

Lake-Lehman class uses King day to teach others

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The Advanced Placement English class at Lake Lehman High School is celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. day in a different way this year. The class, taught by Ellen Campbell, plans to promote equality and racial awareness in their school this month by educating fellow students about Martin Luther King, Jr. and other outstanding African American achievers.

The class has spent several weeks working on this project. They have discussed and researched information about African American music, history, and people. The class is combining their individual research into a larger presentation which they will share with other Lake Lehman students.

Jenni Judge, class member, revealed one goal of the group. "I

hope to make people more aware of black accomplishments."

Members of the class will travel to other English classes throughout the day to present their program which includes a variety of topics. The class will highlight African American achievements in sports, history, politics, entertainment, music, and literature. They plan to present a brief biography of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as several student essays written to the theme of equality.

Tammie Yetter, a student, gave her view of the project, "I would like people to be more open-minded to the idea of equality."

The class hopes that their activities will encourage students to gain further understanding of the importance of different cultures and races in their school and in the United States.



BRINGING KING'S MESSAGE TO OTHERS - The Advanced Placement English class at Lake-Lehman High School used the occasion of Dr. Martin Luther King Day to bring his message of tolerance and hope to other students.

Progress

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negotiating sessions have been set for February 4 and 5.

The districts teachers, who have been working without a contract since September, 1991, originally requested a five-year contract with a 9.85% average yearly raise. The board had offered a three-year contract with a \$2,450 raise each year.

In December, a state fact-finder recommended a four-year contract with an average 8.75% annual raise. The school board rejected the recommendation, while the teachers accepted it.

Meanwhile, organizers of the the Dallas Taxpayers Forum say that over 2,500 residents of the district have signed a petition calling for a two-year pay freeze for the teachers.

A representative from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association said that one of the strategies of the state teachers' union, the Pennsylvania Education Association, is to get a settlement in one district that they can point to justify raises in other districts.

"We call it whipsawing," said the representative. "District A gets it, then District B, then District C."

Water

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by a drain on the water table.

"It's a matter of looking out for all of us," said Bowersox. "We need water to operate."

According to Paul Lumia, a director of the Huntsville Golf Club, the club will submit a package to the planning commission at its meeting on February 24. The planning commission is the last local government body which will have to review the plans for the course. The Lehman Township Zoning Hearing Board accepted the plan to build the private golf club in an area zoned residential at its meeting last November 25.

Test wells will be drilled in the next few weeks to determine if

there is sufficient ground water for the course. The test wells will be pumped continuously for several days to see if neighboring wells would be affected.

In case the wells do not provide enough water, supervisor David Sutton suggested to the club that ponds be constructed on the course for water - a suggestion he feels would be practical even if the wells were shown to be adequate.

"I'm aware of a couple of springs on the property," said Sutton, who is a member of the Planning Commission. "They'd fill those ponds when it's raining. When things get down and it's not raining then they can use them. Plus the better

courses often have water you have to shoot over."

Sutton said that no action would be taken on the plans the first night they come before the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will have 90 days to review the plans. The Department of Environmental Resources, Luzerne County Soil Conservation District, Luzerne County Planning Commission, and the township engineer will all review the plan and give their recommendation to the township, Sutton said.

Supervisor Ray Iwanowski is also on the five-member Planning Commission.

Lumia said the course would

not be used for tournaments.

"A private golf course - most private golf course owners don't want tournaments because they chew the course up," he said.

The club would admit 450 members with an initiation fee of \$15,000, and an annual membership fee of between \$2,200 and \$3,200. Residents from outside the area would pay a \$5,000 initiation fee because they would play on the course less, Lumia said.

The principal investors in the golf club are Richard Maslow, of Dallas; Dave Hall, of Shavertown and Dick Pearsall, of Dallas. Attorney Richard Caputo, of Dallas, is representing the group.

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Obituaries

MARGARET BILLS

Margaret Alice Bills, 87, formerly of Huntsville Road, Shavertown, died Jan. 13, 1992, in Cross's Mountainview Guest Home, Sweet Valley.

