

## History

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Wyoming Valley West High School, participated in History Day throughout high school and earned a first place in the Media Division at the National level of History Day in 1988.

He has continued his involvement with History Day at other levels since then and replaced successful, long-time moderator John Comitz upon his retirement last year. "It was a perfect fit for me," said Novrocki.

History Day is a national, yearlong program that promotes the teaching and learning of history so that students can become better prepared, more knowledgeable citizens.

This year's theme was Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History. Students are encouraged to investigate topics ranging from local to world history and to understand the historical importance as well as the impact and significance of their subject.

Lake-Lehman students had entries in the Senior Division for: Individual and Group Exhibits, Individual and Group Performance and also for Group Documentary/Media.

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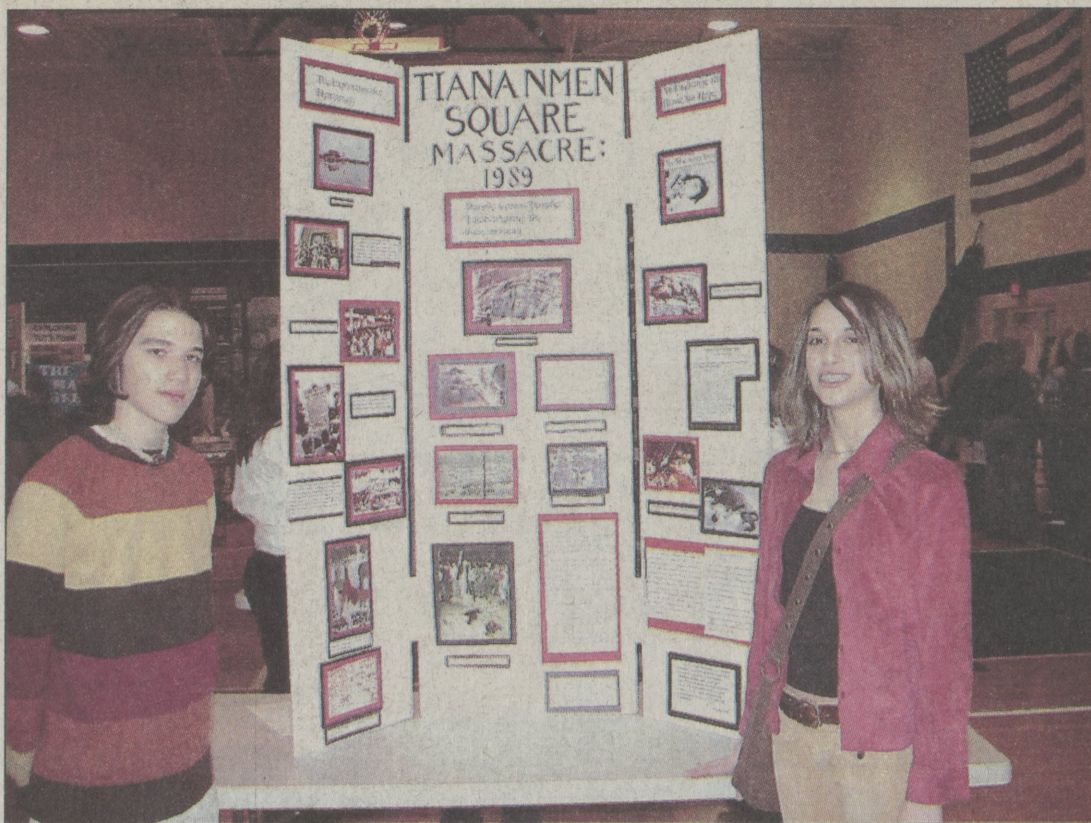
**Kim Reisch**  
Dallas senior  
4th year state qualifier

Bryan Cardillo, Kienan Gold, and Ricky Jayne presented a group documentary titled, "The Microchip: An Encounter in the Explanation of Technology."

"We were trying to find something that affects us all and since the world is run by computer it would be something interesting to look into," said Cardillo. "Our teacher said it would take about an hour per minute and we didn't believe him, but our film was nine minutes and it took over nine hours to make."

That was just the time it took to make the actual film. The group spent many more hours on their research, as all History Day participants do.

"I went to the University of Scranton library and did a lot of primary research there," said Gold. "We also used The New York Times archives that we



Above, Tim Bendick and Victoria Posatko stand by their entry for Group Exhibit titled, "Tiananmen Square Massacre."

At left, Lake-Lehman History Day moderator Michael Novrocki is pictured with members of the team that presented a Group Documentary in Media titled, "The Boy Scouts of America: The Real British Invasion." From left: Novrocki, David Orrson, Steven Cornia, Justin Amy and Matt Pall.

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have at school. We conducted a lot of research on Robert Noyce, one of the inventors of microchips."

Students from Dallas High School competed at the regional level earlier in the month at Penn State Hazleton campus, but senior Kim Reisch was not able to be there.

"This is my fourth year and the judges know my work so they allowed me to compete at Lehman this year," said Kim, who has competed at the state level the last three years. "I can write a process paper in my sleep, now," she said of her experience over the years.

That experience showed in her Individual Exhibit also. The three-sided, stained wood exhibit featured lights and banners. "I'm a big fan of multiple mats (for items placed on the panels). I think it draws the eye in," she said.

Several other students from Dallas are repeat winners. James Welch will go on to the state level for the fourth time with his first-place win in the Individual Exhibit division. He competed at the National level last year. Kelly Williams and Eric Loefflad also competed at the state level last year.

Mrs. Maryann Storz is the History Day moderator at Dallas High School.

