

Lake-Lehman school board debates fieldhouse, playing surfaces

In two years, Lake-Lehman students can look forward to a combined middle-senior high school, a new gymnasium, new athletic fields and possibly a fieldhouse.

The plans for the Lake-Lehman Senior High School additions and alterations were presented to the public May 1 by Douglas Trumbower of Douglas F. Trumbower and Associates, Inc. Architects and Engineers. The plans show the addition of the middle school section to the existing high school. The other exciting addition to the high school is a new gymnasium.

The current debate involves the plans for a possible field house and the athletic fields. The estimated cost for the fieldhouse is \$750,000 (5,000 square feet at \$150 per square foot.)

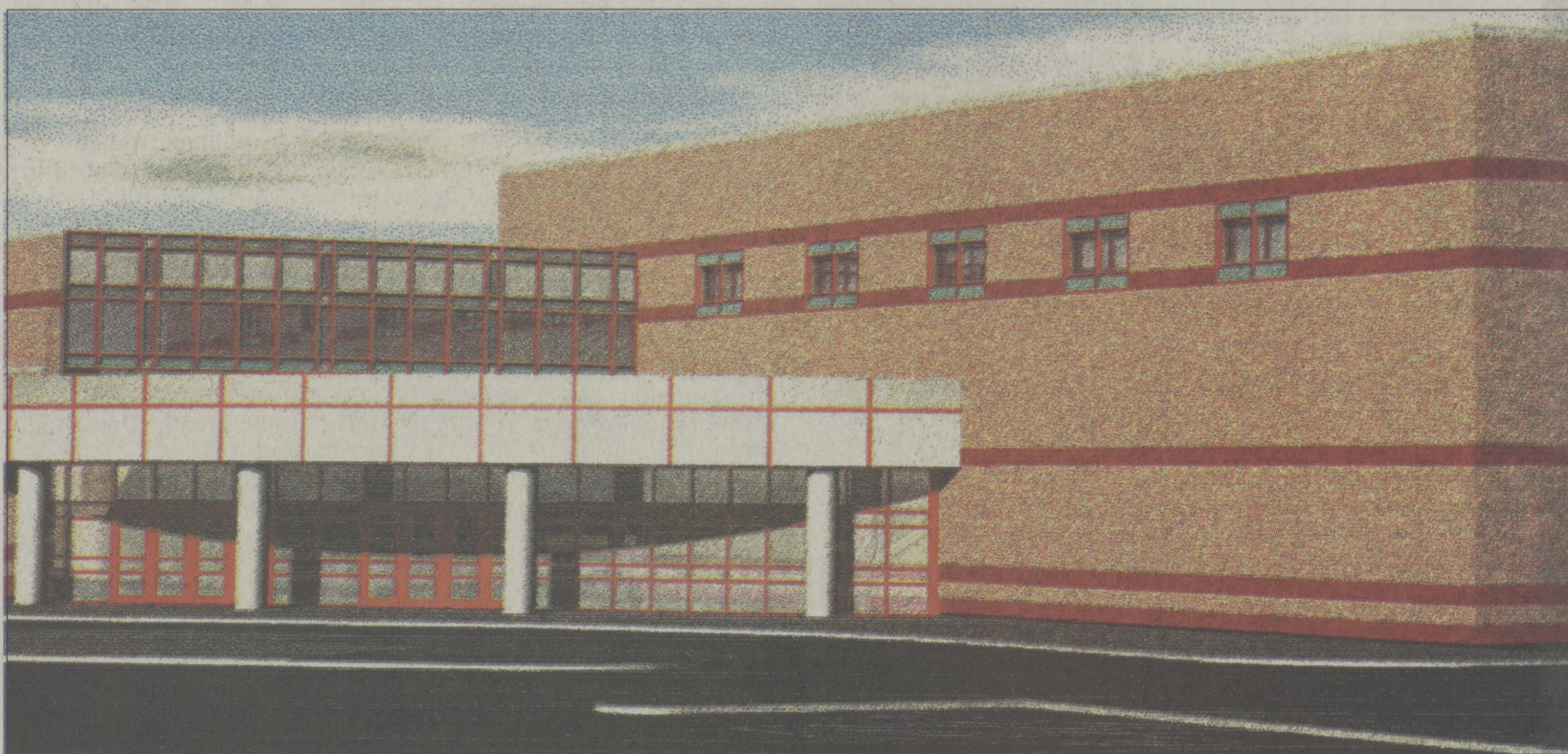
At the meeting the fieldhouse was purposed to include toilet rooms, locker rooms, one concession stand and an officials area. The fall and spring sports

would be using the facility and Trumbower recommended a 50 degree temperature for the building in the winter.

Angelo DeCesaris, school board president, asked, "Are we just building a big outhouse?" DeCesaris wondered if having the fieldhouse without a weight room was a good idea.