Born in Larksville, June 25, 1905, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Dugan Lance. She was educated in Plymouth public schools. She was a former resident of Detroit, Mich., where she resided for 35 years. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church, Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; brother, Leslie.

Surviving are two nieces. Interment, Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Pringle.

MARIAN BUSS

Marian Bray Buss, 81, of South Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre died at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of the late William and Susan Remphey Bray.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Clinton, Russell, William and Charles Bray.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Leonard, are sons, Fred, Wilkes-Barre; William, Silver Spring, Md.; daughter, Mrs. Richard (Lois) Gdovin, Shavertown; brother, Arthur Bray, Mountaintop; seven grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces. Interment, Evergreen, Cemetery, Shavertown.

FRANK ORKWIS

Frank Orkwis, 71, of Hemlock Drive, Oak Hill, Dallas, died Jan. 15, 1992, at home, after an illness.

Born in Flushing, NY, July 22, 1920, he was the son of the late Frank and Balbina Maruszak Orkwis. He was a graduate of Jamaica High School, Long Island, NY, and a Navy veteran of World War II. He was employed by Topps Chewing Gum Co., Brooklyn, NY, working there for 39 years, retiring in 1985 as technical coordinator from the Duray plant. He was a member of Back Mountain Kiwanis Club and American Legion Post 199, Parsons. He also was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and its Holy Name Society.

He and his wife, the former Georgianna Geiple, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Nov. 30, 1991. He was preceded in death by brothers, Stanley and Walter; sister, Sophie Ostrowski.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons, Frank, Ocala, Fla.; Kenneth, Kingston; Ronald, Dallas; daughter, Joy Ann Stephenson, Lakeland, Fla.; seven grandchildren; sister, Stella Baker, Long Island, NY.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton. Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Hospice St. John, 665 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre 18702; or to Mercy Center Convent, Lake Street, Dallas, 18612.

LEONARD PETCHKIS

Leonard J. Petchkis, 68, of Pine Ridge Road, Centermoreland, died Jan. 15, 1992 at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Plains Township.

A lifelong resident of Centermoreland, he was the son of the late George and Catherine Petchkis. He was self-employed as a farmer, also working at Bullard Machine Co., Bridgeport, Conn., as a machinist. He attended Blessed Sacrament Church, Centermoreland. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Kochan; son, Ronald, Wapwallopen; daughters, Antoinette Hockman, Centermoreland; Christine Bissonnette, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lee Anna Pell, West Brook, Conn; brother, Benjamin, Bridgeport, Conn.; sister, Della Ponganis, Stratford, Conn; one granddaughter.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Burial Park, Carverton.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to American Cancer Society, Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, 18702.

MICHAEL PETROWSKI

Michael Petrowski, 80, of RD 3, Hunlock Creek, died Jan. 19, 1992, at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital shortly after admission.

Born in Edwardsville, he was the son of the late Edward and Sadie Trotsky Petrowski and attended Edwardsville Schools. He was a resident of Sweet Valley for 32 years. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the European theater of operations.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Adamczyk; sisters, Mrs. Catherine Kytic, Bradford; Mrs. Mildred Rodgers, Long Beach, Calif.; nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Hedwig's Cemetery, Larksville.

HAROLD SHAFER

Harold J. Shafer, of Main Road, Hanover Green, Hanover Township, died Jan. 19, 1992, at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Hanover Green, he was the son of the late John E. and Cora Templeton Shafer.

Surviving are his wife, the former Edith Saunders; sons, William, Dallas; Jack, Baskets Harbor, NY; Dale, Hanover Green; seven grandchildren; brother, Myrlynn, Harrisburg; one nephew. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday from the Earl W. Lohman Funeral Home, 14 W. Green St., Nanticoke, with Rev. Frederick R. Nagle officiating.

Interment, Hanover Green Cemetery, Hanover Township. Friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to Goodwill Hose Company or to the Hanover Township Ambulance Unit.

BENJAMIN JENKINS

Benjamin (Red) Jenkins Jr., 72, of West Pettebone Street, Forty Fort, died Jan. 18, 1992, in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, following an illness.

Born in Kingston, he was the son of the late Benjamin w. and Rachel Lloyd Jenkins.