This year's Regional winners will compete at Penn State University Park on May 12 and 13 with hopes of moving on to the National History Day contest, held at the University of Maryland on June 13-17.

Lake-Lehman winners include: Individual Exhibit, Ryan Bloom, first place. Group Exhibit, Marissa Harrison, Jamie Lipski, Aime Sgarlat, Caroline Boris, first place; Elizabeth Bovee, Jill Priebe, Jessica Par-

sons, second place; Jessica Wysocki, Katie Young, Skye Nickalis, Ryan Malarkey, third place. Senior Individual Performance, Chelsea MacDougall, second place. Group Performance, Erin Sutliff, Tina Walkins, Alyson Paulauskas, third place. Group Documentary, Lauren Spencer, Elyse Apaluski, Emily Deubler, Josceelyn Mahon, first place; Patrick McMahon, Allison Boris, Shannon Prescott, third place.

This year's regional winners from Dallas High School are: Individual Exhibit, James Welch, first place; Kimberly Reisch, second place. Historical Paper, Sasha Block, first place. Individual Documentary, Nick Oschman, first place. Group Performance, Robert Santarelli and Debra Ketchner, first place. Individual Performance, Kelly Williams, Eric Loefflad, third place.

## Borrowed equipment will ease work on parking lot

By **VICKI KEIPER**  
Post Correspondent

**JACKSON TWP.** — Finding a parking space at the Jackson Township municipal building should be easier by the end of summer thanks to a program that loans equipment to local communities.

Supervisor Chairman John J. Wilkes, Jr. announced at the April 5 board meeting that the township finally received a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection for an extension to the parking area located behind the building. Wilkes said the project would be done "in house" using borrowed equipment from the Regional Equipment Center in Wanamie, Newport Township.

Established in the early 1980s by then Governor Robert P. Casey and Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, the center refurbishes old military equipment to be loaned to municipalities, school districts, and local authorities that are registered with the center. Membership fees are based on the size or population of the organization.

Although the equipment itself is free, the township will be responsible for buying the fuel used in the equipment, Wilkes said.

As for the existing parking lot, the supervisors awarded a seal-coating project to paving contractors Kachinko and Son at the winning bid of \$2,150.

In other business, the supervisors agreed to continue mediation procedures with American Asphalt Paving Company over an allegedly breached agreement.

A letter from special trial master Attorney Richard M. Hughes III suggested "one last chance at mediation" through conference calls before taking the issue to court, said township Solicitor Jeffrey Malak.

With the board's authorization, Malak said he would take up Hughes' offer for full mediation. Hughes is an attorney who specializes in areas such as zoning work and will reconcile the results to County Judge Mark Ciavarella if mediation goes well, Malak said.

The agreement, signed by Luzerne County President Judge Michael Conahan in 2003, created a new zoning map that identified quarry and blasting areas. The agreement also required American Asphalt to give the township cash payments and paving materials as well as payments towards a police cruiser. The company was also to install a safety fence around its property.

## Cleanup

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study of the trail.

The trail group is holding its annual cleanup of the Back Mountain Trail the same day. Volunteers will meet at the Dallas Area Municipal Authority plant off Route 309, starting at 9 a.m.

Frederick, who grew up in the Back Mountain, said the watershed group was formed to bring positive attention to the region's rivers and streams.

"We don't always realize the value and potential that's here,"

Toby's Creek was nominated for the cleanup by the Luzerne County Conservation District. The project will include some planting to stabilize the stream banks, and to replace invasive plants with native species.

She said the plan is to have groups of about 10 volunteers work a particular area, picking up trash and debris. Bags and canvas gloves will be provided, and she advised anyone joining in to wear long pants, a long-

sleeve shirt and sturdy shoes. Volunteers will be given advice on what to pick up and what to avoid.

"Dallas Borough has been fabulous" in its support, Frederick said, and will dispose of the refuse.

Anyone who wants to help can just show up at the Commonwealth Telephone parking lot on Lake Street. The cleanup will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. To find out more, volunteer, or to donate services, supplies or refreshments, call 718-6507. A registration form is available at [www.wvwc.org](http://www.wvwc.org).

The Streamside Cleanup program is one of two major events conducted by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The other, Riverfest, will take place June 5. The event includes a canoe trip, environmental fair and entertainment. For information, visit [www.wvwc.org](http://www.wvwc.org).

## Celebrity Luncheons presents Soledad O'Brien

Celebrity Luncheons will feature Soledad O'Brien, co-anchor of CNN's American Morning, on Thursday, May 13.

Based in New York, O'Brien joined Bill Hemmer in anchoring CNN's flagship morning program in July, 2003 when she joined the network. O'Brien came to CNN from NBC News where she had anchored the network's Weekend Today since July, 1999. During that time, she contributed reports for the

weekend Today Show and weekend editions of NBC Nightly News and covered such notable stories as the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy Jr. and the school shootings in Colorado and Oregon.

In 2003, she covered the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster and later anchored NBC's weekend coverage of the war in Iraq. In 1998, she traveled Cuba to cover Pope John Paul II's his-

toric visit.

Before Weekend Today, O'Brien anchored MSNBC's award-winning technology program The Site and the cable network's weekend morning show.

O'Brien joined NBC News in 1991 and was based in New York as a field producer for the Nightly News and Today.

O'Brien's work has been honored several times, including a local Emmy for her work as a

co-host on Discovery Channel's The Know Zone.

Celebrity Luncheons are held at Genetti's Hotel and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre. Please note: for this particular event, lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and O'Brien will present at 12:30 p.m., followed by a question and answer period.

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