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two consecutive years.

Wega said out of about 3,500 school buildings in the state eligible for Title I funding, only 97 are nominated for the honor.

- Approved a new metal detector policy for the high school. The policy states screenings will be conducted on groups or at random to avoid discrimination issues. If there is suspicion of the presence of a weapon, the school resource officer will be present at the time of the screening. The policy also states signs will alert students and visitors about unannounced screenings.

- Approved the resignation of Teresa Pizzo, middle school classroom aide, effective March 2.

- Appointed the following personnel: Caroline Engel as Dallas Elementary personal care assistant at a rate of \$8.10 per hour, Richard Mikulka as senior high school hall monitor at a rate of \$8.10 per hour, Crystal Hettes as Wycallis Elementary personal care assistant and classroom aide at a rate of \$8.10 per hour.

- Tabled the following maintenance appointments effective Feb. 27: Tex Wilson from Laborer 4 to Middle School Custodian

4 at a rate of \$11.43 per hour and Michael Coombs from Middle School Custodian 4 to High School Custodian 5 at a rate of \$10.98 per hour.

- Passed a resolution to pay for the cost of the 2011-12 advanced placement tests for students enrolled in applicable classes with the understanding that the student will be responsible for the cost if he or she fails to take the exam without a legitimate excuse.

- Approved a donation to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Performing Arts Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for students to attend the Performing Arts Institute Summer Program.

- Approved the WVIA V-Media school program agreement for the 2012-13 school year at a cost of \$1,500.

- Approved a donation of \$5,000 toward the 2012 graduation lock-in.

- Approved a sabbatical leave of absence for Sarah Kashatus for the 2012-13 school year.

- Changed the status of Jonathan Stucker from student technical aide to technical aide at a rate of \$10 per hour.

- Appointed Diana Alichnie as chairperson of the business, computers and information technology department.

- Approved the resignation of Holly Brauns, Dallas Elementary classroom and office aide,

effective March 23.

- Approved a leave of absence for high school science teacher Emma Healey for the period of April 11 through June 13.

- Appointed the following employees: LuAnn Brace as high school hall monitor, Thomas Burkhardt as mini-bus van driver, Joseph Lombardi as mini-bus van driver, Anita Grohoski as mini-bus van driver and Charles Siglin as mini-bus van driver.

- Approved an extended leave of absence for Crystal Seidel, Dallas Elementary teacher, to continue through June 13, and appointed Diana Burns-Snyder as a long-term substitute for that period.

- Approved the resignations of Daniel Nestorick, History Day co-advisor, and Craig Haywood, assistant football coach.

- Appointed Kasey Corbett as volunteer softball coach.

- Approved a \$750 donation to the high school girls' softball team for its annual trip to Florida. The board noted that last year, \$1,500 was contributed to the trip.

- Hired Greg Miller as assistant football coach with a stipend of \$3,976.

- The next Dallas School Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 2 in the administration building.



Lake-Lehman High School students Jasmine Moku, left, Jason Field, center, and James Cichocki tackle advanced math problems at the regional Science Olympiad held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

PLUNGE

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said Williams.

Sabol plunged in the past just to be able to say she did.

"It's just a crazy thing to do," she said.

The founder of the event, Allison Boris, was a member of the Lake-Lehman swim team and started the tradition in memory of her father, Buddy, of Harveys

Lake, who died of cancer when Alison was a junior at Lake-Lehman.

Stevens, of Harveys Lake, said her grandmother is a cancer survivor, and Williams said she'd be hard pressed to find someone who hasn't been affected by the disease.

"So many people have been impacted by cancer and it's important to support treatments and to find a cure," said Williams.

The event wasn't held last year because no students want-

ed to take on the project, said Stevens. She said she's found young members of the swim team to keep the tradition going next year.

In 2010, the event raised more than \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society, and the three girls are hoping this year's event will be even more successful.

"It's for a good cause and it's something unique," said Sabol, of Shavertown. "I don't know of many other places that have a plunge."

CHAMBER

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off my plate."

Morgan said the chamber initially did a vast search for an executive director, but found qualified candidates from out of the area that might not be able to meet the needs of the community.

