

DT residents will learn importance of tree clearing

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ship officials have encountered for years. He explained that resi-

plant life on their property as it relates to public roads.

Township officials want resi-Dallas Township road crews dents to understand their resight for drivers by educating ers to keep the line of vision and shrubs are not maintained. newsletter and on its website. clear around roadways and in-Township Roadmaster Martin tersections. This means keeping municipalities in the area and is ess of speaking to residents in Barry says it's a problem town- all plant life away from the road. using those examples to create November.

aware of the right of the town- tion to residents. The form will dressed on a door-to-door basis, dents don't always understand ship to take action if their trees be available in the township according to Barry.

their responsibilities regarding Township officials want residents to understand their responsibilities as property owners to keep the line of vision clear around roadways and intersections. This means keeping all plant life away from the road.

Barry has researched other They also want owners to be a form that explains the situa-

Barry hopes to start the proc-

Problem properties will be ad-

"To let them know there is a past by property owners for tryproblem," he said. "You have to ing to clear branches and act or we have a certain number shrubs that obstruct the view of of days that we can come in and motorists. do it."

county bus drivers and fire de- is informed," said Barry. partments have all placed complaints with the township be- the older developments in the cause overgrowth makes it diffi- township. Barry plans for the cult for drivers of larger vehicles clearing of problem areas by the to see. He also said that crews township to be a winter project, have been threatened in the weather permitting.

"We want to have a system in Barry said school bus drivers, place in the future so everyone

He said the main concern is

## The legend behind the Haunted Woods

The Last Knight Haunted loods will be open from 7 to 10 m. during the last two Fridays and Saturdays of October (19, 20, 26 and 27) behind the Lehman Jackson Elementary School on Market Street in Lehman.

The Haunted Woods benefits the Last Knight Lock-In for Lake-Lehman High School graduates.

Legend has it that in 1848, a few years after the new school was built in Lehman, children started to see strange things on what is now Market Street - shadows chasing them and trying to pull them into the forest. This happened to so many of the chil-



en that they soon called the ooded area the Creepers Woods and never went near this area at nightfall.

One adventurous child, Jarrod, decided to explore the woods with two of his friends. They went during the day not long before dark set in. They made their way to the back right of the woods and stumbled onto a log cabin.

They peered through the dirty window only to see a very thin. boney woman with long, scraggly hair leaning over a table full of bat wings and other gross stuff she had thrown into a big black kettle on the fire. With one last item she threw in the pot, she raised her hands, chanted odd words and, from the walls of the cabin, came a black shadow figure.

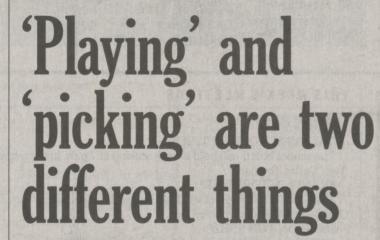
The woman demanded this figure to bring back children for the rest of her spell. She wanted to awake the dead with her potion and fill Lehman and the world with nightmares. The woman shall get revenge on the town's people for shunning her and forcing her into the forest to hide.

The boys ran as fast as they could through the now twilight forest. The Creeper set out and soon caught the boys but told them never to return because the old woman would cook them. He was once her son and died when she poisoned him to make a spell for herself of immortality. She summons him to do her dirty deeds.

The boys ran home and told all their friends what they had seen, vowing never to enter the woods again. These boys grew up but always warned local children what would happen if they entered the wooded area of Market Street.







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Five hours from their home in Massachusets, BMX Pros Matt Still, Joe Pastomeroo and Danny Tod wowed the students of Ross Elementary School on Sept. 25.

The three men are riders with Perfection on Wheels, a California-based BMX organization and off the ramps. that focuses on educating while performing in assemblies and school presentations. Tuesday's presentation was an anti-bullying rally to teach the children the cepting one another's differencboundaries between playing and picking, and what to do if they that rider Tod wore a bright pink find themselves or a friend in a bad situation.

"People don't always take bullying as a joke," said Still while ence between joking with a friend and crossing the line into bullying.

sembly Coordinator Ashley he asked for two teacher volun-Raspen booked the group to teers. Katie Mullins, reading speteach the young students the im- cialist, and Kim Chopyak fifthportance of understanding bullying. "It seemed like something on the ground. good for the kids," said Raspen, "to keep them interested and to joined along either side of the keep them excited while getting teachers and, in an amazing feat, the message across."

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> **Matt Still** Professional BMX rider

Students chanted the riders' names as they took turns flipping, spinning and jumping on

The riders demonstrated the proper way to wear a helmet, imparted some bicycle safety and stressed the importance of achelmet to show the students that it's okay to be different. Still also pointed out that the audience had loved all the tricks Tod was wearing a funny color helmet. Still then told the youngsters

where they can turn to for help PTO Vice President and As- with bullies. As part of the show, grade teacher, were asked to lie

**Riders Pastomeroo and Still** rider Tod jumped all four human

bodies without the aid of a ramp. Still then said, "See that, kids. Your teachers would do anything for you.' As the final trick of the day,

es by example. Still explained Still did a backwards flip onto the ramp. He shared with students that he had only learned that trick a few years ago. The 31year-old Still stressed that education is important and that no explaining to students the differ- able to do even though he was one is too young or too old to learn.

> **Ross Elementary students** Seth Sheffler, Josh Rushton, Morgan Eiswerth and Nina Foresman listen to a lecture on bullying and bike safety presented by a BMX touring group called Perfection on Wheels.



Ross Elementary School kindergartener Alex Kane describes to a professional BMX biker what kind of bike tricks he would like to see during a demonstration at the school.



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Ross Elementary students are amazed to see a professional BMX rider jump over these four people, including two people they know, reading specialist Katie Mullins, left center, and fifth-grade teacher Kim Chopyak, right center.