

'CHEER FOR A CURE' SET FOR SATURDAY



The Fifth Annual "Cheer for a Cure" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Lake-Lehman High School. There is no charge for spectators. This year's event will benefit, MOA (Medical Oncology Associates) and FOR (Fallen Officers Remembered). Three seniors from Lake-Lehman have chosen this event as their senior project are, from left, Sarah Brooks, Lauren Boyle and Gina Bartley. For more information, contact Gina at 690-6003.

BRIDGE

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Supervisor Amy Salansky said Dobinick had gone above and beyond to help organize the shelter at Lake-Lehman High School, organize meetings with the school board, local fire departments, municipalities and the Regional EMA. Chairman Lonnie Piatt thanked Dobinick for the long hours and hard work.

"He does this all voluntarily," Salansky said.

In other news ...

The natural gas well constructed last year on Zosh Road is plugged. Salansky announced the well pad has been removed by Encana Oil and

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Gas. Since the well did not yield the large quantities of gas, the pipe has been capped and is "4 feet below plow depth," she said.

"The area is now a farm field," she said.

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A motion was approved to adopt a non-uniform pension plan MMO budget for road workers in the amount of \$20,658 for 2012.

Recycling will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on November 12. Newspapers will be collected.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, in the municipal building.

BOARD

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natural gas activities in the area. She expressed concerns about the nearly 3,000 students attending the four schools as well as faculty and staff in the event of a natural gas emergency.

Galicki said an award-winning evacuation plan is in place but has not yet been tested.

"We have a very extensive plan," he said. "It's not a secret."

He said a previous plan would bus students to the following locations: high school students to Misericordia University, middle school students to Irem Temple Country Club, Wycallis Elementary students to the old Dallas Township school building and Dallas Elementary students to Gate of Heaven Church.

Tolomello also urged board members and administrators to attend township meetings to keep up with the onslaught of natural gas developments in the area.

"I'm not asking you to take a stance, I'm not asking you to hire an attorney. I'm not asking you to take the fight," said Tolomello. "I'm telling you where the fight is going is not good..."

After accusing Tolomello of "grandstanding" for television news cameras in the room, he said the board does not have an effect on the natural gas developments.

"I don't think anyone on this board is happy (about the pipeline)," he said.

Galicki said he would sit with Tolomello and other concerned parents to review the emergency evacuation plan and announce any future drills.

Members of the Dallas Field Hockey Booster Club addressed the board about a lack of a home field for the field hockey team.

Hockey team upset over lack of home field

Parents and players read statements, some while crying, regarding the field hockey team's lack of a home field for the last two years and the hassles it has created for families, including problems for the team's senior night, trouble scheduling home games and loss of revenue for the booster club.

The team plays its games at Wyoming Seminary's field in Kingston and practices on the old Dallas Township field, which booster club members

said is inadequate and sometimes dangerous for players.

Galicki said the team's planned space at the middle school football field was supposed to be completed by Sept. 18 but weather and construction complications have derailed the project and pushed it back until late October or later.

Members of the booster club also questioned whether the inadequate field space is a Title IX issue. Title IX is a federal law mandating equality on the basis of gender in federally-funded educational activities.

Athletic Director Nancy Roberts said she was surprised the issue had gotten to this point. She told parents and players she understood how frustrating this situation has been, but said a lack of communication between parents, players and administrators could have eased tensions.

"I have no intention to stay in this position if (these issues) don't get addressed," she said. "You have a female athletic director."

Galicki said he would plan a meeting with concerned parents and all administrators involved to create a feasible plan to address the issues.

Report on new high school

The board heard from Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates on the new high school's construction progress.

A new batch of change orders was approved at a total cost of \$21,249. Nesbit said an asphalt escalation clause in the district's contract will tack on another \$166,000, but that issue will need to be addressed at a future meeting.

Resident Mel Morris presented the board with refurbished 1962 Back Mountain Little League State Championship trophies.

He said he worked with state Rep. Karen Boback to find a permanent home for the 49-year-old awards, which featured the names of 14 former players.

The trophies will be located in the high school trophy case.

In other news, the board...

Appointed Dawn Moran as housekeeper at the middle school at an hourly rate of \$12.33 effective Sept. 26 and Michael Coombs as custodian at the middle school at an hourly rate of \$10.98 effective Aug. 29.

Appointed the following teachers as completion project advisors for the 2011-12 school year with a stipend of \$1,500 each: Barbara Richardson, Susan Koziel and Jason Rushmer.

Accepted the resignation of Susan Rinko, Wycallis Elementary special education aide, effective Aug. 29 with regrets and gratitude.

Appointed the following employees: Lorraine Regan as an aide at the high school at an hourly rate of \$8.10, Melissa Chamberlin as an aide at Dallas Elementary at an hourly rate of \$8.10, Garth Andrade as a hall monitor at the high school at an hourly rate of \$8.10 and Maureen Oremus as an aide at Wycallis Elementary at an hourly rate of \$8.10.

