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Vote looms on 4-period high school day

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

DALLAS - Dallas school superintendent Gerald Wycallis says teachers will be offered adequate training to adapt to a new four-period high school day.

But a statement Wycallis made at the school board's October 2 work session contained a warning to teachers who balk at the change.

"If we can't get some teachers to cooperate, we'll have to consider moving them," Wycallis said.

The school board is expected to vote on the switch to "intensified scheduling" at its October 9 meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in the administration building on Church Street. A one-hour work session will precede the meeting. Both sessions are open to the public.

After the Oct. 2 meeting Wycallis pointed out the key issue is to provide adequate staff development (training) for the teachers. "I have the authority to transfer any teacher in the district to another

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m. Work Session at 7 p.m. Administration Building, Church Street, Dallas

position," Wycallis said.

"We'll have many staff development opportunities available for them - in-service courses during the school year and summer courses. We have sufficient personnel to move teachers - many in both the high school and middle school are certified to teach sev-

eral subjects."

The section of the plan to which Wycallis referred reads, "Staff members who decline the opportunity for staff development may be transferred. This will allow other staff members the opportunity to participate in the educational reform movement."

The board will decide October 9 whether or not to change the high school's schedule from a seven-period day to a four-period day, also known as intensified scheduling. Instead of taking seven 50-minute classes, students would have four 85-minute classes, with half of their subjects taught each semester.

The 42 high school teachers had voted in June by secret ballot on the radical change. Two voted for it, 29 were against and 11 were undecided. At that time the board

had told the teachers it wouldn't adopt intensified scheduling if they didn't want it, according to Dallas Education Association president William Wagner.

Wycallis gave board members a copy of the proposed plan last weekend. It will be presented to the teachers October 4 at a faculty meeting, then to the public at the October 9 regular board meeting.

Wagner, a high school biology

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'Reading Corner' will honor beloved teacher

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE - In a corner of the Lake-Noxen school's library is an empty space which soon will be transformed into the Lolly Larkins Reading Corner, a living memorial to a first grade teacher loved by students and faculty.

Lolly (Emily) Larkins, 53, of Chase, died September 25 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

Librarian Barbara Wall began to organize the Reading Corner after consulting with the Larkins family.

"It will be a special, nice place for the younger students to sit, relax in beanbag chairs and read their favorite books," Wall said. "Lolly requested several books for it - The Polar Express, No Dragons On My Quilt and the Clifford series. I also plan to add the Dr. Seuss books and several others Lolly used in class. She considered every new book her students read to be an adventure, not simply something to be read in class."

As president of the Lake-Lehman Education Association, Wall sent letters to all the district's teachers requesting donations.

"It's the best way to honor Lolly and show how we felt about her,"

Wall said.

Principal Robert Kunkle made a special announcement about her passing over the loudspeaker to the students September 26 and read them a poem which had always inspired Larkins.

"She wanted her students to love learning and books as much as she did."

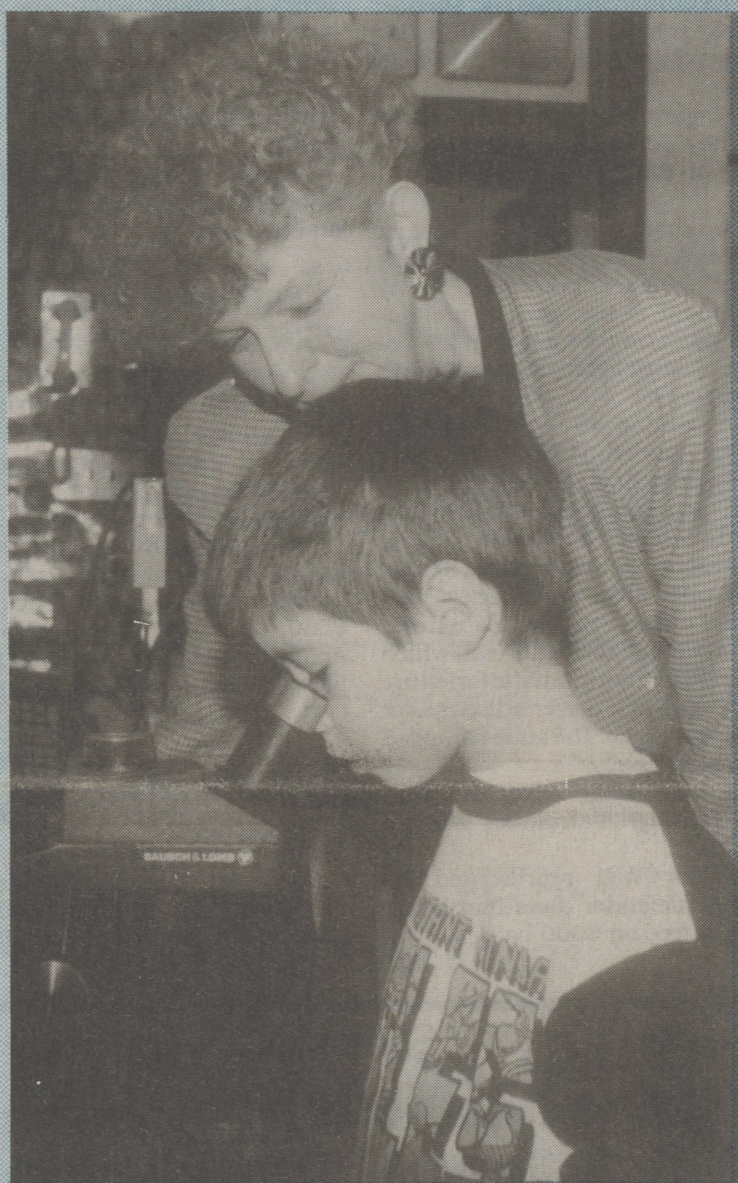
Susan Yogodzinski Teacher and friend

Fifth-graders Jack Yogodzinski, Mike Mully, Kim Jones and Sheena Kocher remember their first grade teacher as "a very nice person." They said they'll miss her, and smiled as they recalled their best memories of the year they spent in Mrs. Larkins's class.

