



The Lake-Lehman high school jazz band playing aboard the U.S.S. Wisconsin.



Lake-Lehman Band wraps up busy season

The Lake-Lehman Band traveled to Virginia Beach, Va., in May for a variety of performances.

The concert band performed at Inner Harbor, Baltimore, and the jazz band was invited to perform on the USS Wisconsin. Band members then took a cruise on Chesapeake Bay, followed by a well-deserved day off at Busch Gardens.

Other recent activities were: In March, Lake-Lehman's Blue Percussion Group, under the direction of Dave Gambel,

brought home second place in competition at Hanover, Pa.

The Indoor Color Guard placed first in the Scholastic Novice Division at Wildwood, N.J., April 29-May 2 among 64 groups from nine states. Instructor is John Taggart.

The Jazz band, under the direction of Michael Robinson, received an "Outstanding" rating at Crestwood High School on April 18.

The Lake-Lehman High School Band held its spring concert at the high school,

May 13. This was Band Director Michael Robinson's last concert performance, as he will be leaving Lake-Lehman to become band director at Central Bucks South High School in southern Pennsylvania.

A successful Ice Cream Social was held on April 25, by Indoor Percussion, Indoor Guard, and several other Band ensembles.

Left photo, Indoor Percussion, from left, front row: Evan Scott, Elizabeth Bovee, Heather Perry, Jessica Parsons,

Back row: Mike Zimmerman, Curt Bush, Sarah Kidd, Curtis Scharding-Taras, John Doran, Pat Choclo, Matt Mahoney, J.P. Hanish, Eric Ellis, Tim Bendik.

Absent from photo: Rachel Chin (Drum Major), and Briana Schweizer.

Right photo, Indoor Guard, from left: Diana Gionfriddo, Jess Marchakitus, Skye Nickalls, Ryan Malarkey, Amber Kenny (captain), Chrissy Stanishfski, Kim Peron Courtney Sharp, and Davalyn Schweizer.



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Dallas firefighters Ron Hall, Dave Bloom and Tim Rismondo pulled up a grate at the Meadows Nursing Center in order to

No fire is too large, and no duck too small ...

When Yvonne Mould and two friends heard frantic peeps coming from a drainage grate during last month's Market on the Pond at the Meadows Nursing Center, they knew what to do, but weren't sure of the reaction.

"We felt a little sheepish" calling the Dallas fire department. But without hesitation, three firefighters drove right down, removed the grate and rescued a duckling that had fallen in. Not only that, a large rodent was eyeing the baby duck and had already killed another that had tumbled through the grate.

Cheers rang out from vendors and visitors when Tim Rismondo pulled the duckling to safety, at which point Mould carried it across East Center Hill Road and released it into the company of the flock that had at that point waddled over to the stream behind Pickett's Charge.

"And then they just got up and went back to the fire station," said Mould, who wants to give the men credit for a job well done.

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Noise

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to present testimony. Ruth St. George, who lives across from the plant on Lower Demunds Road, asked Melnick if he had ever been in the Pulverman building and what he thought about the noise.

"Yes, I have, and it's deafening," said Melnick. "If I were a plaintiff's workmans compensation attorney, I'd probably put up a sign outside that factory that read 'Hearing Claims.' They don't wear any ear protection, they're next to the machines and they're deafening. They've tried to take some modest, remedial measures that have been ineffectual."

Downing Drive resident Dr. Michael Kovalick asked for assurance that the 40-year-old noise ordinance will be changed. He passed out copies of noise ordinances from communities similar to Dallas Township such as Tempe, Arizona and West Pikeland Township, PA that have industries within residential areas.

"The pattern that I found with these ordinances that we don't have with ours is that there is a decibel limit difference between day and night, there's a difference between residential and industrial. When industrial borders residential, the residential takes precedence and a lower decibel limit is required."

Kovalick said the decibel limits are not punitive. "These are all levels that any business should be able to operate in but it provides some protection for the housing around these industries. We have to be willing to change, because the Dallas Township that you guys came into is no longer the same," suggesting that cows were the primary residents of the land surrounding the plant when the building was constructed years ago.

Kovalick also read from Kingston Township's noise ordinance, which prohibits the use of any construction equipment, power saw, lawn or landscaping equipment or any other mechanical equipment operated by fuel or electric between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

"They're much more severe," he said. "We're not looking to do something like that, we're looking for something to be reasonable to all involved."

Melnick said that he would review the ordinances Kovalick presented with the supervisors. "We'll decide what seems palatable to the residents of the township."

Gilbert Griffiths, who lives in Orchard View Terrace, asked Melnick if the township could look into modernizing all of the township's ordinances. "What I'm looking at is bringing all of our ordinances into the 21st century so that five years from now when Kanjorski has the trains leaving from Wilkes-Barre and the Back Mountain is being developed more and more that our ordinances are carrying us forward from this point on, so that we have a

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stepping stone for the next century."

Melnick suggested that would take a great deal of time. "What we have tended to do historically is, as issues come up we address that specific issue and enact an ordinance to deal with that specific issue."

Township Engineer Tom Doughton said the township has sent a letter to the county to see if rewriting the zoning and planning ordinances qualifies for the 2005 county Community Development Fund. "There's somewhere between \$75,000 to \$100,000 available. We got positive feedback on that, so for 2005 the supervisors can use that money to pay consultants to rewrite the ordinances," he said.

Melnick agreed that redoing all the ordinances is a good idea, but that the project could take at least six months to complete.

"When you say six months, to my way of thinking, that's not a long period of time. When you're talking six years, that would be a long period of time," Griffiths responded.

Chairman Phil Walter cautioned against making a big financial commitment. "I think the biggest problem is that I don't like to promise anything until the money's in hand. If we get the funding we'll work on the whole thing, otherwise it's going to be just one ordinance at a time. We can't put 15 mills on new taxes like some people do. We're trying to get by on 9 mills and everybody's crying they want a road paved, they want this done, they want that done. We don't have that kind of money, so we do a little at a time."

And Melnick warned residents that even if the noise ordinance is changed, it will not affect Pulverman, which will grandfathered in to the current ordinance.

In other news:

The township's recycling center accepts only yard waste such as leaves, grass, branches and twigs. Absolutely no metal, stumps, logs or kitchen trash will be accepted. Some people have been dropping off pieces of metal mixed in with their grass trimmings and brush, resulting in damage to machinery parts and risking employee injury. The recycling site is provided as a service to the residents of the township. If the service continues to be abused, it will have to cease, the supervisors said.

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