Drug program

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to the Thursday group with a more serious problem: his parents were alcoholics and he was afraid that he would also become one.

With the help of his friends in the drug and alcohol program, he has stepped back from alcohol use, made new friends who don't drink and has begun a good job.

Under Pennsylvania state law, all students are required to have eight classes a year in drug and alcohol prevention. McGee, nicknamed "the drug lady" by her students, teaches every class in the district.

Recently assigned to Lake-Lehman, McGee relies on the strong program set up by her predecessor, Pam McDonald, who left the area at Christmas after working in the district for five years.

From "Super Puppy" teaching the little ones to stay safe and take good care of themselves to the junior high students' major changes in self-image and the senior high students' awakening sense of responsibility and social conscience, McGee tries to involve her students as much as possible in every phase of drug and alcohol education in the district.

Students are encouraged to help one another, through the Peer Helpers, Students Against Drunk Driving (S.A.D.D.) and visits as role models to the elementary schools to spread the word to "just say no."

Students with serious problems are referred to the appropriate agencies, such as The Bridge, Children and Youth or Community Counseling Services.



"HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE THAT?" - Drug and alcohol prevention/education specialist Lisa McGee meets with a group of Lake-Lehman High School students as part of her work with the district. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

"I think that the students are making, motivation, withstanding very receptive to the program," McGee said, noting that her former provided by the agency, but the students from a nearby school have individual specialist determines passed the word to Lake-Lehman how they are used. that "the drug lady is cool."

utilizing Wyoming Valley Drug and intervention program in the middle Alcohol Service's programs; two school and high school, aimed at part-time drug and alcohol identifying and referring "high risk" prevention supervisors, Bill students living with substance Dougherty Krzanowksi, also work two days a week in the Dallas schools. Lesson plans on decision- said.

Teacher

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peer pressure and other topics are

Lake-Lehman is one of 11 Dallas has developed Support Luzerne County school districts for Teens at Risk (STAR), a special and Mylene abuse, truancy, school phobia, depression or other situations for

The overall message is "You're not alone. You're not a bad kid. We care about you."

"Families with these problems shouldn't be ashamed. They should go for help," said Jen, a Lake-Lehman junior who has been involved in the "drug lady's" programs since seventh grade.

"I've learned to be a lot more understanding, to be there if one of my friends has a problem," she continued. "The most important appropriate treatment, Dougherty thing is to let others know that you care.

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Directors

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According to Dallas School District superintendent Gerald Wycallis, displays on School Directors' Month have been set up in the lobby of the administration building. School board members have also been publicly commended in the local press for their work, Wycallis said.

Dallas school board members are James L. Richardson, Clarence Michael, Ernest Ashbridge, Jr., Thomas Stitzer, Ellen Nagy, John George, Thomas Landon, Dr. Richard Coslett and John Cleary.

First officially organized under the Free School Act of 1894 to provide for local control of public education, school districts are administered by locally elected officials, who are in the unique position of also being considered state officials, since as school

directors, they also serve as agents in the General Assem

education, will fill James' position provided by the PAESSP, Ms. Peiffer Pennsylvania Public School Code as an intern under the supervision has earned certificates in of Lake-Noxen principal Ropert elementary education, reading Kunkle. and an administrative certificate

Ms. Peiffer is certified to fill that as an elementary principal. position, as well as being qualified to fill the now-vacant position of Savage said that from the district's supervisor of curriculum and perspective, Ms. Peiffer's reassignment to the classroom was instruction, Ms. Houck said. According to information within the scope of the



of 1949.

"Ms. Peiffer's reassignment was specialist, supervisor of reading a demotion in the sense that she went from serving in an s an elementary principal. School district solicitor Peter classroom position," he said.

> The PAESSP attorneys have advised Ms. Peiffer not to make any comments to the press.

More of the news

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According to information furnished by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), board members establish district policies, approve educational programs, provide and maintain the district's facilities, hire properly certified professional and nonprofessional employees, prepare budgets and raise local funds used by their respective districts in conjunction with state and federal monies to operate all programs.

American Legion pig roast February 6

American Legion, will hold their annual Pig Roast, February 6, at the Post Home in Dallas. Serving is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Post Home. Adults \$6.00, children tickets at the night of the dinner only.

Music for dancing will start at 9 p.m.

Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, The Auxilians Honored

Mrs. Mina McCracken, oldest living member of the Auxiliary of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, seated left, and Mrs. Geraldine Nesbitt Orr, auxilian with the most years of service, seated right, were acknowledged during a commemorative luncheon hosted by the executive board of the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Also shown is Mrs. Carol Griffiths, Auxiliary executive board president. The luncheon was among the many festivities conducted this year by the Auxiliary, which like Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, celebrated its 80th anniversary during 1992.

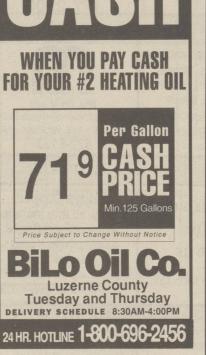


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