"She would always help us if we had problems or in reading groups," Mike said. When his class read No Dragons On My Quilt, they made stuffed pillows from quilt blocks. His pillow, containing a moose he made himself, sits on his nightstand.

"My pillow has a bear on it," Kim said. "We had lots of fun with

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POST PHOTO/GRACE R. DOVE

Lolly Larkins, a first grade teacher at the Lake-Noxen school, passed away September 25. Several years ago she arranged to bring the Moon rocks, studied through a microscope by Dan Whitehead, to Lake-Noxen.

Planning board member ousted

Hilstolsky voted out 2-1, Dorrance had resigned prior to meeting

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - In a meeting described by several residents as "a joke" and one supervisor as "very dirty politics," two supervisors voted to oust Frank Hilstolsky from the planning commission.

Chairman Robert Redmond cast the tie-breaker to get rid of Hilstolsky after Tim Dymond voted to remove him and

William Miller voted to keep him.

Redmond had previously called for Hilstolsky and planning commission chairman Ed Dorrance to

resign. Dorrance resigned September 25 "for the good of the township."

The supervisors said they were concerned Hilstolsky wouldn't be able to render unbiased decisions regarding subdivision applications and other land development plans submitted by Ann Marie McAvoy to the planning commission. Hilstolsky's brothers, David and Charles, are presently involved in a civil lawsuit against McAvoy, whose Chadds Ford I and II subdivisions adjoin their land.

Ironically, Redmond, who cast

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Love of library is expressed in winning cross-stitch work

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK Post Staff

"I've always loved the library," says Jane Newberry Swire of Harveys Lake, which explains why she and her husband Dan came to create an original cross-stitch design for the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The piece, which also won best of show and first place at this year's Luzerne County Fair, is on display at the library.

Beth Rosenthal chairs the committee planning the library's 50th anniversary celebration, which begins next week. "I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the design at the fair," she said. "I had been living and dreaming the 50th anniversary celebration, and there was the cross-stitch piece and its theme was the library's 50th."

Jane Swire had intended all along to donate the work to the

library; entering it in the fair was an afterthought. Designed by Dan and executed by Jane, the piece includes illustrations that pertain to the library, books, and themes of science, art and mathematics.

Once she decided what to do, Jane said she roped Dan into making the design and building a handmade frame.

This kind of effort is not new to this artistic couple, who enjoy photography, design, crafts and handwork. It seems there isn't anything they won't tackle. For this item, Dan drew the design on graph paper and Jane did the cross-stitching. The Swires also had donated a sampler for last year's library auction.

Jane traces her love of libraries and books to her childhood in Beaumont where she lived on a

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Public hearings on PG&W land sale slated for Oct. 11

The Public Utility Commission has scheduled hearings to receive public comment on the proposed sale of Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co.'s water division to Pennsylvania-American Water Co.

Administrative Law Judge Richard M. Lovenwirth will hold sessions at: Wilkes-Barre on Oct. 11 at 7:15 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. in the Sports and Conference

Center (Room 214) of the Arnaud C. Marts Building at Wilkes University, 274 S. Franklin St.

Customer testimony will become part of the record on which the commission will base its decision in the case.

Last April PG&W, a subsidiary of Pennsylvania Enterprises, Inc., and Pennsylvania-American, a

subsidiary of American Water Works Co., Inc., filed a joint application for the sale of PG&W's water operations and related assets, including 10 water treatment plants, 36 reservoirs and about 7,000 acres of watershed land, for approximately \$409 million.

PG&W headquartered in Wilkes-Barre, provides water service to 132,000 customers in 11

northeastern counties. Hershey-based Pennsylvania-American provides service to 378,420 customers in 218 communities across the commonwealth.

A substantial portion of PG&W's land is located in the Back Mountain, including nearly one-third or Lehman Township. It also operates the Ceasetown and Huntsville reservoirs.

Ben Wolfe gardens in water

By JACK HILSHER Post Correspondent

Chances are good - make that very good - that Ben Wolfe of Lehman, age 14 and about to enter 9th grade, knows exactly what he wants to be upon completing his education. And chances are he can't wait...to be a horticulturist!

That mouthful of 14 letters and 5 syllables comes from only two Latin words: hortus, meaning garden and cultura, meaning cultivation. Exactly what Ben Wolfe has been doing, only not with dirt but with water.

Ben designed and built (with



POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Ben Wolfe, of Harveys Lake, is an avid water gardener at age 14. He built this water garden complete with goldfish, floating plants and a waterfall, with some help from his dad, Bing Wolfe.

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Dee-fense Dallas crushed Hoban 57-6, in a tuneup for Friday's showdown with Meyers. Pg 13.

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