Lake Lehman High School students know and love their history

By M.B. GILLIGAN **Post Correspondent**

LAKE LEHMAN - Fifteen Lake Lehman High School students recently placed in the regional National History Day competition held at Penn State Lehman

The team had winning entries in group media, group and individual exhibits, individual performance and research papers. All presentations incorporated this year's theme of Frontiers in

"Our presentation was titled Betty Friedan and the Feminist Mystique. We're feminists and we're interested in our history," said Leigh Dodson who, together with Stefanie Bendik, earned a first place award for their docu-

"I'm very proud of the fact that in the last four years Lake Lehman students have taken 11 of the 12 top places for research papers at the regional competition," said John Comitz, history teacher and event moderator at Lake Lehman for many years. "That's a real college skill. Miss Shields, our librarian, is a topnotch, super, super helper for these kids when they're getting their resources together.

Ninth graders in the Humanities class with Comitz and Mrs. Weyman, juniors in American Studies, team-taught by Comitz and Mr. Dombroski, and juniors and seniors in Advanced Placement U.S. History are all required to work on a History Day project. Most work is done outside of class and Comitz picks the best of these to go on to

"I don't teach sophomore classes so they don't usually participate but this year Jared Salla asked if he could do this on his own," said Comitz.

"My presentation was on Child Labor Reform, which I developed from last year's project on the coal mining industry," said Jared who earned a third place

Sarah Davis, a senior, has perfected her method of individual performance in her three years of competition. Her topic this year was Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.

"She starts off in a long black period dress that is held together with Velcro. As she is talking, she walks behind a screen and comes out as Blackwell in surgical attire," said Comitz. "It is very effective." Sarah placed first in regionals and took first place at the state level in last year's competition.

Other regional winners include: Gordan Stransky, John Hannish, Bryan Lazur, Janet Schweizer, Donora Hillard, Cliff Culver, Lou Spaciano, Dan Blidner, Brian McMahon, Nick Callahan, and Steve Honeywell.

Students are encouraged to revise and improve their presentation between each level of competition, so their work isn't finished yet. State competition will be held on May 9 and 10 at Penn State University Park. Last year the team from Lake Lehman was selected as the top school in the state.

The national competition will be held at the University of Maryland in June. The group media presentation entitled Theft in the Black Hills earned



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happen without their support."

National History Day regional winners from Lake Lehman High School are pictured above, from left, seated; Sarah Davis, Stef Bendik, Leigh Dodson, Nick Callahan, Steve Honeywell and Bryan Lazur. Second row; Janet Schweitzer, Lou Spaciano, Dan Blidner,

Lake Lehman students second place in the nation last year. The History Channel sponsors the event and judges include

members of the media and col-

lege professors.

"We really appreciate the support we receive from the admin-

Cliff Culver, Brian McMahon, Jared Salla, Gordon Stransky, Donora Hillard and Mr. John Comitz. Absent when photo was taken; John Hannish.

istration, the school board and competitions and it wouldn't

other teachers," said Comitz.

"There is a lot of effort involved

in getting these students to the

W-B Vo-Tech adult classes scheduled

has scheduled three adult evening classes to begin during April. A 6-session course in motorcycle maintenance will begin on April 18 and will cover routine maintenance and repairs. This course will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on

Pennsylvania Vehicle Inspection and Forklift Operations will start on Monday, April 23, with

Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational-Technical School Forklift scheduled for late afternoon and Vehicle Inspection for early evening. These courses will meet three or four evenings, Monday through Thursday, for two-weeks.

> For more detailed information, call at 822-4131. Leave a message for the adult evening class coordinator at extension 198 at any time. A deposit is required to reserve a place for each course.

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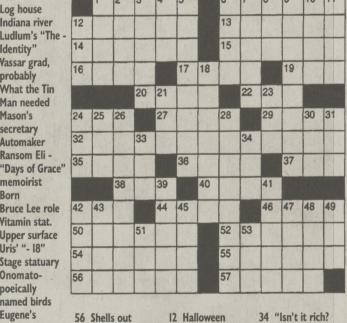
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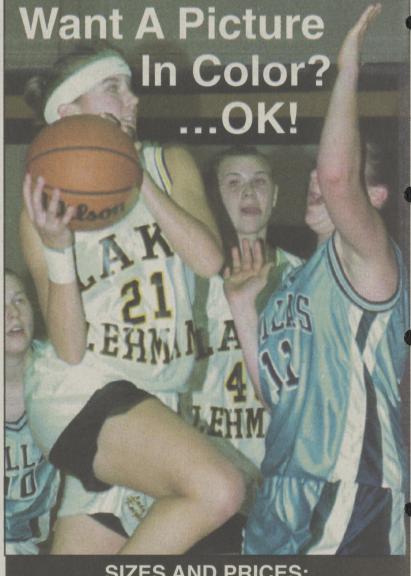
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