



Where's ma?



She's getting away



Now I've got her

Got milk?

It was time to eat, but Mom was nowhere to be found at the Ganz farm in Franklin Township a couple of weeks ago, but the young 'uns were having trouble finding a meal. They looked back and forth, then spied Mom, who at first didn't seem to want the attention. But you know how persistent "kids" can be, and this group finally convinced her to stand still for a little while as they drank their fill.

POST PHOTOS BY CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK



Red Cross offering training session

The Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross has scheduled a volunteer training session for non-professional volunteers Monday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the chapter house.

The training will instruct volunteers to assist at local blood collections. They will be trained to screen and assist the donor fill out the blood donor registration, and they will also learn how to label the donor bag.

Volunteers are extremely important to the operation of blood collections because they help reduce the cost of needed blood to patients in our local community.

If you have a few hours a month and would like to become a member of the Red Cross volunteer corps, please phone the Office of Volunteers (823-7161, ext. #25) your time would be greatly appreciated.

Lake-Lehman picks bond issue manager

By KASIA McDONOUGH
Post Staff

LAKE-LEHMAN - The Lake-Lehman School Board hired an investment banker and voted to extend the contract of the district's business manager at its July 7 meeting.

PNC Bank will be the district's investment banker and will be responsible for coordinating the proposed \$10 million bond issue. "PNC will get together with Mrs. Williams and together they will figure out the best way to proceed," said Moderno Rossi, school board president.

The bond issue will finance renovations at Ross Elementary School and the Middle Level project. The Ross addition is expected to cost \$3 million dollars while preliminary estimates indicate expanding the high school to

include a new Middle Level facility will cost \$7 million.

Several board members expressed concerns that the new loan will mean higher taxes for district residents. "By my calculations this will require an increase of 14 mills," said Lois Kopcha. "But I'm saying if we have a \$2 or \$2.5 million fund balance we should consider using some of that to finance these projects."

Robert Allardyce joined Kopcha as the two dissenting votes on the motion to hire PNC. "I know a lot of the people in this district and most of them are like me," said Kopcha. "We don't have money to pay higher taxes. I mean it's fine if you have a nice cushy job but most of us don't."

Even the school board members who supported naming PNC the district's investment banker are unwilling to consider higher

millage rates at this time. "I'm not going to vote for a tax increase," said Rossi. "I always said that and I will keep my word on that."

In addition, to the motion to hire PNC the school board voted by a 6-2 margin to extend the contract of Kathleen Williams, Business Manager. Kopcha and Allardyce cast the dissenting votes. The current deal which runs through the 2000-2001 academic year was augmented by three additional years.

The new deal includes annual salary increases equal to the cost of living. "I talked to Kathleen and found out she had some other aspirations," said Rossi. "I felt like it was very important to make sure she would be here to help us with all these projects. She's been invaluable to me and the district."

Board member Ron Payne was absent from the meeting.

Rev. Williams notes anniversary

The Reverend David Williams will celebrate 50 years in the ministry on July 18.



REV. DAVID WILLIAMS

Reverend Williams of Hunlock Creek is currently serving as part-time pastor of St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church in Noxen. He enjoys preaching and also helps with the confirmation class, new member class, and council meetings.

He retired 10 years ago from St. Matthew's Church in Lehighton, where he served for eight years.

Pastor Williams and his wife, Bertha, keep busy with yard work. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Pastor Williams will be honored during the 11 a.m. service at St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran Church on July 18. An open house will be held at the Parish Hall from 1 until 4 p.m. Family, friends, and former parishioners are invited to join us.

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