

Lake-Lehman band sweeps 'Dollywood' competition

Dallas 'Outstanding' at Crestwood show

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BACK MOUNTAIN - The Dallas and Lake-Lehman high school bands are in fine form as the school year draws to a close.

Lehman captured first place honors in concert, parade and indoor guard competition during their recent trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, which included participating in the annual opening parade for Dolly Parton's Dollywood theme park. "It was a wonderful experience," said band director Edward A. Richards.

Dallas's annual band trip took them on a four-day excursion to Boston this past weekend, where members visited tourist spots, including the Hard Rock Cafe, the USS Constitution museum and the New England Aquarium. The band also squeezed in two performances, one at St. Joseph's Regional School in Salem, New Hampshire, and another at the

Faneuil Hall Marketplace. "It was a very worthwhile experience, and the kids were great," said Dallas director Todd L. Hunter.

Lehman also held its spring concert April 27, during which they performed several selections including "Othello," "Crown Imperial," an armed forces tribute entitled "America's Finest" and "Things That Go Bump in the Night," which was, according to Richards, "a big production, with sound and lighting effects, and a lot of theatrics."

Lake-Lehman's indoor guard, under the direction of Maureen Richards and John Taggart, traveled to Wildwood, NJ this past weekend, where they took first place with a final score of 96.2 to become the Atlantic Coast Champions in the high school novice class. "We were very pleased with the outcome," said Richards. The ensemble also took third place overall in the competition.

Students from both Dallas and Lehman participated in last month's State Music festival, with Lehman flautist Kathryn Martin taking first place in the state orchestra. "Her performance was

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excellent, and she has a very good shot at going to the All-Eastern festival," said Richards. Dallas's Bob Humphrey and Mike Dobranski also fared well, with Humphrey taking second in percussion, and Dobranski placing eighth on trombone in the state band. "It was an incredible experience," said Humphrey. Dobranski added, "It feels wonderful to be in the same ranks as the best players in the state."

Dallas chorus member Kristen Faerber placed third in the state chorus. "These kids are an example of what the Dallas music programs are capable of," said Hunter. Dobranski and Faerber are also eligible for the All-Eastern festival.

The Dallas jazz band partici-

pated in a competition at Crestwood High School, where they were rated Outstanding, the only band in their group to do so, and were awarded best trumpets, best rhythm solo for Bob Humphrey and best sax solo for Greg Riley. Dallas also has a spring concert coming up May 16, with both the concert and jazz bands performing. Concert band selections include "Calypso Collage," a Glen Miller tribute entitled "In the Miller Mood," and "Flourish for Wind Band." Jazz numbers include "Mood Indigo," "Return of the Cheetah" and "It Could Happen to You."

The Dallas and Lehman marching bands are also participating in upcoming Memorial day parades in Dallas and Sweet Valley, respectively.

Lehman is also going to Sherburn, NY June 1 for concert, marching and indoor guard competitions. "It's pretty intense stuff," said Richards.

The Dallas Senior high school band concert will be held on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. A \$3 donation is requested.

Students

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Towanda, sat on the fence.

"The kids told me the first part of the year the teachers had no clue what to do," she said.

Assistant principal Kathleen McCarthy noted that Towanda didn't have any staff development sessions to train the teachers how to work with the longer classes. "The students noticed it," she said, smiling grimly.

"The success of intensified scheduling depends on the teachers' attitudes," Hadzor said, not voting either way on the schedule.

Teachers William Wagner and Cathy Wega reported on the progress of the faculty committee in charge of implementing the new schedule, which will substitute a five-minute homeroom, three minutes to change classes, four 81-minute classes and a lunch/flex period for the present six-period day. Students will begin school at 8 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:58 p.m.

Rather than running two separate lunch periods, the cafeteria is considering a continuous program, in which students may eat any time during the lunch period. Setting up a food cart in "Locker City," the lobby adjoining the cafeteria, and allowing the students to eat outside in a courtyard during nice weather are also under consideration, Wega said.

During the lunch/flex period, students will also be able to meet with teachers for tutoring, making up missed work or tests, enrichment classes or special projects such as History Day preparation, as well as attend club meetings, work on the school newspaper or yearbook, participate in intramural sports, use the library, work in the writing or math labs or meet with Peer Helpers. Additional guidance services will also be available. They would be allowed to bring sandwiches and drinks with them, as long as they carefully cleaned up after themselves.

"We're trying to make the school more student-oriented and give them more than we did before," Wega said. "The teachers' lunch/flex period schedules will be posted in the office for students to plan ahead what they'll do during this time. We want to allow them to make more decisions in their school lives."

"We would like to say this is perfect, but we have a few concerns," Wagner said, listing half a

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Dallas student

dozen.

- The school has obvious limitations in classroom space available, the number of teachers and the number of courses students may select.

- The original maximum class size has increased from 15 students to 20, and could go higher. Although every student got all the courses they selected, a few might lose a course when a computer makes up the actual schedules.

- The teachers must have their own classrooms so they have enough time to set up labs and other special projects. Floaters (teachers who travel between different rooms) are at a disadvantage and should be scheduled in rooms which are close together to minimize travel and setup time between classes.

- Some students have either too many or too few classes, although they have room in their schedules for eight courses per year. While 66 students signed up for too many courses, 185 didn't select enough courses to make up the number of courses required for graduation.

- The problem of losing between 10 and 60 hours per year in some courses, particularly science classes using labs, hasn't been resolved to the teachers' satisfaction.

