

Taxpayers

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they felt that \$50 was a more reasonable figure, given the district's tax base and current expenses.

- Appoint Thomas Brown as volunteer boys' eighth grade basketball coach, Robert Wilson as junior high girls' basketball coach, substitute teachers Kimberly Chapple, Stacey Ertwine, Andrea Bowman and Melissa Summa, custodial substitutes Willard

Aldrow and Harold Sheridan and substitute clerical worker Ann Marie Hackling.

The board also agreed to allow superintendent Dr. Nancy Davis to set up a day when members of the taxpayers' associations could visit district schools, after a suggestion from Lois Kopcha.

Dr. Davis said that the visitation would have to be organized so that it didn't disrupt the students' normal instruction.

Lake-Lehman taxpayer group recommends contract cutbacks

The Lake-Lehman Taxpayers' Association has presented a letter to superintendent of schools Nancy Davis outlining its recommendations for the next contract between the school district and the teachers. Negotiations on the pact, which will take effect with the 1994-95 school year, are just beginning.

The group asks for the following:

- A 10 percent reduction in all teacher salaries.
- Reduction in health benefits, by raising the annual deductible to \$250 and requiring a 20 percent co-payment for all medical expenses. Also, eliminating completely the dental benefits, and lowering to age 19 the coverage for dependents.
- Eliminate entirely the present six days of personal, emergency and bereavement leave.
- Reduce reimbursement for courses taken by teachers to 50 percent from the present 100 percent.
- Eliminate automatic salary increases based on a teacher earning additional course credit.
- Eliminate paid leave to union representatives to attend conferences and conventions.
- Require the union to share the cost of printing the contract agreement.
- Eliminate advance payment of salaries for the summer months, which now may be paid entirely in June.
- End the practice of allowing children of Lake-Lehman teachers who live outside the district attending district schools tuition free.



CELEBRATING BABY JESUS' BIRTHDAY - Carla Reino and Paul and Licia Witt look over the baby needs which their kindergarten class at Gate of Heaven School collected to distribute to needy families for the holidays.

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Christmas spirit

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dition," he said. "It makes the season more meaningful for me because I know that the families who get the baskets feel good."

"It's a really good way to help out families in our area, to make

their Christmas special. It makes mine special, too," added eighth-grader Alma DeRojas.

Kindergartener Carla Reino also helped collect baby items. "I know

they'll be happy to get them," she said.

Licia and Paul summed it up. "We think God is happy that we're doing this. Baby Jesus is happy, too."

Watch out for holiday hazards

Families are gathering to celebrate the joyous holiday season, but, faster than a melting snowflake, happy times can suddenly be shattered by a tragic poisoning or other accident. A child plucks an ornament off the Christmas tree and bites into it...melted candle wax burns an innocent victim...leftover party foods and alcohol make a tempting meal for an early-rising child.

But incidents like these can be avoided if you follow these tips from the Central Pennsylvania Poison Control Center, located at Penn State's University Hospital of The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Holiday plans may brighten your surroundings, and many are safe, but a few are extremely hazardous. The poinsettia, in spite of its reputation, is not a highly poisonous plant. If ingested, it may cause some irritation to the mouth or stomach discomfort.

But mistletoe, and especially its berries, can be very poisonous. If anyone in your family eats real mistletoe, call the Poison Center immediately at 1-800-521-6110. Our suggestion: substitute the plastic variety and kiss the real one goodbye.

Rudolph

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ing of my nose keeps me from oversleeping. But look."

He slipped on the sweater. And a fine sweater it was. It was a turtleneck, heavy and warm, and dark red in color. It was also four sizes too big.

The collar covered Rudolph's nose and no light could escape from it!

"I had to wear Mom's sweater," Rudolph apologized. "I never realized I could sleep so well with it on."

"We're just thrilled to have you back," Santa said. "And from now on, you'll wear that sweater every night - as long as you're in the stable!"

"Now, though, we have a full

night of work ahead of us." He hitched Rudolph to his customary place at the head of the team and climbed back into the sleigh, putting the sack of sandwiches and goodies under the seat.

Santa pulled back on the reins and called out, this time with gusto, "On Dasher! On Dancer! On Prancer and Vixen! On Comet! On Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!" Then, with a smile as wide as the Arctic, "On Rudolph!"

As the sleigh rose from the snow-covered ground of the North Pole, the elves below let out a cheer that rattled the shutters. But Santa couldn't hear it.

He was too busy cheering himself. And so were the reindeer.

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