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Nikki Velasquez and her 2-year-old son, Elijah, watch the ducks at The Lands at Hillside Farms.



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Hitting a History Day Grand Slam

Lake-Lehman students bring home five awards from statewide competition.

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It was a grand slam for Lake-Lehman students when they cleaned up at the statewide History Day competition.

After having won the Outstanding School Award, Senior Division, at the Regional History Day Contest for 14 consecutive years, the Lake-Lehman students brought home the Outstanding School Award from the State History Day Contest this year.

In addition to winning a first place, a second place and a third place, Lake-Lehman was named the best school in the entire state of Pennsylvania.

And, as if that wasn't enough, Lake-Lehman History Day Coordinator Michael Novrocki was named the recipient of the Patricia M. Behring State History Day Teacher of the Year Award.

This is the fourth time the Black Knights have been named the best school in the entire state of Pennsylvania.

Ironically enough, Novrocki was unable to attend the state History Day competition last weekend at Cumberland Valley High School as his son received First Holy Communion at the same time.

History teacher Brian Gorski and English teacher Stacey Ruddy accompanied the Lehman students and kept Novrocki apprised of their accomplishments.

"I've gone most years before this and couldn't be there this year," Novrocki said. "My colleagues texted me every five minutes and every piece of information was even more amazing."

The team of Katie Bartuska, Elana Herceg, Brittany Mahoney and Lana Sicurella brought home a first-place award in the group documentary category with their presentation on the Munich massacre, an attack during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, West Germany on 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team, who were taken hostage and eventually killed, along with a German police officer, by the Palestinian group Black September.

Second-place in the group exhibit category went to the team of Sela Fine, Hannah Cross and Shauna Leahy who did their presentation of Nelly Bly, the pen name of American journalist Elizabeth Jane Cochrane who remains notable for two feats: a record-breaking trip around the world in emulation of Jules Verne's character Phileas Fogg, and an

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Celebrating MOM

Sit back and relax, Mom. Today is your day. Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers and motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in March or May. The celebration of Mother's Day began in the United States in the early 20th century.

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ABOVE: Jennifer Moore carries her 7-month-old son Ethan while they peruse the flowers at The Lands at Hillside Farms.

AT LEFT: Three-year-old Jackson Krenek, left, strolls along the stream at The Lands at Hillside Farms with his mom (and mom-to-be) Jessica.



Firefighters from Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS load the casket of former fire chief Donald Shaffer onto a 1927 Mack firetruck.

Shaffer honored with last ride

Don Shaffer was honored with one last ride on a 1927 Mack firetruck when his body was transported from Disque Funeral Home in Dallas to its final resting place in Chapel Lawn Cemetery.

Firefighters from Back Mountain Regional Fire & EMS placed the casket of the former fire chief onto the truck following funeral services on May 4 and escorted it to the cemetery.

Shaffer, who was born in Wilkes-Barre but had lived in Dallas all his life, died Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

For more than 50 years, he was a volunteer firefighter at the Dr. Henry M. Laing Dallas Fire Company and served as chief for 17 years. He was also a member of the Six County Fireman's Association for more than 30 years and served as

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Dallas Borough Police Officer Dave Rinehimer teaches Zachary Brady, 6, of Wyoming, how to set his line.

Fish for Free Day held at Frances Slocum

The Back Mountain Police Association sponsored its annual Fish for Free Day on May 4 at Frances Slocum State Park. In addition to fishing, there was a Smokehouse, a K-9 demonstration, fish school, lunch and prizes for 120 young fisherpersons.



Carleigh Thomas, 7, of Dallas, pulls in a bluegill.

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