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Student musicians tune up for new season

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You hear the drill sergeant count out the steps again and again in the blistering sun. You've been on your feet for six hours straight now, and you're thirsty, aching, and wondering why you ever decided to go to . .

BAND CAMP

Our local high school marching bands are no ramshackle collection of ill-rehearsed kids trying to get out of a PE credit, but a cohesive group of motivated musicians who are willing to give up every fall weekend, several holidays, and school nights to become a well-tuned instrument.

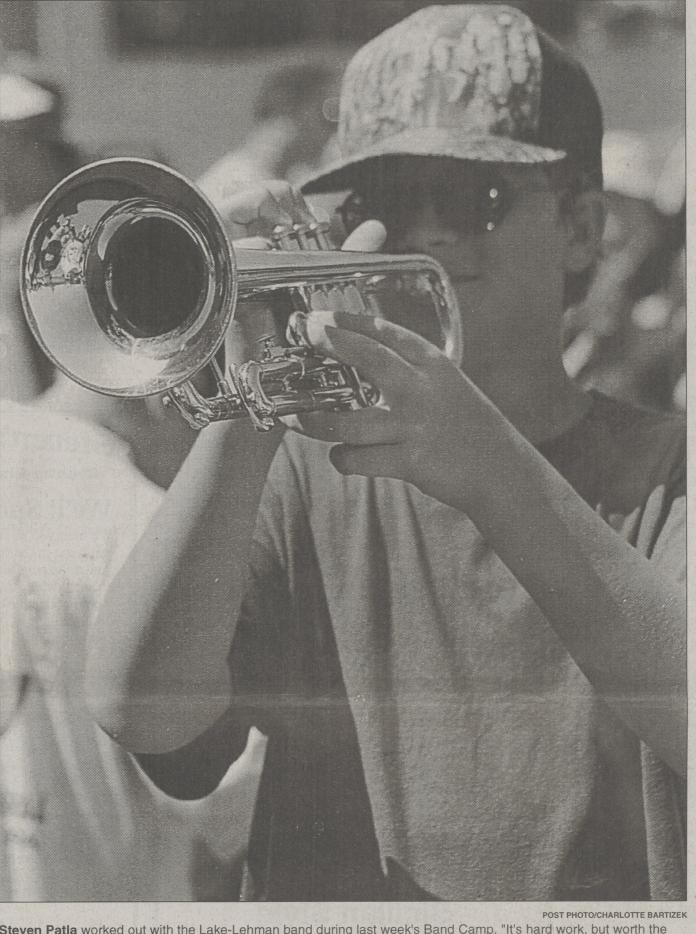
Lake-Lehman

This year, Lake-Lehman Band Camp was six days long, but threeday mini-camps were also held in June and July. The band includes 85 students: 20 in Color Guard, 35 to 55 marching players, and a pit of percussion instruments. The band has won the Atlantic Coast Championship (ACC) nine times, and last year they lost by .05 point.

Edward A. Richards has been the director of the Lake-Lehman Marching Band for the past 10 years. The routine this year will be a composition based on Dante's Inferno by Robert Smith. "Usually our program has some sort of theme to it," says Richards. The band interprets the musical score as the tale of a medieval knights journey to knighthood.

Plans for this year's theme began during the winter, and Richards and others arranged all of the music. "I boiled 25 minutes down to seven,"

savs Richards "He's a genius," says Alison Piatt.



Steven Patla worked out with the Lake-Lehman band during last week's Band Camp. "It's hard work, but worth the See BAND CAMP, pg 8 effort," he said. More photos on page 8.

Friends plan benefit bash to aid cancer victim's family

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE - Jim DeGeorge remembers his wife as a strong woman who kept her head high and stayed positive throughout her battle with cancer. After a four-month fight, Judy, 34, succumbed to the disease on August 6.

Judy's wishes were honored and, surrounded by family and friends, she was buried at the Perrigo Cemetery at Harveys

Judy left behind three children -Nicole, 16; Steven, 12; and Michael, 9, and her husband Jim. It has been an emotionally draining time for the family.

In an effort to help financially, friends and family of Judy are holding a "Battle of the Bands" benefit to help defray medical expenses incurred during her illness.

The benefit will be held Sunday, August 30 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bud Light Amphitheatre. The six bands to play are the Cara Petrone Band, Ginger, 40 lb. Head, Rolling Thunder, Phantasm and Flaxy Morgan. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Harveys Lake Borough Building through Friday, August 28, and at the amphitheatre the day of the benefit. Food and beverages will be

Rick Boice, Harveys Lake mayor, is a close friend of the DeGeorge family and spearheaded the benefit.