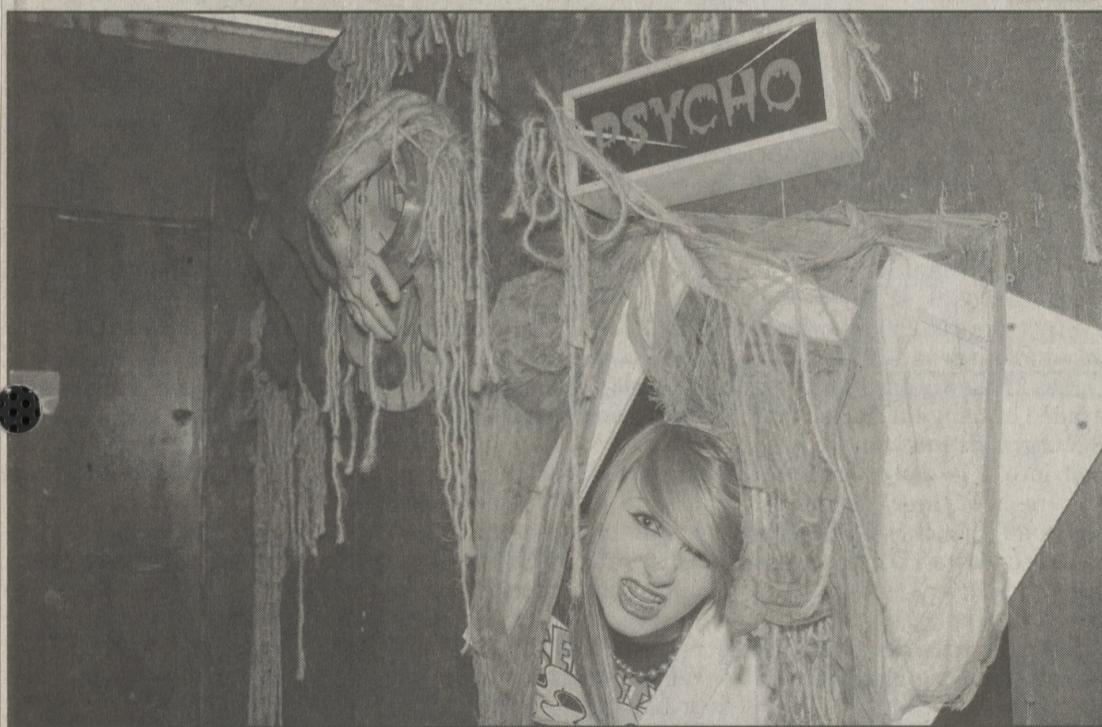
Appointed the following coaches: Alyssa Grove as assistant cheerleading coach with a stipend of \$2,304, Jen Sorber as assistant-in-charge of middle school cheerleading with a stipend of \$1,808 and Caitlin Dukas as assistant middle school soccer coach with a stipend of \$841.

Appointed the following lifeguards at \$10 an hour: Taylor Davies, Lindsey Kelly and Stephen Mingley.

Appointed the following winter coaches at the high school: Mary Jo Hromchak as head girls basketball coach with a stipend of \$6,235, Kelly Johnson-Martin as assistant girls basketball coach with a stipend of \$3,295, Ted Jackson Jr. as head boys basketball coach with a stipend of \$6,235, John Saba as assistant boys basketball coach with a stipend of \$3,295, Mike Richards as head wrestling coach with a stipend of \$6,235, Bob Jesse as assistant wrestling coach with a stipend of \$3,295, Romaine Mosier as head swimming coach with a stipend of \$4,090, Jen Swiderski as assistant swimming coach with a stipend of \$2,373 and Matt Nonenburgh as diving coach with a stipend of \$2,217.

Appointed the following winter coaches at the middle school: Jerry Ogurkis as wrestling assistant-in-charge with a stipend of \$3,295, John Hutchins as assistant wrestling coach with a stipend of \$2,725, Paul Darling as girls basketball assistant-in-charge with a stipend of \$3,295, Johnna Schickram as eighth grade girls basketball coach with a stipend of \$2,725 and Mike Riddell as boys basketball assistant-in-charge with a stipend of \$3,295.

Approved the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-50 truck from Day Ford Inc. at a cost of \$63,549 and to enter into a three-year lease for a payloador with John Deere at a cost of \$75,183.43 over a period of three years.



Jackie Jacoboski, of Harveys Lake, helps with the Brokenharts Asylum, a haunted house located at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

ASYLUM

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teers the value of special effects. "We used to say, 'Oh, we have a strobe light,'" he said, laughing.