- The question of whether or not to allow students to have study halls hadn't been resolved. If study halls are abolished, more elective courses would be needed for students to select, resulting in a need for more classroom space and more teachers.

In other business, the school board scheduled a special work session on the budget for May 14 at 7 p.m. and directed superintendent Gerald Wycallis to obtain more information on obtaining state grants and matching funds to join the Northern Tier Distance Learning Consortium, which could ultimately involve all area colleges and school districts in special programs.

Vandals

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Other incidents of vandalism reported by Jones included 13 incidents of criminal mischief, most of which were attributed to pellet gun shootings on Chase Rd. According to Jones, the drive-by shootings caused damage to private vehicle and residence windows. The township garage and fire department also had a window shot out, according to Wilkes. No arrests were made and there are no suspects, so the case was closed, said Jones, who also noted several other neighboring municipalities reported similar vandalism the same time.

Solicitor Blythe Evans suggested holding a special meeting on Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m. to finalize the refinancing of a loan for existing debt. The original loan with PNC Bank in the amount of \$360,000 currently has an in-

terest rate of 4.77%. The proposed new loan with Franklin Federal for \$187,000 would have a fixed interest rate of 3.95% with a tentative monthly payment of about \$5,521 for 36 months. The refinancing, scheduled to close during the week of May 27, would save the township between \$3,500 and \$5,000, according to Glogowski.

Bids were opened for the sale of the township's 1985 GMC four wheel drive one ton dump truck with a plow and spreader. The truck was sold to Mt. Laurel Enterprises, Hazleton for the high bid of \$5,750.

In other business:

- The supervisors awarded a bid to Dale Ambosie for \$2,850 out of the general fund for electrical work to bring the wiring in the garage up to code.

- The supervisors also awarded a bid to Albert Ashton for \$1,797 for municipal building repairs from winter storm damage, which insurance proceeds will cover. The repairs include replacement of sheet rock and insulation in various locations inside the building.

- The supervisors voted to accept bids for paving of sections of the following roads: Oak, Meadowcrest, and W. Ridge (subject to FEMa approval) and Sutton and Pine Cone Lane (general fund).

- The supervisors voted to award a bid to Stella Excavating for \$500 to perform swale work at the intersection of Bulford Rd. and Sutton Farms Rd.

- Police Chief Donald Jones announced that PennDOT has agreed to install guide rails on Huntsville Rd. at the intersection with Follies Rd.

- Supervisor Carl Aston announced that the apartment in the municipal building will be available for rent September 1 when the current tenant will be leaving. The supervisors voted to begin advertising for a new tenant.

- Chairman Glogowski announced that a special meeting will be held May 20 at 5:45 p.m. to open the bids for the salt shed.

- Secretary Henry Zbiek announced that the State Correctional Institution at Dallas will be testing their sirens in Jackson Twp., Lehman Twp., and the Institute on May 15 at 12 noon.

- A motion was also passed to authorize the triathlon to take place in Jackson Twp. on Sunday, August 18 as well as the Hospice St. John Ride for Dignity on Sunday, July 28.

DAMA purchases new truck

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority recently added a new member to its team—a "Sewer Vac" truck to provide heavy duty cleaning for sewer systems with the added benefits of mobility and quick response.

"The Sewer Vac truck represents another way in which the Dallas Area Municipal Authority is maximizing service while minimizing cost," said Tom Bagley, executive director of D.A.M.A. "It will add life to our collection system, and

will help reduce the chance of a sewer back up. The mobility and quick-response attributes of the truck make it ideal for reacting to emergency situations. For example, we received the Sewer Vac just in time for it to help make a difference in combating the recent rash of small stream flooding in the Back Mountain."

The Dallas Area Municipal Authority oversees more than 100 miles of sewer lines, five miles of force main and 10 pumping stations in the Back Mountain.

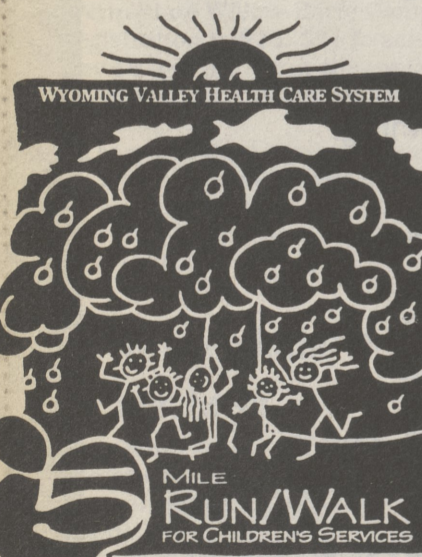


DAMA recently added a new Sewer Vac truck to its fleet for quick emergency responses. It was used during the January floods.

Jackson Twp. issues zoning permits

Jackson Township zoning officer John Krupa issued 12 permits during April. The largest project is a new home owned by David Donovan of Weavertown Road, valued at \$75,000.

Other projects include replacement of a garage roof owned by Scot Brady of Deer Hill Rd., valued at \$8,000, a front entry at the residence of Edward Fielding on Follies Rd., valued at \$8,000; and a kitchen and entry at the residence of Jeffrey Lubin on Blueberry Hill Rd., valued at \$16,000.



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9:30 AM - Walkers
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Postmarked by Tuesday, May 14

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Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Shirt Size: (L, XL, XXL) _____

Please Check One: Walker Wheelchair Participant
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