He had previously resided in Shavertown. Prior to his retirement in 1983, he was employed as an auto mechanic for 34 years for David Ertley Inc., Kingston.

Surviving are his wife the former Frances Treslar.

Interment, Forty Fort Cemetery.

EMMA SARLEY

Emma L. Sarley, 80 of RR 1, Unityville, died Jan. 20, 1992 at Bloomsburg Hospital.

Born in Plymouth, June 20, 1911, she was daughter of the late Charles and Bertha Hoover Hutchins. She resided in Dallas for 30 years prior to moving to Unityville 20 years ago. She was employed by Percy Brown's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre for 35 years, retiring in 1972. She was a member of Lungerville Christian Church.

She and her husband, William R., celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary last October.

She was preceded in death by brothers Charles and Ira.

Surviving in addition to her husband, are a son, William C., Dallas; brother, Willard G. Muncy; three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday from Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home, corner of Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek, with Rev. Furman Doty of Lungerville Christian Church, officiating. Interment, Fern Knoll Funeral Burial Park, Dallas.

Friends may call 1 p.m. Thursday until time of services. In lieu of flowers family requests memorial contributions be sent to the Lungerville Christian Church, RR 1, Box 489, Unityville, Pa. 17774.

HELEN SOKOL

Helen Sokol, 69, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, died Jan. 13, 1992, at Lakeside Nursing Home, Idetown.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Yesko Sokol. She was a graduate of Coughlin High School. She had resided at Lakeside Nursing Home for the past 11 years. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a secretary by Max Burke and Son Insurance. She was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Bernard (Bette) Rollman, Dallas; one niece and one nephew.

Interment, St. Mary's Byzantine Cemetery, Dallas.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to National Alzheimer's Association, 70 E. Lake St., Chicago, ILL. 60601; or to the local chapter, Riverside Adult Day Care Center, 220 S. River St., Plains 18705.

JOHN ELINCHIK

John P. Elenchik, 84, of West Overbrook Avenue, Dallas, died Jan. 14, 1992 at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Plymouth Township, he was the son of the late John M. and Anna Chewey Elenchik. He attended Jackson Township schools and resided in Dallas for the past 42 years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Sordoni Construction Co. He was a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, and its Holy Name Society. He also was a member of International Plasterers and Cement Masons Union, Lock 150, Wilkes-Barre.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, June 3, 1991.

Surviving are a son, John A. Orange; daughters, Marian Kern, Dallas; Eleanor Taylor, Cape Coral, Fla.; Elizabeth Kowaleski, Randall, Wash.; brothers, Frank, Jackson Twp.; Joseph, Shavertown; sisters, Mary Elenchik, Agnes Manzoni and Frances Stash, all of Jackson Township; Anna Bebey, Wilkes-Barre; Katherine Hudak, Dallas; Margaret Harrison, Muhlenburg; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Interment, St. Stephen's Cemetery, Lehman Township.

THOMAS LYMAN

Thomas Wayne Lyman, of RR 1, Springville, died Jan. 16, 1992, at Tyler Memorial Hospital, Tunkhannock.

Born in Lymanville, he was the son of the late Perry and Mary Wilson Lyman.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, the former Joan Hoffman; sons, Richard, Springville; David, Laceyville; Donald, Noxen; Kevin, Wyalusing; Jason, Honesdale; daughter, Lisa Robinson, Springville; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Lynn Cemetery, Lynn.

FLORENCE MULRANEY

Florence Sobieski Mulrane, 56, of Berlin, NJ, died Jan. 14, 1992, in Cooper Medical Center, Camden, NJ.

Born in May 1935, in Trucksville, she was the daughter of the late Julian and Mary Sobieski. She was a 1952 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. After her marriage, she moved to Berlin.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew X.; children, Andrew J. Clementown, NJ; Steven A., Lindenwold, NJ; Colleen Carow, Charlotte, NC; Nancy Mulrane, San Diego, Calif.; Daniel and Julianne, both of Berlin; brother, Leoand, Mountaintop; five grandchildren. Interment, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Berlin.

Memorial donations may be made to the building fund of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Church, Berlin, NJ.

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