



D & A News

Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.
(Single County Authority)

Summer 2006

Judge Dominick Motto Recognized for Board Service



President Judge Dominick Motto was honored at the March 13, 2006 board meeting for his service on the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission's Board of Directors. Judge Motto has been an active Board member since March 2000, and has served on both the Program and Finance committees.

The SCA Board and staff are extremely grateful to Judge Motto for his service and dedication to our community.

Board President Tom Johnston and Judge Motto

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LCDAC Sponsors 4th Annual Alcohol Awareness Poster Program



The Lawrence County Drug & Alcohol Commission sponsored its fourth annual alcohol awareness poster contest, a local initiative in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's state alcohol awareness poster program.

Area students in grades K-12 were encouraged to create posters that deter underage drinking. In doing so, they educated themselves on the consequences of drinking, such as low academic achievement, harmful personal relationships, vehicle accidents and addiction. The posters also reinforced the positive concept that young people can reach their goals by remaining alcohol free. (Cont. on page 3)

Row 1: Brock Hopkins, Ethan Young, Johnna Martin, Jodi Iddings, Elizabeth Frketch

Row 2: Jacob Foster, Alexandra Marshall, Robert Pierce, Dennis Pietrandrea, Emmaly Smolnik, Janis McGill

Row 3: Connor Domhoff, Olivia Robinson, Cristina Perrotta, Tara Richardson, Jennifer Enriquez, Ally Graham

Row 4: Nickolas Stelter, Lisa Pozzuto, Jennifer Olser, Sierra Madison, Kayla Klingensmith, Heavenlie Buxton, Crystal Kent, Sarah McFall

Summer Programming Available!

Call our office today to schedule services for your summer program. We provide fun and interactive lessons for all age levels (1st grade-adult).



Some possible topics are:

- *Character Education (such as bullying, self-esteem, anger management)
- *Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Education



To request summer services call Kevin Webb at (724) 658-5580.

The Reading Odyssey: Part VI



Children enjoy an activity at the Reading Odyssey after listening to *The Rainbow Fish*.

The sixth annual Reading Odyssey was held on Saturday, June 3rd at Cascade Park. This event, sponsored by the Adult Literacy Lawrence County/Family Choices, serves as a kick-off for the summer reading program for children. This year's theme was "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tails." Over 2,000 people came out to celebrate the kick-off with their families and enjoy the fun and educational games, stories, and crafts. In addition to face painting, a petting zoo, ambulances, fire trucks, police cars, and Clifford the Big Red Dog, there were also 42 booths set up representing agencies from Lawrence County offering free goodies and fun activities.

Representatives from the Lawrence County Drug & Alcohol Commission read the book, *The Rainbow Fish*, by Marcus Pfister. This book tells a story of a beautiful fish with shiny scales who in the end shared his shiny scales with the other fish and found the true meaning of happiness. Following the story, the children colored their very own rainbow fish. Tattoos, pencils, bubbles, and crayons were among the prizes the children received for participating in the activity.

The Reading Odyssey brought families together to enjoy not only one another, but also an event that was both fun and educational. We look forward to participating next year.

County Courthouse to State Capital! Local youth "Stomping Out Big Tobacco" one step at a time!

On April 7th, 2006, Lawrence County Kids Who Care, in cooperation with Lawrence County Drug & Alcohol Commission's Tobacco Control Program, hosted a local rally for the BUSTED! members of Lawrence County. Pennsylvania's BUSTED! movement is for students ages 14-18 who want to Eliminate the Manipulation of Big Tobacco Companies and how the companies target youth in their advertisements. There are currently seven school districts with BUSTED! chapters, consisting of approximately 600 members. Stacey Cox, Activities Director for Kids Who Care, planned the local rally. She has been very successful at keeping local BUSTED! chapters proactive in the community. Prior to the rally, Stacey trained 57 youth on how to advocate for a Smoke-Free Pennsylvania, the effects of tobacco pollution (secondhand smoke), and the Clean Indoor Act of 1988. The group gathered at the Lawrence County courthouse and placed 300 pairs of shoes that they collected on the steps to kick off the state-wide "Shoe Campaign; Stomping Out Big Tobacco." The BUSTED! members stood among the shoes shouting out tobacco facts and relaying stories about loved ones to people visiting the courthouse. Some of the shoes that were acquired were from loved ones who have died because of tobacco use or secondhand smoke.