The original design for the fieldhouse did include a weight room but was scaled back due to the board's concern of the cost to build a fieldhouse. Trumbower said he doesn't want the board to be short-sighted about the fieldhouse and later be asking, "Why didn't we do this."

Another point of debate is the artificial turf for the athletic field which will accommodate football, soccer and field hockey. The \$500,000 price tag for the field also includes grading and under drainage. Trumbower said. He assured the board maintenance, injury and durability would be the key points of choosing the turf for the field.



An architect's drawing shows the proposed new entrance to the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School.

FBLA

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tem. FBLA helps students develop leadership abilities, and prepare for entry into, and advancement within, a business or business-related occupation. Members learn how to engage in business enterprise, how to direct the affairs of a group, and how to compete honorably. states the Pennsylvania FBLA website, www.pafbla.org.

According to www.pafbla.org, participation in FBLA can have a direct impact on the direction and success of a young person's career. Millions of students have learned through active membership in FBLA about the world of business and what is expected of them in the workplace.

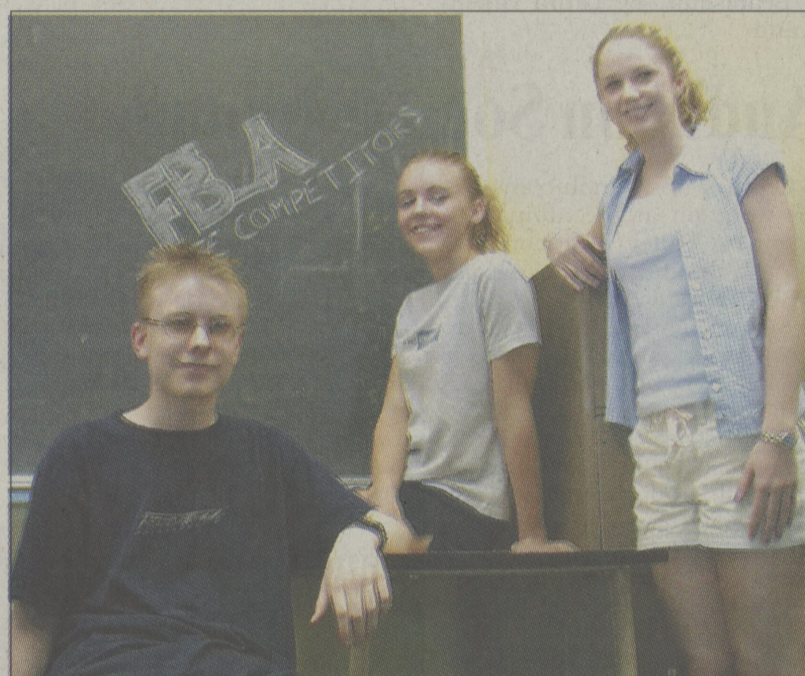
Jaime participated in the Introduction to Business Communications category and Kelly participated in Business Communications. The students were tested on grammar, punctuation, and other business writing skills. Kelly's favorite part about

FBLA is the competition, and winning. "At regional we competed against local schools and I placed first," Kelly said.

Technology Concepts is Steve's specialty. He placed third in the state competition at Seven Springs in April. "It has a lot to do with spreadsheeting, networking and other miscellaneous things," Steve said. "We all took a multiple choice test and whoever got the most correct won," he said. For the national competition the top two finishers from each state compete.

Steve likes FBLA because it gives him a chance to use his computer skills in competition. He hopes to one day become either a computer programmer or a computer scientist.

"We are all proud of our students' accomplishments, but especially proud of the students that placed," said Mrs. Linda Shrader, FBLA advisor. All three



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Steve Losh, Jaime Bozentka and Kelly Lenahan are proud Dallas High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members. The students advanced to the state level this spring. Steve placed third at the state competition.

students look forward to being and hope to bring home honors involved with FBLA next year once again.

Burning ban

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of Transportation (PennDOT) to assume ownership and maintenance for traffic signal emergency transponders to be installed at all signals by PennDOT. The way the transponder works is that one component will be placed in an emergency vehicle, the other component will be placed in the traffic signal. As the emergency vehicle approaches the signal with the transponder, the signal stops traffic for the emergency vehicle

to proceed safely.

Supervisors also received bids for the Green Road Luzerne County Office of Community Development (OCD) Street improvement project and the OCD demolition project on Mount Olivet Road. The bids were tabled for tabulation. At the next regular meeting of the supervisors, June 13, a public hearing has been set regarding the application of rezoning the Ortega property in Firewood Farm.

Jackson Twp. bans burning

The Jackson Township Board of Supervisors, enacted a voluntary burning ban. The ban is in effect for all burning throughout the township, regardless of zoning regulations. Due to the dry conditions the supervisors are concerned about the safety and welfare of township residents. The ban will stay in effect until the dry conditions eases, or until Luzerne County implements a mandatory burning ban.

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