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Zachary Smith. Obviously enjoying himself, he muses, "I took it because it looked like fun; the little kids. My younger brothers and sisters are all in Ohio. I'll see them for Thanksgiving." Frank lives with his father here in the Back Mountain.

"I like kids and I want to be with them," says Sarah Jennings, expecting more experience with children and hoping to perhaps be a kindergarten teacher. The high schoolers have been working since August on projects for the children; memory games with laminated charts, growth charts, even formal lesson plans with goals, objectives, and strategies.

The material covered in the curriculum is not for slouches. Piaget, Erickson, other theorist's

ideas on child development are studied. "The text covers intellectual, social, and cognitive development from birth through age six," says Mrs. Garvey. But Kara Bobeck says" It's just fun to be with the kids." A career with children? "I think about it - a day care, maybe.'

Trudy Taddei ventures, "I might be a child psychologist, you know those pictures and tests . We're trying just to be friendly with the kids, to be open, to interact and teach them manners.'

"Here's a picture I made for you," says Chelsie Hunter. "Thanks," replies Sarah Jennings, "I'll put it on my refrigerator."

For Tim Kushner the course is all inclusive, "Everybody needs it," this experience of child care,

"I just love the little kids, and enjoy the older ones too." Mrs. Nancy Garvey Dallas High School teacher

he says. Four-year-old Buck Taylor, who gives Tim a birthday card, then asks, "Did you have a birthday cake yet?"

Jayson Pope wants to learn about the future through this class. How's that? "You learn more about yourself working with kids, you can test your patience. I'd like to be physical therapist working with people and this is a good place to start.

The class is hugs and kisses around, with lots of tickles and rolling around, and a good supply of Hi-C that Mrs. Garvey got on sale. But it's not all rosy.

"It's hard sometimes," says Mrs Garvey, "to talk about parental responsibility when someone in

the class is pregnant, or one week overdue. But it must be said." She is particularly well-suited to the job, teaching another course at the school about relationships as well as being part of the school's student assistance program, a counseling program.

'I just try to be available to the kids," Mrs. Garvey says, teaching them to communicate with family and friends, get along with peers' and establish a positive self image. "I just love the little kids, and enjoy the older ones too."

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Anthony Lupas Jr. was retained by the board to review the documentation of the incident, and spoke with Brady and Ron Pietraccini, who brought the complaint, before drafting the statement that was accepted by the board.

The compromise "didn't necessarily exonerate" Brady, Wycallis said. "I'm not sure anyone is completely clean in the whole situation.

"If we can say the situation won't happen again to any other student, then it's a good resolution," Wycallis said.

Finn, who owns an electrical contracting business, said he appreciates the need for discipline and teamwork, but Brady's actions went too far. "I believe this moved into the realm of what you call hazing," Finn said. "They (coaches) walk a fine line and I think they've gone over that line."

A former football player himself, Finn questioned acceptance of cursing by coaches at football practices and games, behavior he feels wouldn't be tolerated at home or even in other sports.

"It seems an awful lot of people can condone this Neanderthal behavior on the football field," he said.

Finn also said he is disappointed by the time and attention devoted to the matter. "I've been on the board for one year," he said. "We've probably spent more time on this than on any education issue. We're in the education business, not the football business.



Jeff Beisel and Janelle Kerr learned CPR techniques as Rose Carter observed.

Tina Taddei, left, and Jodi Bartorillo, playing house

Teachers

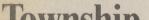
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know that you've had that kind of impact on someone," says Sunday-Lefkowitz, "Any teacher wants to hear that."

"Teaching can be heartwarming and heart breaking," says Hunter, "but the biggest reward I get is when I see a student succeed. That's worth more than anything."

According to Dallas biology teacher Abby Campbell,"When a student gives me this kind of honor, I feel like I've done my job."

Next week: Lake-Lehman teachers who received the honor.





Township moves to abandon Kraynak Rd.

By JENNIFER JUDGE Post Correspondent

JACKSON TWP. - At the regular meeting of the Jackson Township Supervisors Nov. 4, Solicitor Blythe Evans reported that the township is completing the process of abandoning Kraynak Road. When the road is abandoned, the township will no longer be responsible for maintaining it. Residents who have homes on that road will be responsible for paving and snow removal.

Evans said the Kraynak family already takes care of paving the road. The road became a dead end street when Chase prison was built in the 1980's. Since then the road has not been used very much, Evans said. He also said that a cemetery at the end of the road has been abandoned as well.

Supervisor John Wilkes Jr. announced that a 1988 Ford truck belonging to the township is being repaired at no cost to the township through the State Correctional Institute at Retreat program. The program allows prisoners to be rehabilitated through doing community service. The prisoners learn auto body repair on community vehicles. Work done on the Jackson Township truck includes a rewelded frame, body work, and a new paint job.

Wilkes said that a job that would have cost the township \$3,000 to \$4,000 "cost us pennies." The township only paid for the paint which was purchased through the Federal Surplus Program and was "very reasonable," according to Wilkes. The project should be completed by the end of the week.

Chairman Walter Glogowski informed the assembly that a special meeting to adopt the 1997 budget will be held on December 16 at 6 p.m.