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Back Mountain Fire & EMS



Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS Lt. Dave Hopper, left, explains to juniors and seniors at Lake-Lehman High School the dangers of drinking and driving as they watch a mock accident.

'ACCIDENT' shows dangers of drinking and driving

Staged scene shows juniors and seniors devastating results of impaired driving.

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"Doesn't this make you think about the stupid stuff you do?" A.J. Antonitis asked this of his fellow seniors at the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School Wednesday afternoon as the students watched an "accident" - complete with a fatality, a critically-injured victim and a drunk driver.

Antonitis, who claims he is "totally against texting and driving" did admit to enjoying the scenery around him while he drives and sometimes change a song on his iPhone.

"A friend of mine got into an accident while texting and driving and I got scared,"



Lehman Township Police Officer Harold Caine responds to a mock motor vehicle accident staged for juniors and seniors at Lake-Lehman High School. Former Lake-Lehman students Ryan Evans portrays the drunk driver while senior Kendra Stine is the 'victim.'

Antonitis said as he watched a "victim" (Mike Penny) of the accident taken away in an ambulance and another "victim" (Garrett Hopper) put into a body bag.

"If this does something for one kid, it will be well worth it," said Ronald Wenrich, with Back Mountain Fire & EMS.

The mock accident was coordinated by David Hopper, an industrial arts teacher at Lake-Lehman who is also a firefighter and emergency medical technical with Back Mountain Fire & EMS and advisor of the school's ERT (Emergency Response Team) Club. Mary Ann Maxfield, advisor of Lake-Lehman's SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Club coordinated speakers for the day who warned students of the dangers of drinking and driving. The program, offered to juniors and seniors at the school every

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Mason Harmon, right, Madyson Redmond and Kenzie Kuderka string beads on their souvenir ashwood necklaces after returning from a nature hike at Frances Slocum State Park.

Getting up close with nature

Wycallis kindergarten students enjoy field trip to Frances Slocum.

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The Wycallis kindergarten students of Susan Crahall and Victoria Flynn learned about nature firsthand when they spent their day at Frances Slocum State Park. Both morning and afternoon classes enjoyed a field trip with a guided hike by Kathy Kelchner, the park's environmental education specialist.

Kelchner gives herself another title. "I'm the park naturalist," she said. She's also a busy woman. "I do programs with 1200 to 1500 students a month." She added, "I do between four and 15 nature camps a week and public programs on the weekends."

Crahall said that Kelchner does a great job with the tours of the park. The children did a camouflage activity while on their hike where they hid behind trees and bushes and Crahall said it was difficult to find them. When the teachers called their names, they popped out from their hiding places.

Crahall said the children needed an introduction to the park. "Many kids come to the playground but don't do the trails."

She also said the field trip goes along with the kindergarten curriculum. "We study a lot about animals and trees. The children were sent home with a seedling to plant for Earth Day."

Both Kelchner and Crahall said the af-

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It's official! Bracelets set a new world record

Donald James, principal at Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley, received word this week that the school has officially broken the Guinness World Record for the world's "Longest Chain of Bracelets."

For seven months, students at the school tied friendship bracelets, using colored embroidery string.

When the bracelets were measured on May 1 on the school field, it was hoped the Ross Elementary bracelets would break the current Guinness record of 810 feet set in 2011 by students at Owingsville Elementary School in Kentucky.

The bracelets were counted and measured by professional land surveyors Jess Kronenwetter and Bill Bolton from Borton Lawson Engineering Firm while Doty Martin, editor of The Dallas Post, served as the official witness. They stretched out for 2,678.02 feet (812.262 meters).

After 3 1/2 hours of counting each



Shown here with their official Guinness Book of World Records certificate for the longest friendship bracelet are, from left, first row, Devyn Roote, Brianna Hodle, Summer Urganus, Hunter Burke. Second row, Donald James, principal; and Jill Vanderhook, art teacher.

and every bracelet - all 7,507 of them - the Ross students cheered and waited.

Now it's official! Both the length and the number of bracelets have been determined to have broken the world record and the Ross Elementary School students are now world record

holders.

An official certificate from the Guinness Book of World Records arrived at the school Thursday. Students celebrated by painting signs to hang in the school, indicating they are now world record holders.

Brothers belt six home runs in a week

Any Little League parent whose son or daughter has hit a home run knows the feeling of exhilaration that comes with that feat. When you have two sons on the same team and both of them hit a home run in the same game, as did Michael and Zach Luksic last Friday night, that exhilaration is doubled.

How, though, can you possibly explain the feeling when both of your sons, who play for the same team, each hit two home runs in the same game?

Mike and Cathy Luksic were over the moon when that happened.

Michael and Zach, who both play for the Back Mountain Rangers in the Back Mountain Little League, each belted two home runs in a game against the Giants on Tuesday of this week.

Michael is 12 years old and Zach is 10 years old. And, to top off the participation of the Luksic family, the boys' father is the coach for the Back Mountain Rangers.

The Luksic family lives on Woodbine Road in Shavertown.



Zach and Michael Luksic each belted a home run for the Back Mountain Little League team last Friday night. Then, they each cracked two home runs in Tuesday's game.