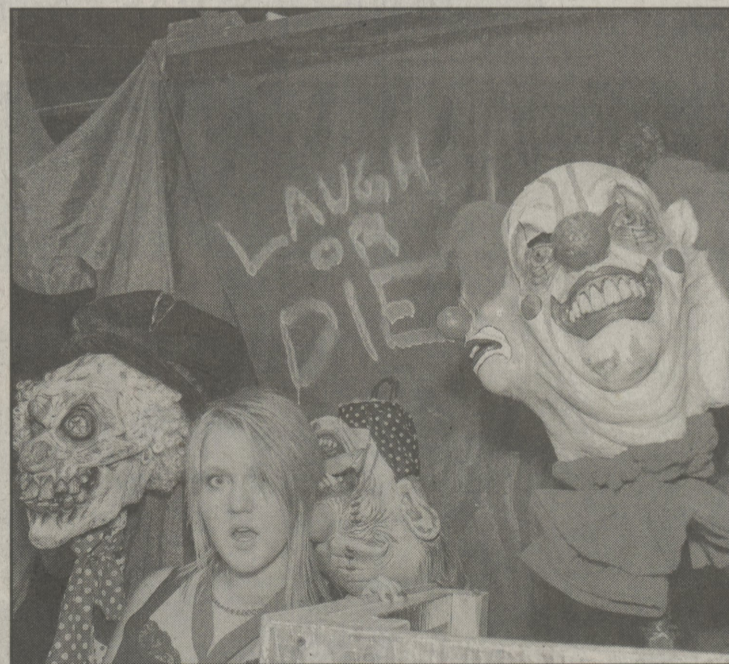
Now the attraction, which was relocated from Hanson's Amusement Park grounds a few years ago, features props from professional haunted house vendors, homemade animatronics and special scents for certain rooms.

"If you're in the clown room, you might smell popcorn or cotton candy," said Davis. "Then the smell in the next room is called 'Elephant Poop.'"

Starosta thinks Brokenharts Asylum still has that charm of the early days of the fundraiser - plenty of volunteers just looking to scare the pants off anyone who'll stop by.

"We haven't lost our roots," he said. "We're still an old-fashioned haunted house."

Starosta is a licensed ride inspector for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and says the attraction is inspected every night before opening to



Callie Grey, of Harveys Lake, poses with one of the displays at the Brokenharts Asylum, a haunted house located at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds. Grey is volunteering at the benefit as part of her senior project at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School.

ensure it is frightening but problem-free.

"There are precautions like handrails and fire extinguishers," said Davis. "We haven't had any injuries in all these years."

While Starosta "lives and breathes" everything spooky (he

owns a white hearse), Davis isn't keen on haunted houses or scary movies - he does have a fear, though.

"My wife," he said, laughing. "This is what I do - I don't live in my home for the month of October."

STATION

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presentation, told the board and audience several reasons why he feels the proposed location of the metering station is inappropriate.

Dottor said this isn't the only natural gas line that will be at the site - Chief is planning to construct a gathering line, Williams Field Services LLC is in the process of building a line and the Transco pipeline has been functioning in that location since 1958.

He argued that a problem with one gas line would affect the two others planned for that location. Dottor concluded that a hazard radius proposed by Chief witness Ali Reza, a fire and explosives expert, would then need to be tripled because of the addition of the other lines.

Chief attorney Ken Komoroski disputed this claim based on the testimony of Reza, but Dottor said the chance

for one line to affect the others is "common sense."

He suggested Chief find an alternate route in an area where there are fewer residences and no schools, such as the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Route 118.

"I still don't understand why it has to be there, next to the schools, next to my house," he said. "The Luzerne County Fairgrounds, where the Transco pipeline goes right through, very few people are there, very few houses ... I can't imagine that there's not a route that can go around to get to the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, away from people and with a lot less risk."

Dottor also provided a description of his neighbors' claim that there was a natural gas release at the nearby site on Sept. 22 that he said has been denied by the Williams Co., which owns the Transco line.

Williams Field Services LLC, a subsidiary of Williams Co., is currently building a pipeline to connect to the Transco line.

Dottor said that because of this incident, he is worried the companies will pin the blame on each other in similar situations.

"The nonsense has already started," he said.

Resident Terry Thomas spoke on behalf of her three children who attend the Dallas School District. She said parents should be alarmed at this development, as she felt the proposed metering facility will be inherently unsafe.

"It has been proven time and time again throughout history that failures occur, whether human or electronic," she said. "Neglect also occurs which compromises integrity and it only takes one mishap at this site, or natural disaster or other, and the precious lives of our young children are in danger."

A final witness on the opponents' side will testify at the next hearing, and Chief may offer a rebuttal. Both parties will offer closing arguments and present findings of fact to the zoning hearing board before it can make a decision.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword

Answers

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Super Crossword

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