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Three long-time Lake-Lehman HS coaches resign positions

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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

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



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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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Hackers take on Hunstville

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

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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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 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 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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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 Club sponsored a \$5 rabies shot clinic, and a record number of people turned out. More photos on page 3.

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L-L will address school safety issue

By KASIA McDONOUGH
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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, presented a letter to the board expressing the group's gratitude for the renovations planned at 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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Dancin'

Connie Voitek, left, and Jennifer Ramey mimed "YMCA" during rehearsal for the Westmoreland Elementary School concert last week. The concert, the last for the school, was held in the high school auditorium. More photos on page 5.

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