



Lake-Lehman 2002 Homecoming Court. From left; Matt Ide, Betsy Pitcher, Richard Ammons, Erin Loughney, Dustin Kapson, Jenna Fine, William Weber, Amy Hartman, Jimmy Mahon, Stephanie Frank, Andy Coombs, Casey Horvath

## Lake-Lehman will select Homecoming Queen Saturday

The 2002 Lake-Lehman Homecoming Queen will be announced prior to the start of Saturday's football game against Meyers, at Edward Edwards Stadium. Students voted earlier this month to name members of the court, and again to select a queen.

The members of the court are:

**Stephanie Marie Frank** lives in Harveys Lake and is the daughter of John and Helen Frank.

She is a member of the Student Council, SADD, the Allied Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students and a member of the National Honor Society. Stephanie is a four-year member of the varsity soccer team, two time division all-star and two time division scoring leader. She was last year's division Most Valuable Player. She is also a two-year member of the girl's basketball team.

Stephanie is being escorted by James John Mahon.

**Casey Lynne Horvath** lives at Lake Silkworth and is the daughter of Barry and Colleen Horvath. She is co-captain of the Lake-Lehman girl's varsity basketball team, and received an Honorable Mention for 2001-2002 Basketball All Scholastic Team. Casey is Vice President of Key Club as well as a six-year Girl Scout Summer Camp

Counselor. Casey is also a member of the girls soccer team and a member of Youth Salute, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the National Honor Society, Student Council, SADD, the Foreign Language Club and Newspaper. Casey is being escorted by Matthew Andrew Coombs.

**Jenna Fine**, lives in Sweet Valley and is the daughter of David and Donna Fine.

She is tri-captain of the field hockey team, who last year placed second in the state, and will be co-captain of this year's girls track and field team. A member of the girls 4x400 team, which placed first at Shippensburg University, she was selected by the Times Leader for the First Team All Scholastic All-Stars for that relay. She was recognized by Who's Who For American High School Students, and also represented Lake-Lehman in the Wilkes-Barre Youth Salute, where this past weekend she was one of three girls awarded for academics and leadership. For the past four years, she has been a member of Peer Helpers, SADD, the STUN Club, Foreign Language Club, and Student Council, where this year she plans to run for President. During the summer, she helped organize and ran a youth field hockey camp.

Jenna is being escorted by Dustin Adam.

**Amy Lynn Hartman** lives in Huntsville and is the daughter of David and Donna Hartman.

Amy has been an active community volunteer teaching CCO classes at her church, as well as teaching story hour at the Back Mountain Library. She has been involved in cheerleading for 11 years including the football squad for four years, the wrestling squad for three years, and the basketball cheerleading squad for two years and a member of the competition squad for four years. In this time she has accomplished being a UCA All-Star the past three consecutive years and chosen as an All American Cheerleader the past two years. Amy also cheered in the Millennium New Years parade in London and was asked to try out for UCA staff in December. This year she is cheerleading captain.

Amy is being escorted by William Aurther Weber.

**Erin Michelle Loughney** resides in Lehman Township and is the daughter of John and Ellen Loughney.

Erin is a member of the Diversity Awareness Club, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. Last year, Erin acted in the school play "Mur-

der's in the Heir." She has been part of Who's Who Among American High School Students and Youth Salute. She has played for the Lake-Lehman Girl's soccer team for the past three years and was also a member of North East Attack Travel Soccer team for six years. This past summer Erin was elected Governor of the American Legion Keystone Girl's State. She was also the 2002 Luzerne County Fall Fair Queen. She has won numerous awards in art and recently started an art program at the McGlynn Learning Center, an after school program for underprivileged children.

Erin is being escorted by Richard Amos.

**Betsy Lee Pitcher** lives in Harveys Lake and is the daughter of Nancy and Charles Edkins.

Betsy has been a member of the girls soccer team for three years and has played Northeast Attack Travel Soccer for seven years. In 2001-2002, she received an honorable mention. She is a member of the Key Club, SADD, Foreign Language Club, Student Council, the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and participant on the prom committee.

Betsy is being escorted by Matthew Richard Ide.

## Dallas Fire & Ambulance wins grant

Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski (PA-11) announced today that Dallas Fire & Ambulance, Inc. has been awarded an \$18,000 Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) grant.

"Long before last year's terrorist attacks, it was clear to me that firefighters in our area and around the country needed federal assistance to provide emergency services in our communities. That is why I worked with Members of Congress from both parties in the spring of 2001 to convince the Bush Administration to continue funding for

FIRE grants-instead of eliminating them as the Administration had proposed," Congressman Kanjorski said.

The grant is being awarded for fire operations and firefighter safety needs. Congressman Kanjorski was an original co-sponsor of the FIRE program which has now provided a total of \$671,033 to communities in the 11th District over two years.

More information about the program is available online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov> or by contacting his office at 825-2200 or (800) 222-2346.

## Party

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Supporting Autism for Families Everywhere (SAFE), a local autism support organization based in Wilkes-Barre.

"Our kids don't need any more presents; we like to raise money for SAFE; when they raise enough money, they have autism conventions that teach different therapies," said Terry Serafin about the reason for holding the party.

The event brought people in from Wilkes-Barre to Orange, people who knew the Serafins personally and others who heard by word of mouth.

"My son's speech therapist invited us," said Camille Seyer from Pittston, whose son Joshua has autism. "He was diagnosed in May; this is the first time we've ever gotten together with other families," she said.

Jim Dunbar and his son

Quinton know the Serafins through the SAFE support group. He explained those involved with the organization raise money in different ways to fund activities such as going to see shows at the Kirby center or family summer camp excursions.

"When you do these group things and all the kids have autism you don't have to feel the burden of explaining yourself," said Dunbar.

Terry said she doesn't doubt that the party will raise enough money to hold the convention this year in Wilkes-Barre. The money raised goes to help cover convention costs such as bringing in speakers to talk about learning techniques as well as financial assistance for caregivers who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend.



Jillian, age 7, and Cameron, age 3, Baltrochitis with Jane Seanard of Pony Party Paradise.

## Library

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and make them available to the public for years to come.

Nicol said there are thousands of organizations like his across the country, and around the world. "It's the same everywhere; people are working on their local records to preserve them," said Nicol.

The group is heavily committed to microfilming records. Volunteers spend numerous hours transferring paper documents such as cemetery records, civil records, naturalization records and church records onto microfilm, which, according to Nicol, has a shelf life of 500 years.

One of the group's current projects is transferring 50 years worth of newspapers from the Pittston Dispatch onto microfilm. One of the goals of the process is to create two copies — one for

the newspaper and one for the genealogical society — to help prevent the possibility of a loss. The information about weddings, graduations, sporting events, property transfers and more can aid people in tracking down information about their ancestors as well as local history.

Nicol said the group also hosts guest speakers regularly that discuss topics ranging anywhere from preserving photos to German immigration.

Appointments at the research center will be available on Thursdays and Saturdays. To make an appointment call 674-7648 or write:

The Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Association  
P.O. Box 1776  
Shavertown, PA 18708

## Ordinances

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far as 300 or 500 feet from property lines."

The Petroskis and many of their neighbors are worried a buffer of 100 feet would be insufficient against the noise and land vibrations of the mining and blasting and are seeking any means to increase the distance — preferably, to at least 500 feet. The Petroskis have even asked Haines and Kibblehouse, Inc., the mother company of Pikes Creek Asphalt, if

they would consider selling a portion of the zoned mining land to them.

When the Petroskis bought their 29 acres on Coslett Road in 1998, they knew there was a quarry but believed there existed a good buffer of land between their property and the quarry. They had no idea the quarry butted up against their property.

Because of outdated county and township maps, the couple

believed the land was zoned agricultural, as did the previous owners, the realtor and even long-time township residents. A check with the township told them it had been rezoned mining in 1991. Township officials are now in the process of updating the maps.

The Petroskis were told by officials of Haines and Kibblehouse, Inc., at an open house held by the mining company in July, that blasting and mining

of the 34 acres adjacent to their property line and of their Coslett Lane neighbors could happen within the next five years depending upon the economy and business opportunities of the mining company.

Township supervisors and the zoning officer said local ordinances would be superceded by county and state mining regulations and reversal of prior zoning would not be possible.

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