"They didn't have the context and didn't have the love for the Back Mountain," said Morgan. "That was huge."

Parkhurst applied for the position because of her own ties to the community - she was born and raised in the area, met her husband in the Back Mountain and set up her home and business in the community.

"It was kind of a natural fit," said Morgan.

Parkhurst's main focus is membership - and members are pouring in from all over the area. Morgan said the organization has members from outside the Back Mountain for the first time ever.

"We've got new members from Swoyersville, Bear Creek, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston - it's not just Back Mountain business members," he said. "We have to be a community, even though they're outside of our geographic jurisdiction."

The chamber is also working to improve relations with the community. Morgan said the Back Mountain Chamber of Commerce is the first in the country to include governments, schools, cultural venues, churches and civic organizations.

"It's not just commerce to commerce," said Morgan. "People are spending money elsewhere when they should be

spending it right here in the Back Mountain."

Morgan said the chamber plans to offer community surveys to understand why families are doing their grocery and other shopping outside the area. The feedback will help improve business in the area, he said.

Now the organization is busy planning its first business expo as a chamber at Misericordia University on April 18. The group partnered with the Back Mountain Historical Association's bi-annual program, which will be about the former Hanson's Amusement Park that was located in Harveys Lake.

Morgan said the idea was to draw more people to both events. He said there are plans to offer food throughout the expo that would have been offered at Hanson's, like French fries, pizza and cotton candy.

GAMING

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the event of an emergency, not just the six member municipalities.

"There are no borders in an emergency," he said.

The partnership consists of Dallas Borough and Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston and Lehman townships.

The project was developed after the series of natural disasters throughout the northeast, including tropical storms Irene and Lee.

"After the events of last year, we saw a huge potential for the Back Mountain to be severed off from the rest of the county during emergencies," said Partnership Chairman James Reino Jr. "This will make disaster-handling a much easier func-

tion and we'll have a much more rapid deployment of resources."

Harveys Lake Borough received \$78,220 to renovate an unused recreation center for police department use.

Council President Larry Radel said no solid plans have been put into place for the project, and there were no plans to pursue it if the grant money wasn't awarded.

Radel said the plan is to renovate the building and move the police headquarters to the site, located near Lake-Noxen Elementary School, a Little League field and the municipal garage.

"It kind of makes sense to relocate the police department to an area that requires surveillance and makes it a safer environment for children," said Radel.

Mayor Clarence Hogan said the building itself is made of

cinder blocks and concrete, which will also provide a safer environment for officers.

"The building they're in now, it's served us very well, but it's just not safe enough to have the office in there, in a wooden structure," he said. "It is more ideal to move them into the (recreation) building."

He said much of the work needed to complete the project will be on the interior, noting the building recently had a roof replacement. Hogan said the building was constructed in the late 1970s and has been vacant for about a year.

Hogan and Radel said the building will offer a better work environment for officers, including interrogation rooms, upgraded facilities and other perks.

Radel said the borough is "on a tight budget" already, but he hopes the project will get off the ground before summer.

Dallas Jr. Mounts program schedules fall registration

The Dallas Jr. Mounts Football and Cheerleading Program will hold registration for the fall 2012 football season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thurs-

day, April 12 at the Dallas American Legion.

Registrants are asked to bring a photo of themselves, copies of their birth certificate, medical

insurance card and two proofs of residency.

For more information, log on to www.dallasjunior-mounts.com.

OLYMPIAD

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thought that every day you can discover something new, and if there's a theory that's been proven right, you might be able to prove it wrong," she said.

Jean Lipki, Lake-Lehman gifted education teacher and Science Olympiad advisor, said the program allows young students to learn certain life skills while learning about scientific principles.

"I think it's great - it teaches them creativity, time management, teamwork, stress management, competition," she said.

Lipski said the aspect she looks most forward to is not any particular event, like "Bottle Rockets" or "Thermodynamics" - it's listening to the younger kids' reactions to the day.

"It's fun for them because it's so exuberant and they get to interact with other kids on a college campus," she said.

