

Dallas United Methodist participates in Heifer Project

Dallas United Methodist Church Sunday School students are participating in the Heifer Project International. The students are raising money and will vote on which animals they will donate to a struggling family in another country. The animal chosen will be one that will provide the selected family with animal products, which will help support the family, such as milk, cheese, eggs or wool. To kick off the project, Bonnie Donovan brought in some farm animals to help the children decide which animal to choose. Pictured with the two goats are, from left: Brandon Harding, Kelly Fashauer, and Drew Harding.



Lehman supervisors consider aiding nearby towns

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LEHMAN TWP. — The May 19 Lehman Township Board of Supervisors meeting attracted as many board members along the front of the room, as there were citizens in attendance. Despite the low numbers, the board moved through a number of topics.

Brought to the board's attention was Plymouth Township's need for assistance from the Lake Silkworth EMS and fire department. Plymouth Township does not have its own EMS or fire department, while Lehman Township has three.

Currently, the residents of Plymouth Township receive assistance from Nanticoke City. The drive from Nanticoke City can be longer than it would be from Lake Silkworth. Lehman already assists Lake Township, and will begin discussions with Plymouth Township concerning the terms of the assistance, such as compensation.

Also discussed was Lehman Township's participation in the Back Mountain Council of Governments (COG). The COG includes Lake Township, Dallas Township, Kingston Township, and Dallas Borough. Roadmaster Douglas Ide motioned the

board to submit a grant application which would provide money to create development plans for any township that is part of a COG, and chooses to participate. The development plans include, among other things, traffic and aquifer studies.

"We are off to a very good start and keeping politics out, so far," said Vice-Chairman Raymond Iwanowski, who feels positive about the COG already.

The board also decided to nominate Jack Hanish as a representative to the state-wide Water Resource Committee. Hanish is the president-elect of

the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS), an organization that is funded through a state grant. Among other things, PALMS was designed to promote further understanding of ponds, reservoirs, and impoundments. Because of his knowledge in this area, Hanish was nominated previously as a representative for the regional committee, by the Lehman Board of Supervisors, and is still awaiting further news.

The next Lehman Board of Supervisors meeting will be held Monday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at the municipal building.

Dallas JETS team 6th in U.S.

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A second place finish for Dallas High School in the regional level of the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS) competition held at Penn State University in Lehman in February was not the end of their achievements. The eight-member team was recently notified that their work that day placed them sixth in the nation for their division.

The JETS TEAMS competitions are Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science. The students have 90 minutes to complete each of the two series of tests. This year the 10 tests in Part I included topics like Satellite in Orbit, Drag Racing Agent, Nuclear Fission, Coastal Hazard Mitigation, Welding Operation and Spin Ejection Mechanism.

"The team has to quickly decide who is going to work on each test," said Len Matysczak, Dallas High School Physics teacher and team moderator for the past 16 years. "Then, they work on the last two sections after they finish their own. They are always pressed for time and they work right to the bell."

This year Dallas tied with MMI Preparatory School for first place with their scores on Part I at the regional competition. The pre-arranged tiebreaker was determined by the best scores on several particular questions and MMI was awarded the trophy.

Part II is another 90-minute test involving more in-depth problems from five of the Part I topics. Again, the students quickly divide the problems and work together to finish all of the tests.

"They are allowed to take resources in with them and all of the information they need is included, but they need to work very quickly," said Matysczak.

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The JETS team at Dallas High School is selected in November from students who have or are currently taking Physics and Advanced Placement Physics. They meet once a week during the school's flex periods and study old tests. "We only have about 25 minutes so I give them part of a test to work on one week and then we go over it the next week. They work on it together because they need to work as a team," said Matysczak.

The TEAMS competition is a national program designed to introduce students to an "engineering team" work environment. There were 1,587 teams in this year's competition divided into 10 divisions. Divisions are broken down into open admissions schools, like Dallas, and selective schools, which have certain academic requirements, like MMI. They are then divided according to number of students in the graduating class. Dallas High School's team placed sixth in open admissions schools with 101-250 12th grade students. This year's students who have received certificates of accomplishment and plaques for their achievements were: Stephanie Yeung, Michael Yenason, Peter Van Loon, Michael Swartwood, Spencer Piontkowski, Jonathon Morgan, Adam Morgan, and John Gilligan.

Lehman Township taxes due May 31

Peggy Moyer, Lehman Township Tax Collector, wants to remind property owners and residents that Saturday, May 31 is the last day to pay 2003 County/Municipal property and per capita taxes at face value. All taxes received and/or postmarked on or before

the May 31 deadline will be accepted a face value. A self-addressed envelope should be enclosed for a paid receipt. Office hours will be May 28 thru May 31 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

History

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Jim Welch, a junior at Dallas and a three-time History Day participant, nominated Storz for the honor. "She taught me that I have a love of history and she actively encouraged me while holding me accountable," said Jim who, although he did not

place at states this year, did compete at the national level last year. "She is unique because she runs our History Day program as a club and she gets actively involved by coming to our houses to check on our projects," he said.



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