More than 20,000 pairs of shoes adorn the steps of the Capital Building.

On April 25th and 26th, the "Youth Quest 2006 Rally" was held in Harrisburg. This was a state-wide rally that involved 67 counties across the Commonwealth. Lawrence County was represented by 75 students from Laurel, Mohawk, New Castle, Shenango, and Wilmington BUSTED! chapters. The first day of the Quest was filled with fun and excitement as 800 youth came together for one common goal, the "Fight Against Big Tobacco." On the second day, legislative meetings were scheduled at the Capital for students from each county to advocate for their cause. The Lawrence County youth divided into two groups and spoke with area representatives, Chris Sainata and Frank Lagrotta, about their thoughts and views on a Smoke-Free Pennsylvania. The youth, who were chosen by their peers to speak, brilliantly promoted their cause. After the meetings, everyone gathered at the Keystone Building and paraded to the Capital. It was then that the youth saw the "Shoe Campaign" really come to life. Over 20,000 pairs of shoes had been placed on the Capital steps, which represented the 20,000 adults who die in Pennsylvania each year from tobacco-related illnesses. The BUSTED! Board Of Youth Advisors took turns at the podium sharing heart-breaking stories of the children and adults who once wore the shoes that they were holding. The delegates from Lawrence County, Meagan Michaels and Chrystal Such from Laurel, did an amazing job with their part of the presentation. After the rally all the shoes were donated to the Red Cross for distribution.



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Posters that received first place honors will be displayed on billboards throughout the county during the months of June and July. In addition, all local winners in each category received Visa gift cards, and their posters were forwarded to Harrisburg for competition at the state level. Each year approximately 1,100 entries are submitted at the state level, of which 80 posters are selected for further recognition. Some of the designs selected will be featured as posters, book covers, T-shirts, or screensavers.

Congratulations to our local winners who have advanced to the state competition:

- Kindergarten: 1 Mei Ellen Williams-NCCA, 2 Ethan Young-Holy Redeemer, 3 Alivia Bellissimo-Holy Redeemer
- Grade 1: 1 Johnna Martin-East Lawrence, 2 Allyson Pepper-Holy Redeemer, 3 Brock Hopkins-Holy Redeemer
- Grade 2: 1 Gabriella Kosek-NCCA, 2 Elizabeth Frketich-Mohawk, 3 Jodi Iddings-Holy Redeemer
- Grade 3: 1 Robert Price-Holy Redeemer, 2 Danny Cowher-Mohawk, 3 Dennis Pietrandrea-Holy Redeemer
- Grade 4: 1 Alexandra Marshall-St. Vitus, 2 Jacob Foster-St. Vitus, 3 Bryan McCarthy-Holy Redeemer
- Grade 5: 1 Janis McGill-St. Vitus, 2 Connor Domhoff-Holy Redeemer, 3 Emmaly Smolnick-St. Vitus
- Grade 6: 1 Olivia Robinson-Holy Redeemer, 2 Cristina Perrotta-Holy Redeemer, 3 Woodrow Cowher-Mohawk
- Grade 7: 1 Ally Graham-Neshannock, 2 Tara Richardson-Neshannock, 3 Wesley Walko-St. Vitus
- Grade 8: 1 Jennifer Enriquez-St. Vitus, 2 Lauren Brunke-Neshannock, 3 Kaitlyn Shober-St. Vitus
- Grade 9: 1 Nickolas Stelter-Shenango
- Grade 10: 1 Sommer McCann-Neshannock, 2 Crystal Kent-Law. Co. CTC, 3 Lisa Pozzuto-Neshannock
- Grade 11: 1 Sarah McFall-Law. Co. CTC, 2 Jennifer Osler-Law. Co. CTC, 3 Heavenlie Buxton-Law. Co. CTC
- Grade 12: 1 Kayla Klingensmith-Law. Co. CTC, 2 Michael Klingensmith-Law. Co. CTC, 3 Sierra Madison-Law. Co. CTC

Our Community Thanks You!

The Lawrence County DUI Program and the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. recently co-sponsored two server/seller trainings of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP) to reduce underage drinking and problem drinking behaviors. We would like to thank the following establishments for participating:

- Bessemer Croatian Club
- Burg Bar and Grill
- Capital Grill
- Charlie's Place
- Chuck Tanner's Restaurant
- Edward's Restaurant
- Eintracht Society
- