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LAKE-LEHMAN TEACHERS' STRIKE



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Members of the Lake-Lehman cross country team were unsupervised during a practice session this past Tuesday because their coach is a member of the Lake-Lehman teachers' union that went on strike last Monday.



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Lake-Lehman cross country team member



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Students dealing with strike at L-L

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The Lake-Lehman junior varsity cross country team showed up for practice Tuesday afternoon as usual. But their coach was nowhere to be found.

That's because Coach Regina Tarselli is a teacher in the Lake-Lehman School District. Teachers in the district went on strike beginning Monday, abandoning their classrooms and extracurricular activities positions for the picket line.

"I don't like it at all because I know I have to make them up," cross country team member Katie Heindel said of lost school days because of the strike.

Members of the junior high cross country team are still practicing and say that, prior to the strike, Tarselli left them instructions of what to do.

The team will be at Districts this Saturday without its coach, but team members expect her to be there as a spectator.

A team mother sat nearby the students as they trained but declined to comment on the strike.

Students on the team said they are upset vacation time could be lost and the school year may last until the end of June.

"It's OK," Mikayla Orrson, a member of the team, said.

"It's not the best thing in the world. It's kind of bad because we do have to make up the days on the days we have off."

Orrson and many of her teammates have been working on school assignments during the days they are not in their classrooms.

Olivia Anglovich, a member of the cross country team, and her friend are raking leaves during the hours they would be in school to earn money for admission to haunted houses.

Team member Matt



Julie Frederick and her son, Justin, spent some time together Tuesday of this week. Justin had no school because of the Lake-Lehman teachers' strike.

Gorski stays home to watch his 9-year-old brother who goes to Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. Gorski's father is a history teacher at the junior/senior high school.

"I think teachers deserve a fair contract, but it's not fair we have to get it off and make it up during the year," Gorski said.

Parents at a junior high school field hockey game on Tuesday had mixed feelings about the strike. Although most did not

want to comment about the strike, others did.

"I think it's disgraceful, but I think it's the school's fault, not the teachers," said Julie Frederick, of Sweet Valley.

Frederick has a daughter in eighth grade and a son in first grade in the district and feels lucky to have a relative who can watch her son while she is at work.

Frederick thinks the so-

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Cathy Stanski, of Dallas, thinks wireless Internet access at the Back Mountain Memorial Library may even help young mothers like herself keep up on e-mails and news while at the library.

BMT Library has now gone wireless

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Going online at the Back Mountain Memorial Library just got easier. With the new Wi-Fi hotspot setup, patrons can now take their personal laptop computers to the library and have wireless access to the Internet anywhere in the building.

Wi-Fi service at the library went into effect October 1. Library director Martha Butler says the decision to obtain Wi-Fi came after students, business men and women and retired people inquired about it. Butler expects a wide variety of library patrons to use Wi-Fi.

Visitors who want to use the wireless Internet must bring in their own laptops, as the library does not have any. People are asked to turn off all pop-up blockers before coming to the library. This is because the login window is a pop-up and would otherwise be blocked.

Users will log in with a password provided by the library and can stay on the Internet for two hours. If more time is desired

by someone, the staff will let him or her log in again.

"Our objective was to make it convenient for people who wanted to bring in their laptops and use them versus the network Internet," Butler said.

Butler says Wi-Fi service allows users to be more comfortable and sit wherever they please. Documents can be saved directly onto a computer instead of using a disk or jump drive.

Cathy Stanski of Dallas took her daughter to story time Wednesday morning at the library. She thinks wireless Internet is a great idea.

"I'm sure a lot of people would use the library for that," Stanski said.

Mary Rinehart of Dallas stopped by Wednesday morning to borrow books. Rinehart agrees Wi-Fi will be useful to patrons and thinks it will allow them to have more freedom.

Six desktop computers with Internet access are available for use at the library. Adult computer classes are offered periodically throughout the year.

HOMECOMING!

Both the Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts celebrated Homecoming last weekend. Dallas hosted the Warriors of Wyoming Area while Lehman welcomed the Comets of Crestwood. For stories and photos, please see pages 10 & 11.



Dallas HS counselor returns to the stage

The title of the play may be "Dead and Deader," but it's breathing new life into the acting career of Diane Sherman.

Sherman, of Dallas, will play the role of Lilian Durand, an aging Hollywood star, in "Dead and Deader" from October 26-28 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse in Swoyersville.

After being involved in local theater for many years, Sherman has not acted for the past several years. But the secondary guidance counselor at Dallas High School was recently asked to take on the role of Lilian Durand.

"Dead and Deader" is an audience participation murder mystery by Eileen Moushey. The audience will be invited to investigate, interrogate, search for clues, solve the mystery, unveil the murderer(s) and win prizes. The dinner theatre presenta-



tion features an extensive buffet catered by A Touch of Class and also features a full cash bar. Admission for all ages for the dinner and show is \$30.

For further information and reservations, call the Music Box at 283-2195 or 800-698-PLAY.