"Judy was a wonderful girl who was very nice and friendly. She was also very involved in the community," said Boice "She was very close with me and my wife. We want to try and help the family offset the costs.'

"The bands donated their time and Thom Greco donated the amphitheatre. It's a nice thing to be able to help someone," explained Boice. The Harveys Lake community pulled together for Judy by donating money for the plot in the cemetery at the lake, said Boice.

Jim DeGeorge, who is the building inspector for the borough, said his wife never complained after her diagnosis. "She tried to keep a positive attitude and fought it," DeGeorge said.

"I was hoping she would be around for the concert. We live close to the

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POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER Philetus Fuller, 16 at the time of his death, was the first person buried in the Huntsville Cemetery.

Keepers of history maintain 200-year-old burial ground

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER Post Staff

HUNTSVILLE - On the warm, breezy day, the crooked flagstone grave markers are not scary in the Huntsville Cemetery. Some markers are toppled, some are only partly visible as they peek out of the grass, but all represent lives now passed, and stories of the Back Mountain.

Beatrice Ray of Jackson Township does not see the cemetery as a sad or scary place. Ray understands that this is the place you end up and where others can visit you, but for her the 200-year-old cemetery is also an open book outlining pieces of history, of the people who lived here before.

"There is so much history in a

"You don't think about cemeteries until people you care about are there."

> **Beatrice Ray** Jackson Twp.

ber of the Huntsville Cemetery Board of Directors.

Inscriptions give insight into how families grieved for their loved ones. Iron markers tell of soldiers' courage and sacrifice. Flowers show that memories are long and faithful.

As Ray walks along the old graves she is careful to point out that markers for war veterans are distinctive.

On August 30, the Huntsville community will celebrate the Huntsville Cemetery's 200th an-

Sutton Rd. A service will be conducted jointly by the Huntsville Christian Church and the Huntsville United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Rev. Rudolph Libeck and Rev. David Mansfield will hold the

The cemetery's original name was the Valley View Cemetery. It consists of old and new sections. The old part is said to have been opened in 1798 when 16-year-old Philetus Fuller was killed by a falling tree in his family's oneacre field. Philetus was buried in the very spot he was killed and

has the only grave laid out in the north to south position. After his death, the Fuller family donated the ground for public burial.

His original grave marker still stands and its inscription, "In memory of Philetus Fuller who departed this life March 13, 1778 in the 16th year of his age," can still be read.

Ray said Huntsville Cemetery was the final resting place for many people who died in the Dallas area. Men carried the bodies of loved ones clear across town on their shoulders to bury them in the cemetery

Although there appear to be vacant spots in the old side of the cemetery, it is believed the entire section is filled.

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place like this," said Ray, a memniversary at the cemetery on Borough adds flash, capability to police fleet New 4-wheel-drive vehicle replaces 1975 pickup, new car not 'black & white'

DALLAS BOROUGH - Talk about police presence; Dallas Borough's two new police cars will stand out in any crowd.

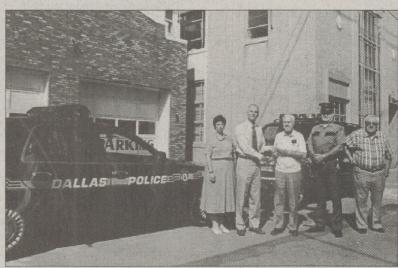
Wearing broad smiles and bantering among one another, borough officials and police chief Jack Fowler proudly introduced the new vehicles Friday. The 1999 GMC Yukon 4-wheel drive replaces a 1975 Dodge pickup, and will be especially valuable during the winter months. "They're predicting 11 winter storms this year," Fowler said. And the borough will

The new car, a 1999 Ford Crown

Victoria, will take over for an older "black and white" that is being taken out of police service but will probably be used by the borough manager. Both are fully-equipped as police units, with heavy-duty suspensions and cooling systems, radios, light bars and other special features, including reflective bars of color on every side so they are easily visible if pulled off the side of the highway at night.

Council president William Roberts said the Yukon was purchased entirely with a grant steered the borough's way by State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond, who lives in the borough. Roberts estimated the Ford to cost \$23,000, a reasonable price because it was bought through a statewide police vehicle procurement program.

Dallas Borough now has four vehicles that are used by a department consisting of five fulltime and five part-time officers. Fowler said officers alternate cars by shifts, using a marked car one day, an unmarked the next and perhaps the Yukon the next. The cars, which often go an entire shift without being turned off, get a complete maintenance check every 3,000 miles.



Dallas Borough Council President William Roberts handed the keys to new police vehicles to Mayor Paul LaBar. Also on hand, from left, council member Pat Peiffer, left, police chief Jack Fowler and Milt Lutsey, borough manager.

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