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Three long-time Lake-Lehman HS coaches resign positions

By KASIA McDONOUGH Post Staff

LAKE-LEHMAN - Three high school coaches turned in their whistles and the school district must scramble to fill the vacancies in time for summer competition

Tom Williams, co-head coach of the

Hackers take ••• on Hunstville

> As club prepares to host U.S. Open qualifier, a couple of regular guys rate the course

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

LEHMAN - Huntsville Golf Club in Lehman will play host to some of the best golfers in the region May 24, when a local qualifying round for the 1999 U.S. Open is held on the championship layout.

The Open is considered the top tournament in the U.S. — perhaps in the world — and the qualifier

is quite a feather in the cap of the Huntsville club. Both professionals and amateurs will compete May 24, hoping to advance the next

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step to a sectional tournament, where a good round will send them to Pinehurst #2 in June. All a golfer needs to do to have a chance at playing with the likes of Tiger Woods, David Duval and Ernie Els is carry a handicap of 1.4 strokes or less, pay a \$100 entry fee, and be one of the top four or five scorers May 24. The actual number will be determined after the round is completed.

In order to give our readers a closer

varsity wrestling team, resigned after 10 years of service. The long time coach said the demands of his own family were a factor in his decision to resign. "I have young children, and I would like to be able to spend more of my free time with them," he said.

Williams expressed his gratitude to the athletes and parents who have been

involved with the Lake-Lehman program. "The championships have been great, but what I'll take away from this experience is the memory of all the terrific kids I have worked with over



the years," he said. "I RODGER BEARDE

would really like to thank the kids and their parents for their commitment and dedication.'

Roger Beard, athletic director, resigned from his post as head boys basketball coach. The embattled coach said the team's 1-22 record last season contributed to his decision to step down. "The record was that way because many of the boys who had played in years past chose not to join the team last season," said Beard. "I was very pleased with the efforts of those guys that did play but it was disappointing to go through the season without some of our key players." No one has been hired to replace Beard as head

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Middle school could use **\$6** million in repairs

By KASIA McDONOUGH Post Staff

DALLAS - The Dallas Middle School is beginning to show signs of age so district officials are preparing for a costly renovation project.

The Quandel Group, a construction management firm based in Harrisburg, made a presentation to the school board directors highlighting a long list of trouble spots. Dan Lipsett, project manager, summarized the findings of a walk-through conducted by the group earlier this year. His report included estimates for repairing or replacing each of the failing systems

The proposed \$6 million project would take at least two full summers to complete and may also involve some disruption of classes. "We will probably ask you to vacate parts of the building to conduct some of the work while school is in session," said Lipsett.

The roof of the 30-year-old school is a major concern. It has been patched several times and will need to be patched again or replaced this summer. Quandel estimates replacing the roof will cost \$800,000.



look at the level of challenge these golfers will face, Dave Gribbin, an advertising account executive for The Abington Journal, and I decided to sacrifice a workday and spend it on the course, so our fellow weekend hackers could get a feel for a championship course, that in this case is rated the fifth-best in Pennsylvania by Golf Digest magazine. Also, the second hole, a par 4 that plays anywhere from 301 to 391 yards, was included in a list of candidates in a "Greatest Golf Holes in the World" reader poll being conducted by GOLF magazine. It's tough work, but someone has to do it.

Dave had made the arrangements for our day, and all we had to do was show up on a nice Wednesday afternoon, sling our bags in the cart, check in with Tim Foran, golf director, and head for the practice tee. Well, we didn't actually put our own bags on the cart, because there were some nice young men waiting to do it for us. Before we headed to the practice range, which faces a beautiful stone outcropping backdrop, we grabbed a few free tees from a stand set up along the way. A pile of balls was waiting by each station, and we proceeded to warm up by hitting to each of the three target flags. Then we were ready to take on the monster, or so

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L-L will address school safety issue

By KASIA McDONOUGH Post Staff

LAKE-LEHMAN - Seeping sewage and school safety were among the topics discussed at this month's school board meeting held at Ross Elementary School.

Denise Gordon, former president of the Ross-

Elementary School PTO, group's gratitude for the page 3 renovations planned at

presented a letter to the Ross school to board expressing the double in size.

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the school. The open letter also highlighted Gordon's concerns about the middle level building, including a report that sewage from the school is seeping onto adjoining properties.

School board members were alarmed by the report of which they had not been apprised prior Gordon's letter."I am not aware of any report of sewage seeping onto school property or neigh-

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POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Another \$1 million will have to be spent for replacement windows. "I would estimate 90 percent of the windows leak because the thermal seals are shot," said Lipsett.

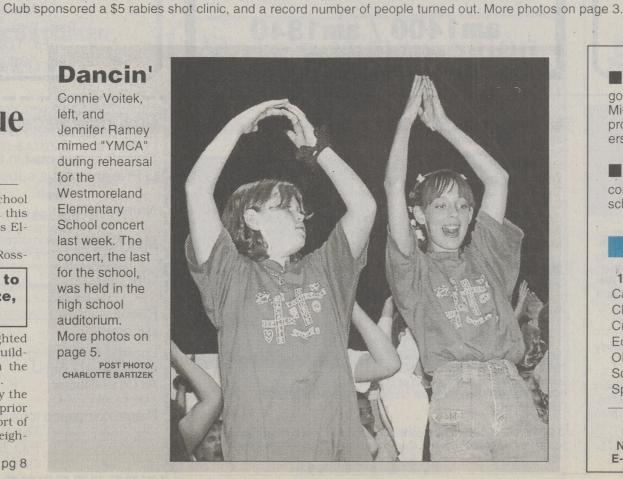
The heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system is another primary concern. The maintenance department reports a high percentage of its monthly budget is spent repairing the malfunctioning network.

The school board is considering a recommendation to replace the entire unit with a gas or oil-fired system. This proposal would cost the district an estimated \$1.2 million, while keeping the existing system and installing new baseboards would cost less. "Even if we look at it and say it's going to cost an additional \$450,000 to install a new unit, the district will save money in the long run by having a more efficient system,' said Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Superintendent of Schools.

Several smaller projects are also being considered but these may be put on hold until the more immediate needs are addressed. Included in the list of possible undertakings are removal of asbestos

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Pretty kitty Kristin Hannigan of Harveys Lake cradled her cat, Fritz, as she waited for the pet to receive a rabies shot. The Dallas Kiwanis



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