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Dallas author is 'Calling the Piper's Tune'

Robert Stetten to host book signing April 28

By SANDY PEOPLES
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DALLAS - Living on the surface near ground zero, Dallas author Robert David Stetten, takes us back to a time when our grandparents endured hardships and dangers while working in the coal mines to put food on their tables and keep a roof over their heads.

Calling the Piper's Tune is a historical

novel which takes place in a coal mining community in Northeastern Pennsylvania in the year 1875, when horrible working conditions in the mines spilled out into the everyday lives of our ancestors. It sadly tells us it was a time when some men didn't live long enough to be very old, and some boys didn't live long enough to be men.

This is Professor Stetten's first novel. However, he has written several radio dramas and stage plays. He has his doctorate in psychology and has taken an early retirement after 28 years from Wilkes University as professor emeritus. "All through my academic career, the scientific study of personality and

human behavior have always interested me," said Stetten. "Now I can devote my full attention to looking at this from an artistic viewpoint."

Stetten was always fascinated by the plight of miners and their families, especially in the late 1800s. "I did my own mining at the Wyoming Valley Historical Society, local libraries, Eckley Miner's Village, and the Anthracite Museum in Scranton," he said, "and talked with several retired miners to be able to write this book."

It took four years for Professor Stetten to complete his book. It tells the story of a mine operator, a failing mine and the struggles of the operator and

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Prof. Robert David Stetten
Dallas

Professor Stetten has scheduled two book signing sessions. The first one is at the Tudor Bookshop in Kingston on Sat., April 28 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The second will be in April or May at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at the Arena Hub Plaza in Wilkes-Barre.

Professor Stetten lives in Dallas with his wife Sonja, who is an incredibly gifted artist. They recently produced a children's book entitled, C.J. and the New Sound. He wrote the story and she did the illustrations. It is available through various parenting sites on the Internet. Professor and Mrs. Stetten have two adult children and three grandchildren.

the workers to keep all of them from spiraling into a true abyss.

Calling the Piper's Tune can be purchased at local bookstores and it can also be ordered online from Amazon.com.

Technology plan debated in LL schools

By HEATHER B. JONES
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LAKE LEHMAN - Lake Lehman School Board held an extensive debate regarding the Long Range Technology Plan before giving approval with a seven to one vote.

School Board President Angelo DeCesaris told the board that he would vote against the Long-Range Technology Plan for the years 2001-2004 for the Lake-Lehman School District because of the following statement made in the plan: "General budget spending for technology has historically been minimal because the board does not believe in a tax increase to achieve a budget."

DeCesaris said he personally disagreed with that statement. "It sounds to me as if our board wasn't willing to spend the money to keep our schools technology fit." He also said there hasn't been a need for a tax increase and if something wasn't budgeted for that was not the board's fault.

In defense, committee members said that line spoke of the equipment purchases have not been made the budget but from grant funds. The committee did delete the line from the plan.

DeCesaris said he was also concerned about the line that read: "Lastly, the majority of administrators have not supported the use of technology teachers do not have to incorporate the use of technology in the classroom." He asked if it was an accurate statement.

Committee members explained that currently materials are given to teachers, but they are not encouraged to make it a priority. There are no consequences for teachers who don't incorporate technology into their classrooms. This new plan addresses how to make that happen through evaluations of teacher plans.

"This is an impressive plan and if we can do it, we will be doing well."

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Horse lovin' trio

Anjolee Wolf, Alicia Rodriguez and Celeste Rodriguez play a part in the Fifth Annual Spring Equine Extravaganza presented by the Peaceful Valley Equestrian Center and the Pennsylvania Equine Council in Centermoreland on Saturday. See the Community Photo Album on page 6 for more Equine Extravaganza photos.

Spring clean up and burning discussed

By HEATHER B. JONES
Post Staff

DALLAS BOROUGH - Clean out the attic and the garage, because spring clean-up is just around the corner for Dallas Borough residents.

Dallas Borough Council awarded the spring clean-up contract at its regular session meeting on Wednesday night. The clean-up will be May 7 through May 12. The bid was awarded to Waste Reduction with the stipulation that Borough Manager Joseph Moskovitz would investigate the additional charges for the collection of white goods (washers, dryers, etc.)

Waste Reduction and Apex both submitted bids for the clean up project. The borough had specified no charge for the pick up or the disposal of white goods. Borough solicitor, Attorney Matthew Reinhert, informed council that the bids did not comply with the borough's specifications regarding white goods. "Technically, neither bid complied with the specs on that particular item, but everything else was line by line," Reinhert said.

Waste Reduction's bid did charge

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A showcase of talent, skills at Lake Lehman

Lehman seniors host their first Senior Showcase

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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LAKE LEHMAN - Lake Lehman High School recently held its first Senior Showcase of Completion Projects. The variety and depth of the presentations was truly impressive.

Pennsylvania now requires high school students to demonstrate their ability to analyze, synthesize and evaluate information and to communicate significant knowledge and understanding about a subject in order to qualify for graduation. Projects are completed with the guidance and direction of high school faculty and can be in one or more areas of concentrated study.

"I am so proud of these students,"

said Mrs. Cathy Wolfe, who is on the Senior Project Committee with Mrs. Jeris Baranowski and Mrs. Sandra Weyman. "We invited the school board, parents, administrators and, even, Senator Lemmond and Governor Ridge to see the results." Students in other grades attended the event during school hours.

Many seniors chose to do service-oriented projects that involve volunteer hours and research papers. "We volunteered to help the residents at the Hi Meadows apartment building. We did household chores, grocery shopping and we took them to lunch at Friendly's—our treat," said Jen Grieves.

"My adopted grandmother is coming in for my oral presentation," Matt Dunn said in reference to his required oral presentation before a panel of teachers.

"We had about 10 people respond to

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Students, from left, Jason Harabin and Ken Sprau, built bird boxes and feeding stations

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