff positions include superintendents, assistant superintendents, central office administrators, principals and others normally considered part of the management team.

The state figures for that group is as follows: Superintendent, \$50,731; assistant superintendent (191 positions reported), 46,625; elementary principal, \$38,742; high school principal, \$40,700; business manager, 36,224; assistant high school principal, \$36,854; assistant elementary principal (78 positions reported), \$33,961; curriculum coordinator, 38,482.

The following are the figures for both schools involving those categories for 1986-87, plus those for the clerical/secretarial positions.

**DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Gerald Wycallis, Superintendent, \$45,500; Samuel Barbose, Elementary Principal, \$32,652; Ruth Tetschner, Elementary Principal, \$35,414; Thomas Cypher, High School Principal, \$37,240; Frank Galicki, Assistant High School Principal, \$32,810; Fred Templin, Supervisor of Curriculum, \$38,400; Sandra Vidlicka, Business Manager, \$27,857.

**SECRETARIES-CLERKS**  
Janice Brace, Accounts Payable Clerk, \$11,956; Janet Evans, Receptionist, \$9,207; Susan Farr, Transportation Coordinator, \$9,207; June George, Elementary School Secretary, \$12,790; Audrey Kachurick, Switchboard and secretary to Supervisor of Curriculum, \$9,207; Allyson Lord, Junior High Secretary, \$11,956; Mildred Robinson, Elementary Secretary, \$9,451; Margery Ste-

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## Investigation not started

No update has been reported in the case of a Dallas Borough police officer who is the target of an investigation into his handling of an alleged underage drinking incident at a private home on November 1.

Last week Dallas police commissioner Tim Carroll said the investigation would be done by someone or some group outside the borough council and that procedures would begin soon. As of press time on Monday, Carroll said no authority has yet been named, although he did say more information on the matter might have been given at the council meeting Tuesday night.

Borough solicitor John Fine could not be reached for comment.

The investigation stems from officer Chris Purcell's handling of an alleged underage drinking incident at the home of Arthur Miller, 84 Norton Ave., Dallas, on Saturday, Nov. 1. Reportedly, 20 Dallas High School students were in attendance, with eight of the individuals eventually being cited for a number of violations.

## News you need

### Pecukonis named chief dispatcher

The Back Mountain Police Commission last week unanimously elected Bernie Pecukonis as chief dispatcher of the newly formed group, effective January 1.

Pecukonis, who has been a dispatcher for 13 years, will be responsible for overseeing the daily operation at the Dallas Township Municipal Building, including implementing board policy and making up dispatcher work schedules.

Officials who voted for the appointment were: Tim Carroll and police chief Ed Lyons of Dallas Borough; Phil Walter and police chief Carl Miers of Dallas Township; Edward Price Jr., and police chief Paul Sabol, Kingston Township and Harveys Lake police chief, Lionel Bulford.

### Jamesway to aid March of Dimes

The Jamesway Corporation will continue its "Pictures with Santa Claus" promotion to benefit the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Santa Claus will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jamesway in the Luzerne Shopping Center, Luzerne.

The photos will be \$2.49 each and the money raised will be used for research, public health education, and community service projects dedicated to the prevention of birth defects.

With Christmas just around the corner this is a perfect time to have your children visit with Santa Claus.

### Winter parking ordinance in effect

Police Chief Paul M. Sabol reminds Kingston Township residents that the Winter Parking Ordinance is now in effect through March 31st. Under the ordinance residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on Township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day.

The ordinance is designed to keep the Township streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the Road Department.

The Chief urges all Township residents to cooperate in complying with the Township Ordinance.

### March of Dimes recruiting marchers

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is still recruiting marchers for their Mothers March effort in January.

The money raised from this door to door campaign will be used for medical research, public health education and community service projects.

A committee has been appointed in Wilkes-Barre to help with recruitment and registration.

All marchers who participate will have a chance to win a number of fabulous incentive prizes.

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact the March of Dimes office at 342-7894 or 824-1345.

### Low interest loans now available

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors have announced that low interest home improvement loans are available for residents of the Township. Board of Supervisors Chairman Willard Piatt noted that the loans are available through the Luzerne County Office of Community Development.

Loans of up to \$10,000 for various home improvements are available at interest rates of 3 percent, 5 percent, 7 percent, and 9 percent to eligible applicants. The loans may not exceed a term of ten years.

The Luzerne County Home Rehabilitation loans are available through local offices of First Eastern Bank and United Penn Bank. For further information on the loan program contact the Kingston Township Administrative Office at 696-3809 or the Luzerne County Office of Community Development at 824-7214.

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### Buckskinners unite!

John Robbins, left, and Dave Hopfer, members of the Buckskinners Club, hope to stir enough interest to form a club of its kind in this area.

## Back to nature

### Buckskinners do things the way they used to be done

By JANE RENN  
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As you come to the crest of a small hill, your moccasins making little noise in the underbrush, a slight breeze ruffles the fur of your foxskin cap and the fringe of your buckskin jacket. Looking down into the valley below, you see scores of teepees and lean-tos and the early-morning movements of people below.

A scene from the past? Yes and no.

Today, scenes such as this do exist in certain places with certain groups of people — people who most of the time, live in the modern world, but who choose to step back into time periodically and recreate history as authentically as possible.

These people are buckskinners. Dave Hopfer and John Robbins of Noxen are two men who try to relive history this way. Hopfer, a first-year teacher at Lake-Lehman, and Robbins, who drives a van for senior citizens, spend most of their free time researching and making the accessories a pre-1840 fron-

tiersman would have used in everyday life.

In addition to fashioning historically realistic hats, buckskin clothes and heavy coats called capotes from wool blankets, they make the smaller but still vital items such as a hollowed-out gourd wrapped in rawhide for drinking water; bullets; leather and beaded bags; tomahawks; powder horns; belts; knives and more.

Robbins' specialty is making knives. The handles are carved from deer antlers. The blades are made from old files, steel scraps — whatever can be found, just as the mountaineers did years ago.

"I get pride out of making these knives," Robbins said. "I just love doing it."

"Usually buckskinners will specialize in a certain thing," said Hopfer, who seemed to be the spokesman for the two and who got Robbins interested in the subject more

than nine years ago. "My particular specialty, I would consider to be the hornsmithing." His powderhorns, made from cow horns, are beautifully polished, decorated, and tipped with gleaming wood.

For Hopfer, who teaches metal and leather working at the high school, buckskinning is a natural way to combine his interests.

"It really tests your skills," he said. "You learn to work with a large variety of materials such as horns, steel...castings...cloth...(and) leather."

He tries to communicate his interest to his pupils without pushing it on them.

"If I teach my kids about leather, and...tanning, I also teach them about history," he said. "I teach them about mathematics, because they have to learn how to measure. You can tie so many

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## Want to be a Buckskinner?

John Robbins and Dave Hopfer, both Noxen residents, would like to stir enough interest in the Buckskinners Club among local residents to start a club in our area. Anyone wishing more information may contact Robbins at 298-2248 or Hopfer at 298-2041.