

Lake-Lehman students bring an old-time art form to life



Angee Kazmiersk, a senior, applies a protecting coating of polycrylic to her artwork.

LEHMAN - Outside Room 81 at Lake-Lehman High School hang brightly colored and intricately painted floor cloths.

Mr. Richard L. Derby's crafts class was challenged to make blank canvas into a floor throw or a wall hanging called a floor cloth. Floor cloths were originally made from sailcloth and used to cover dirt floors in North America in the 18th century. Today, these functional art pieces are used as floor coverings or wall hangings and make great conversation pieces.

The eye-catching gold, red and blue floor cloth Chris Navin worked on is sure to be a conversation piece. As he applied a second coat of beige paint to the small outlined on his floor cloth. Chris said for the assignment he had to choose a printout from a book of an Oriental rug. He needed to simplify the design but stay within the original rug's color scheme.

Senior Lindsay Young enjoyed painting her floor cloth so much, she has begun working on a second. "It was fun," she said about the project. The final step in making a floor cloth is applying six to seven layers of polycrylic

to protect the artwork. As Angee Kazmiersk, senior, applied a second coat of polycrylic to her floor cloth she debates over what she will do with her piece of art when she is finished. Angee said it will make a great gift for someone very special to her.

"We were skeptical about doing them, but they turned out great," said Kristel Carter, junior. Now that her



Lake-Lehman crafts class students show off their floor cloths. Kneeling from left; Gina Chocallo, junior; Amanda Daubert, junior; Angie Harris, junior; Tari Maskalis, junior, and Tricia Kipp, senior. Standing; Mr. Richard L. Derby, instructor; Jenna Casaldi, junior; Carrie Foster, junior; Kristel Carter, junior; Lindsay Young, senior; Erin Warner, junior; and Lindsay Piatt, junior.

floor cloth is completed, Kristel is beginning the next project in the crafts class, a mosaic vase.

by Heather B. Jones

Legion Auxiliary Poppies Sale, a Memorial Day tradition

The red poppies of the American Legion have been paying tribute to fallen veterans since the 1920's.

Coinciding with Memorial Day, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #672, Dallas, will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies during the month of May. The poppies serve, as well as honor, the veterans. All proceeds from the distribution are

invested in local programs for the benefit of veterans and their families.

Veterans make each poppy in auxiliary sponsored Poppy Shops that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled veterans. The veterans are paid a small amount for each painstaking flower made, for some it's their only income.

The memorial poppy is never sold but given in exchange for a contribution. It is estimated that 25 million Americans take part in the poppy exchange and over \$2 million has been contributed for rehabilitation and welfare programs.

For more information on how to contribute to the poppy exchange contact Marian Kunigonis after 5 p.m. at 675-5997.

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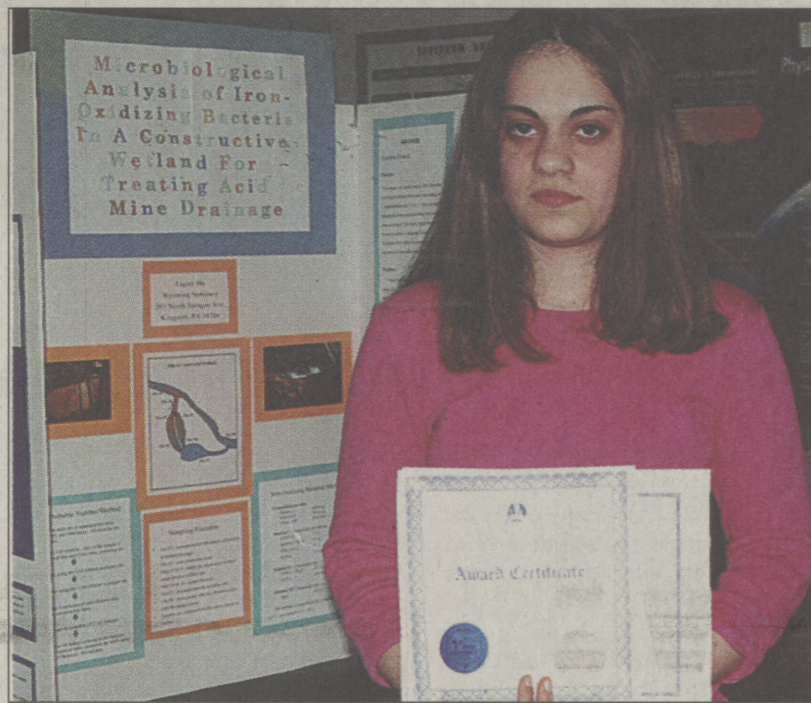
The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct the annual Learn-to-Swim Program from Jun. 25 thru Aug. 10 at private and public pools throughout the area. Morning, afternoon, and evening lessons are available for children ages three to 12, Mon. thru Fri., for approximately 45 minutes each day. To register for lessons or for additional information call 823-7161.

Senior Citizens meet

Back Mountain Senior Citizens will meet for lunch at Old Country Buffet on Thurs., May 17 at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, May and June birthdays.

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Hosseini takes first

Nooshin Hosseini Dallas, a junior at Wyoming Seminary Upper School, received a first award and perfect score for her scientific research at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Northeast Regional meeting, held at King's College. A member of Sem's Science Research Group, she presented oral and written reports of her research to panels of judges and other students. About 700 students in grades 7-12 from schools throughout Northeast Pennsylvania participated in the event.

Land Trust video series continues May 21

The North Branch Land Trust invites the public to view the video 'Pennsylvania's Wild Garden' at 7:30 p.m. on Mon., May 21 at 11 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. This presentation is free and light refreshments will be available.

The Land Trust board members hope that you will join them in a lively discussion afterwards. For directions, call 696-5545.

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