

# The DALLAS POST

50¢

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

www.mydallaspost.com

AN EDITION OF THE TIMES LEADER

## Lehman plans 'Knight of Mayhem'

Day-long fundraiser will raise money for new turf on district's playing field.

By SUSAN DENNEY  
Dallas Post Correspondent

Lake-Lehman School District booster clubs are uniting for a day-long fundraiser on June 1. The "Knight of Mayhem" fundraiser is intended to raise money for new turf for the district's playing field.

According to district superintendent James McGovern, 13 different programs and several community groups use the surface. "The turf is constantly used," he said, adding that it must be replaced for the safety of the students.

The "Knight of Mayhem" fundraiser will run from 10 a.m. into the evening.

The main activity of the fundraiser will be a novel game called Cow Pie Bingo. A fundraiser that has been used by other charitable organizations and which is growing in popularity, Cow Pie Bingo involves selling two by two foot square deeds to a field. A cow is let loose in the field. The player who holds the ticket to the square littered by the cow is the winner.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST  
Lake-Lehman Superintendent Jim McGovern posts samples of what the proposed sports field at the senior high school will look like prior to a meeting of parent sponsors and supporters.

The winner gets 10 percent of the total deed sales.

McGovern also said that there will be a carnival, including games of chance, games for small children and food. A disc jockey will provide music and the district's theater group will produce an outdoor program.

The facility goal for the day is 2,500 to 3,000 people.

"We will also have a silent auction and a youth basketball tournament," McGovern said, adding that a giant flag football tournament is also planned.

The goal is for this one event to meet the yearly debt schedule for the update to the field. The superintendent said it will cost about \$500,000 to replace the turf. Although the track will not be replaced, it will be re-sprayed.

The total cost of the field will be determined after bids are received and sponsorships have been solicited. For \$15,000, sponsors can place their emblem or message on a five by five yard area along the side of the field.

"Everybody thinks you can buy success. But the foundation of intelligence is independent thought."

Jim McGovern  
Lake-Lehman superintendent

McGovern wants the field to be unique. It will be black.

"We're going to call it 'The Black Hole,'" he said.

McGovern hopes the distinctive field will be unique enough to attract sponsors and create more community stakeholders in the project. For him, the field represents far more than a place for activities.

"You're teaching coping skills and perseverance. It doesn't matter which sport," he said, adding that he believes sports teach independence, generosity and community in equal parts.

For McGovern, education is more than classroom learning. "All that intelligence and mastery doesn't mean that you're a good person," he said.

"Everybody thinks you can buy success," he added. "But the foundation of intelligence is independent thought."



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK FILE PHOTO/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

This highway sign on Rout 415 in Dallas next to the entrance to the Elmcrest development will be repaired soon.

## Several people step up to repair sign

Thanks to several people who have responded to a story published in the Jan. 27 edition of The Dallas Post, the sign on Memorial Highway will be repaired.

Dan Duffy, of Shavertown, was the first to call about the sign. His son, Connor, a ninth-grade student at Dallas High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 146 in Jackson Township, will take on the challenge of repairing the sign as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Tony Hudak, proprietor of AJH services and a Marine Corps vet, has offered to lend his construction expertise and will assist Connor with the project.

Joseph Gimble, of Larksville, said the story about the sign caught his eye. A former corrections officer at the State Correctional Institute in Dallas, Gimble was a student at the GI Carpenters School on Dorrance Street in Kingston in 1956 and remembers the sign being constructed there by veterans attending school in the GI bill.

John Emil, commander of the American Legion Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 in Dallas and American Legion district commander, says Legion members put flags on top of the sign every year.

He remembers a Boy Scout named Brian Grezzi painted the sign as part of a Scout project one year and says that, in 1967 the sign was knocked down and repaired by members of the American Legion.

Emil also reported that the sign was originally installed by a gentleman named John Blackman who dedicated it not only to military veterans but to Back Mountain heroes like firefighters, EMTs and police officers.

He added that the sign was damaged by a snow plow during a snowstorm this winter.

The Dallas Post will monitor progress of the sign repair and continue to update its readers on the issue.

## Volunteer groups to receive grant money

Volunteer emergency response organizations in the 117th Legislative District will benefit from more than \$365,000, thanks to grants offered by the Office of State Fire Commissioner.

The grants are part of the Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program created almost a decade ago. Last session, the program was extended and expanded to offer a total of \$30 million statewide.

Funds are derived from gaming proceeds and not general tax revenue. The following is a list of Back Mountain fire and ambulance companies and the amount of their grant awards:

**Benton Volunteer Fire Company** - \$11,500 for fire services and \$6,651 for ambulance services  
**Hunlock Creek Volunteer Ambulance Association** - \$6,651  
**Hunlock Creek Volunteer Fire Company** - \$11,500  
**Jonathan R. Davis Volunteer Fire Department** - \$11,500  
**Kunkle Fire Company** - \$12,469 for fire services and \$6,651 for ambulance services  
**Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company** - \$13,116  
**Noxen Community Ambulance Association** - \$6,651  
**Noxen Volunteer Fire Company** - \$12,469  
**Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company** - \$13,116

The grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including the construction or renovation of a fire or ambulance company facility, purchase or repair equipment, training or mitigation of existing debt.

**Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company** - \$11,721  
**Franklin/Northmoreland Townships Ambulance Association** - \$6,241  
**Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Company** - \$11,822 for



Three-year-old Brayden Makowski, of Dallas, rides 'Sparky' from Pony Party Paradise as her mom, Katie, walks alongside.

## Winterfest continues today

Winterfest at The Lands at Hillside Farms, which was held last weekend, yesterday and ends today, features barn tours, tractor rides, Alpaca fiber-spinning demonstrations, educational lectures, children's games and homemade food.

The farm on Hillside Road is home to a variety of dairy cows, oxen, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks and donkeys.

On any given day, visitors might be lucky enough to witness the birth of a calf or the milking process, the latter of which takes place daily from 6 to 7:30 a.m.,

### IF YOU GO ...

Today is the final day of the four-day Winterfest event at The Lands at Hillside Farms which will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$1. For more information, call 696-4500.

then again 12 hours later. An average of 50 to 60 cows are milked each day.

More than 350,000 people visit the sustainable, working farm each year.



Robbie Ashford, 10, of Hanover Township, pets a sheep at The Lands at Hillside Farms Winterfest.