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Deanna Szabo, 17, of Pikes Creek, demonstrates advanced flag twirling techniques at the color guard camp.



Lacey Carey, 12, of Noxen, practices her flag twirling during color guard camp at Lake-Lehman High School.



Mikayla Kidd, 12, of Harveys Lake, catches a flag during color guard day camp at Lake-Lehman High School.

Learning to be a color guard

By SARAH HITE
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Twirling, tossing and staying in step is harder than it looks. Lake-Lehman students learned that for themselves at a color guard camp presented by two seniors July 16-21.

Color guard is flag spinning combined with dance movements, and performances during the outdoor season interpret music played by the marching band. During the indoor season, sometimes called winter guard, dances are choreographed to selected music and are performed in a gymnasium setting.

Guard members spin and toss flags, rifles and sabers - whatever prop is deemed appropriate for the selected routine.

Deanna Szabo, 17, of Pikes Creek, has been part of color guard since she was in sixth grade. She and friend Jessica Campbell, 17, of Lehman, orga-

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nized the camp as part of their senior projects.

"I was bored and it looked like fun," said Campbell about joining color guard five years ago. "I liked all the bright colors and equipment."

Nearly 10 students attended the camp looking to learn more about the guard or to improve on the skills they've already learned.

Twelve-year-old Lacey Carey, of Noxen, has been in color guard for a year and can already toss with the best of them. She and friend Mikayla Kidd, 12, of Harveys Lake, demonstrated their skills during the camp.

"When I joined, I thought it

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Lake-Lehman senior Deanna Szabo, front right, of Pikes Creek, meets with 10 students ages 8-13 to begin the color guard camp at the high school gymnasium.

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pay increases approved for super and his assistant

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The Lake-Lehman School Board avoided a Sunshine Act violation and approved a raise for the superintendent and his assistant at a meeting Monday.

The board voted 5-2 to ratify the Lake-Lehman Education Association and Lake-Lehman Educational Support Personnel Association agreements, extending contracts for another two years.

The contracts were approved at a special meeting in June, but that meeting was not advertised 24 hours beforehand, so the board had to revote on the issue to avoid a Sunshine Law violation.

Board President Mark Kornoski and board member Karen Masters voted against the measures while board members Andrew Salko, Walter Glogowski, James Welby, Richard Bombic

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Mark Kornoski
Lake-Lehman School Board member on administrators' raises

and Kevin Carey voted for the motions.

Board members Bo Kreller and David Paulauskas were absent.

Kornoski also said teachers will receive a 2.6 percent raise and "free health care" with this agreement.

"I think it's a terrible thing to do to the taxpayers," he said.

Kornoski also asked Solicitor John Audi if members could vote for the contracts if they have family members employed by the district.

Audi said the state ethics commission ruled that as long as board members were not voting on individual family members' salaries, it was ethical.

Kornoski said he believed Bombick and Welby have family members employed by the district.

The board approved a 3.5 percent raise for Superintendent James McGovern, which will

change his annual salary to \$116,763.53.

A \$0.60 per hour raise was approved for Assistant to the Superintendent Mary Jo Casaldi, increasing her salary to \$40,081.60. A similar raise was approved for secretaries in the support staff contract, but Casaldi's position is not included in that negotiating body.

Kornoski said those positions are separate contracts from most other administrative positions covered by Act 93, a section of the state school code that pertains to administrative wages.

He said the superintendent and his assistant participated in a pay freeze last year.

The board also awarded a bid to Premium Builders of Wilkes-Barre for the alterations to Lehman-Jackson Elementary School for a childcare facility in the amount of \$156,570.

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Joey Kraynak of Pack 106, Mountain Top, right, receives the first-place trophy from Scoutmaster John Sepcoski of Troop 316, Avoca, after his race car traveled a record-breaking 457 feet.

Derby records

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Youngsters started their engineering - sort of - at the EBS Derby Day 2012 at Misericordia University on June 16.

There were no motors in these racers as Scouts from throughout northeastern Pennsylvania raced weighted wooden cars on a pinewood derby



Track official James Quick, of Ashley, records the distance of a fisherman race car after a Pinewood Derby heat.

track built to drive its way into the Guinness Book of World Records.

The event featured the world's longest pinewood derby

track at about 460 feet, and a few Scouts were able to break the Guinness Book of World Re-

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