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Former Lake-Lehman Band Director John Miliuskas, left, receives a clock as he is inducted into the Knights of the Roundtable by Superintendent James McGovern.



Diehard Lake-Lehman supporter Edward Turchin, left, of Jackson Township receives a Lake-Lehman jersey and cap from Superintendent James McGovern.

More Knights join elite ranks

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It's been a big year for John Miliuskas.

The retired Lake-Lehman band director, often cited as the "Father of Lake-Lehman Band," was inducted into the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Hall of Fame in April and Lake-Lehman Band alumni will host a daylong program in his honor on June 16 at the high school.

But on May 26, Miliuskas joined ranks with a small, select group as a meritorious member of the Knights of the Roundtable program during a brunch at Iremple Country Club.

The program, in its second year, aims to honor former Lake-Lehman students and employees who have had a positive effect on the community to inspire current students to become better citizens.

Other meritorious inductees included Joseph Lopasky, a standout football player at Lake-Lehman during the 1950s and the most valuable player at the 1962 Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, Fla., who died last fall; Ricky Bonomo, a former wrestler at Lake-Lehman who, with his twin brother Rocky, earned several district, state and national champion-

"We're inspiring the future by honoring the past. Their contributions to Lake-Lehman and society prove that great people come from Lake-Lehman, and there's no reason not to continue that tradition."

James McGovern
Lake-Lehman superintendent

ships; and Brian Kelly, a high school and college soccer star who earned national recognition for his skills in the early 1990s and turned pro later in his soccer career.

Honorary inductees included the first principal at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School, Lester Squier, who died in 1989; and Delmer Giberson, a former chemistry teacher at the district who died of a heart attack at the age of 44 in 1987.

Miliuskas attended the brunch with his family, including son John III, a band director at Towson University in Maryland. The younger Miliuskas said his father inspired his entire career, including his first instrument



Lake-Lehman senior Bryan Carter, second from right, receives the Lake-Lehman Foundation Knights of the Roundtable Scholarship from Superintendent James McGovern, left, Jean Sayre, of the Lake-Lehman Foundation, and retired teacher Bonnie Turchin.

choice. "I played the trumpet when I was 7 or 8, but I turned to the French horn in high school and that's what I majored in college," he said. John Miliuskas III said growing up in the Lake-Lehman band room, he had his choice of musical instruments with which he could experiment. "I had a different favorite instrument every week," he said.

The elder Miliuskas enjoyed the discipline of music and trying to mold young musicians during his 35-year tenure at the school. "I'm still teaching, and I pick of the horn every day," said the accomplished trumpeter. Miliuskas said the students, administration and parents made his career a pleasure every day for nearly four decades. "I never went to work," said the

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Engraved clocks were awarded to those inducted into the Lake-Lehman Knights of the Roundtable ceremony.



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A gathering of fifth-grade minds brings two schools together

Students from Dallas and Wycallis Elementary Schools enjoy mixer before meeting up at middle school next school year.

Fifth-grade students from the Dallas and Wycallis Elementary Schools joined together for a mixer on May 18 at the Dallas Elementary School. They ate lunch together in the DES cafeteria, then enjoyed games and activities outside on the lawn. Races, relays, cooperative activities as well as popsicles were on the agenda. The purpose of the event was to get the students from the two schools together for a social event to allow mingling as next year they will all be classmates at the middle school.



Dallas Elementary student Baley Nice, right, unsuccessfully avoids being tagged by Wycallis Elementary student Dylan Goodrich in 'freeze tag' during the fifth-grade mixer.



ABOVE: Fifth-grade teacher Dr. Kerry Speziale, center, directs Wycallis Elementary School students as they enter the Dallas Elementary School cafeteria for lunch at the fifth-grader mixer.

RIGHT PHOTO: Dallas Elementary student John Price, center, plays dodge ball with Wycallis Elementary students Caleb Hill, left, and Will McCrum.

LEFT PHOTO: Dallas Elementary student Mikayla Engler, center, maneuvers a hula-hoop around her with Wycallis Elementary students Grace Jarden, right, and Ashley Weinstein as they play 'Connection' during the fifth-grade mixer.



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