

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Board appointments basketball, wrestling coaches

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volunteers James Buchman and Maureen McGovern.

The Lake-Lehman School board appointed coaches for the 2012-2013 school year at its regular meeting on Nov. 19.

Brian Cutter was named head boys basketball coach with a stipend of \$7,483.62; Ted Sadowski, varsity assistant basketball coach at \$4,601.98; Rich Colaruso, varsity assistant basketball coach at \$4,601.98; Barry Brooks, junior high assistant basketball coach at \$3,082.40;

Charles Levan was named head girls basketball coach with a stipend of \$7,483.62; Barry Horvath, assistant varsity girls basketball coach at \$4,601.98; Janene Kasarda, assistant junior high girls basketball coach at \$3,082.40; and Serry Metz, assistant junior high girls basketball coach at \$3,082.40.

Jack Davis was named assistant varsity wrestling coach with a stipend of \$4,601.98; James Rosencrans, assistant junior high wrestling coach at \$3,082.40 and

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volunteer Jim Davis. The board locked at 3-3 on an appointment of volunteer Walter "Chip" Sorber.

The board appointed Elizabeth Muench, of Nanticoke, as a substitute elementary school teacher and Jeffrey Shook as interim athletic director as of Dec. 1 with a pro-rated stipend of \$10,000.

Frank Prest, of Hunlock Creek, was hired as a part-time custodian at the rate of \$10.25 per hour and Andrea Ozovek, of Harveys Lake, was hired as a support staff substitute.

The board authorized the payment of \$1,000 to the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 for two students who participated in the 2012 Summer Performing Arts

Program. Superintendent James McGovern reported the money had been budgeted and was not an added expense.

The board also authorized the administration to develop a proposal for the removal and installation of new turf on the athletic field.

During public comments, Ed Gustitus asked the board what capital projects it had planned for next year and whether it anticipated a raise in taxes.

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soon to know about taxes. He said that would be discussed in January but school officials do not anticipate taxes being raised due to the turf project.

Gustitus was not pleased with McGovern's response and spoke about what he deems "reckless spending" of the school board, ending with, "It's time we had some fiscal responsibility to the taxpayer."

The next Lake-Lehman School Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 in the junior/senior high school library.

BACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

## Group discusses grant applications

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Mark Van Etten from the Luzerne County Tax Collection Committee said the first EMA equipment trailer would be ordered following the next Lehman Township meeting. McMahon reported that once checks arrive from each municipality, the partnership could open the account. Signature cards from each municipality will be required.

Grant applications for EMA equipment and public safety equipment were the main topic of discussion during the Back Mountain Community Partnership meeting on Nov. 15.

Kate McMahon from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA), a regional development agency that helps facilitate business between the municipalities, reported that the organization spoke to a representative from the Department of Community & Economic Development, who confirmed the Local Share Account grant applications for EMA equipment and police equipment should be filed as two grants and not as one grant.

At its October meeting, the partnership had questioned whether the grants would be in competition with one another. DCED said the grants would not be in competition with one another, but the purchases were too different to be written as one common grant.

The partnership had requested at that meeting that NEPA set up a bank account for the maintenance funds of the jointly-owned EMA equipment.

The group discussed the purchase of a JAMAR Radar Data Recorder. In October, each municipal representative took the information back to their respective governing bodies for review to see if the boards were interested in jointly purchasing a radar machine.

Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Lehman Township got approval to a specified amount. Kingston Township and Franklin Township are not interested. Jackson Township representatives were not at the meeting and had not yet relayed whether they would participate. McMahon said he would contact the township to get confirmation so the other municipalities can figure out the cost each would have to contribute.

The partnership announced its 2013 schedule and reported that Attorney Jeff Malak will advertise the schedule.



Patrons enjoy themselves at the Trinity Presbyterian Church chicken and biscuit dinner.



Tom Pickett, left, of Dallas, Ken Jones, of Shavertown, and Rich Burkhardt, of Dallas, chat in the Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall.



Four-year-old Colton Traver, of Tunkhannock, takes a break from his chicken and biscuits to munch on a chocolate chip cookie.

## LCCC lists graduates

Luzerne County Community College recently awarded degrees to students who completed requirements for their field of study in August. Back Mountain students who received degrees include:

**Associate in Applied Science** - Taylor Dunn, Dallas; Camille Fioti, Shavertown; Cassie Kupronas, Dallas; Abigail Lewis, Dallas; Julie Meletsky, Harveys

Lake; Matthew Morcos, Dallas; Neil Popko, Hunlock Creek; and Thomas Romanelli, Jr., Wyoming.

**Associate in Science** - John Broda, Wyoming; Richard Davis, Wyoming; Mary Geiser, Shavertown; Carly Huff, Dallas; Megan Malkemes, Dallas; and Eric Sandroski, Wyoming.

**Certificate of Specialization** - Joseph Bagi, Shavertown.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

### MU plans diversity program

Misericordia University and the University's Diversity Institute are presenting the program, "From the National Origins Act to the DREAM Act," by Dr. Donn Worgs, associate professor of political science and director of African and African American Studies at Towson University, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in Huntzinger and Alden Trust rooms 218-219 of Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall.

The program is open free to the public. Register at 674-1483 by Nov. 26.

### Families invited to Seminary

Wyoming Seminary Lower School invites families to attend the Early Childhood Overview from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the school's

new Early Childhood Learning Center, 20 Arlington Road, Forty Fort.

Families may tour toddler, preschool, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms and will have the opportunity to speak with the dean of the Lower School, teachers and admission staff about Sem's early childhood program.

For more information, call Heidi Sims, Associate Director of Lower School Admission, at 718-6610.

### Sem schedules student recital

The Wyoming Seminary Music Department will present a Sunday Afternoon at Sem Student Recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2 in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., just north of Kingston Corners.

The recital is free and open to the public. For more information, call 270-2192.



Doug Stevens, of Dallas, prepares a dish of chicken and biscuits.

## Serving up some chicken

The Men's Club of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas held a chicken and biscuit dinner on Nov. 10.