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LAKE-LEHMAN TEACHERS' STRIKE



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Even though teachers in the Lake-Lehman School District are on strike and students are not in class, most extra-curricular activities continue. Here, Andrea Butchko, Kody Sutfiff, Jaime Wesley and Catherine Sullivan decorate the gym at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School for senior night at the girls' volleyball team on Tuesday. The students had extra time to prepare the gym because teachers in the school district are on strike. The lone senior on the team, Kelly Evans, wears No. 8 and is represented with a decoration above the door trimmed in black and gold balloons.

Extra-curricular activities continue at Lake-Lehman

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It appeared to be just a regular school day at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School. There were a few cars in the parking lot and outside of the building, all was quiet. The problem - it was quiet inside, too.

Teachers in the Lake-Lehman School District were not inside or outside their schools Tuesday. Although the teachers remained on strike Tuesday, they were not picketing. Although no official reason could be obtained for the lack of picketers at all Lake-Lehman Schools on Tuesday, the weather most of that day was dark, dreary and rainy.

And that didn't go over well with Jaime Wesley, an 11th-grader on the Lake-Lehman

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Jaime Wesley
Lake-Lehman Junior

girls' volleyball team.

"I don't think it's right actually," Wesley said of the strike. "And today they're not out there because it's raining."

Wesley and the underclassmen on her team were inside the senior high school gymnasium decorating for senior night. Kelly Evans, the team's lone senior, was to be honored later in the evening at the

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Challenged students enjoy Trail of Treats program



Students from the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 physical support class at Kistler Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre attended the Trails of Treats event at the Ramada Inn on Tuesday. From left, first row, are Serena Evans, Trucksville; Nicky McAdarra, Avoca; and Elizabeth Breznay, Plains. Second row, Debi Zielinski, Shavertown, teacher; Mary Lea Cease, Mountain Top, teacher assistant; and Robin Jones, Dallas, enabler.

A 'special' Halloween

Mentally and physically challenged children from the Back Mountain and the entire Wyoming Valley came out Tuesday to WNEP-TV Channel 16's Fourth Annual Trail of Treats at the Ramada Inn in Wilkes-Barre.

The Halloween party is designed specifically for these children who might otherwise not have a chance to go trick-or-treating.

The kids went from room to room and filled their bags with goodies. Many of WNEP's on-air personalities took part in the event.

WNEP thanks the following organizations that helped make this year's Trail of Treats a success: Anthracite Region for Independent Living, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NEPA, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Boscov's in Wilkes-Barre, Career Uniforms and Scrubs, Citizens Bank, Geisinger Wyoming Valley, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Grotto to Pizza, Guard Insurance, John Heinz/Allied Services, Komen Foundation, McDonald's, NEPA Magic Association, Pepsi, Ramada Inn on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre, Rotary of Kingston, Sallie Mae, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, Shamrock Communications, St. Joseph Center, UGI-Penn Natural Gas, Unitrin Direct, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Wilkes-Barre City/Department of Health/EMT, Wise Potato Chips, Wyoming Valley Alcohol & Drug Services, and Wyoming Valley Health Care System.



Students in the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Life Skills Class at the Nanticoke Educational Center came in costume to WNEP-TV's Fourth Annual Trail of Treats along with their teacher, Becky Kowalek. From left, first row, are Joseph Radar, Dallas; Michele Chappell, Hunlock Creek. Second row, Don Jacobs, WNEP-TV Channel 16; Alex Scott, Sweet Valley; Robert Nichols, Hunlock Creek; Mike Stevens and Sherman Burdette, both from WNEP-TV Channel 16.

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FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Harveys Lake woman will showcase creative talent

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Before her daughter was even born, Christina Urban decided to be a stay-at-home mom. To make some extra money, Urban started crafting artistic items to sell. Now, 24 years later, Urban's work has grown and become her career.

The Harveys Lake woman will be a featured artist at the Second Annual Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts on November 2 and 3 at the banquet hall of Triton Hose Company in Tunkhannock.

Urban does decorative painting and fine art. Her specialties include collectible wooden figures of Santa Claus, Christmas ornaments and painted furniture. She is also known for her pet portraits created from photos and hand-painted onto wood, slate, canvas and rock. Urban once painted portraits of two turtles

onto a rock. The portrait looked so realistic, the turtles took a liking to the rock and it became the newest member of their family.

A lifelong resident of the Back Mountain, Urban grew up around art. Her father was a fine painter and her mother was artistic. Though she has never had formal art training, Urban considers herself an artist and is a member of the National Society of Decorative Painters. In addition to the work she creates to sell, she gives art lessons in her home.

"That's really fun; I really enjoy the kids," Urban said, admitting that one of her students is an adult.

At the upcoming Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts, Urban will sell wooden Santa Claus candlesticks, cut-out pieces of wood shaped like Santa Claus with detail painting, painted furniture and hand-painted pet ornaments.

Urban attends about eight arts



Harveys Lake resident Christina Urban will showcase and sell her artistic creations next weekend at the Second Annual Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts at the Triton Hose Company in Tunkhannock.

and crafts shows a year, including those at the Hayfield House at Penn State/Wilkes-Barre, Jack Frost Mountain and in the Lake-Lehman School District (where

her son is a student). This year, she will use a show in Philadelphia as a trial to break out of the Wyoming Valley area.

What Urban likes the most

about her job is its ability to include her family. Her mother, daughter, and son help her with

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