Lipski said the two Lake-Lehman teams had prep work for the Olympiad since December with the help of science and shop teachers at the school.

Dustin Zeiler, 17, of Dallas, was a newcomer to the event - a friend on the Lake-Lehman team needed his help because Zeiler knew how to play an instrument.

For the "Sounds of Music" event, participants had to create musical instruments and play them at the competition. Zeiler plays the trumpet, but he ended up making a clay oboe.

"We tried to make an ocarina, but it didn't work out," he said.

Zeiler was more laid back during the day and said the event was "a nice break from school."

Dallas High School team member Amber Habib, 15, of Dallas, was a bit more on edge during the competition while watching her teammates perform and getting ready for her own events - "Forensics," Gravity Vehicle," and "Protein Model."

"I'm equally nervous for all of them," said Habib. "Some of

2012 REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD WINNERS

DIVISION B (Middle school)

- 1st - Stroudsburg Junior High School
- 2nd - Wayne Highlands Middle School
- 3rd - Park Forest Middle School
- 4th - J.T. Lambert Intermediate School
- 5th - Mount Nittany Middle School
- 6th - Abington Heights Middle School
- 7th - Wilkes-Barre Academy

DIVISION C (High schools)

- 1st - Athens Area High School
- 2nd - East Stroudsburg High School South
- 3rd - Stroudsburg High School
- 4th - North Pocono High School
- 5th - Lehighon High School
- 6th - Nanticoke High School



Lake-Lehman High School seventh-grade student Devin Lindley shows off her bridge model at the regional Science Olympiad.

them are harder than others. But my team is doing well."

Habib has been involved in Science Olympiad for the last three years, and she enjoys the

challenge of the various events that her team prepares for all year.

"We work hard but it pays off in the end," she said.

DES wrestlers represent Rock Solid

Berndt, Newell, Lucas and Volpetti racking up victories on the mats.

Dallas Elementary School students Ayden Berndt, Steven Newell, Lucas Shultz and Lukas Volpetti have been busy on the mats wrestling for Rock Solid Wrestling.

Recently, Berndt took second place in Canton with a

thrilling match where he gained a reversal with seconds left in the match to win, 9-7. He followed that up with a first-place finish at the Abington Heights round robin, including a couple pins.

Newell placed first at the Pa. Junior Wrestling district qualifier held in Tunkhannock and advanced to the Area X regional in Williamsport set for today.

Shultz and Volpetti wrestled in the Middle Atlantic Wrestling Association district qualifier in Johnson City, N.Y.

Volpetti placed third and Shultz took first, including a 3-2 victory in the finals where he earned a one-point escape with four seconds remaining in the match.

Both advance to the northern regional championships to be held in Shamokin on April 6.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 25 mins.

FBI	BAIT	ALMA
COS	UNDO	LEAR
COLANDER	LILLO	
ACK	ACCUSED	
WINTER	HOD	
END	RUG	GEODE
EKED	MOW	SLUG
PYREX	DAD	ETO
SIR	REPAYS	
SPECIES	BUN	
WIDE	SQUANDER	
AKIN	AMPS	EMO
NEED	WINE	RUB

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answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

GLAVEL	DORRIL	SPAT	LEW
INCOME	ARBOR	ALRY	OWE
CARLOG	AMBINO	LEOSAYER	
EWI	EYE	ALARM	WALE
	PENN	COATED	ATAIL
AFFORD	BARRELLS	ESTER	
VERDI	CAMERA	CHILDREN	
ITA	CHANEL	PRICE	IVE
DENT	ORAL	DROOP	GENTI
CARLTON	SHAW	REGAL	
LOPE	MARGOPOL	ARON	
HINES	OATS	ARAMIS	
EVERT	AMATI	SHAW	ETC
EER	RABER	QUOTES	AG
PROFFLER	SQUIRE	TERR	
UCIA	EQUATE	TURRET	
CRETE	DRUIDS	MYNA	
FRIG	GEENA	ARIC	GPA
HUGOWOLF	ROBERTO	OURAIN	
LOI	ALLO	ERODE	ORNER
LED	NYSE	DEGAS	NUDGE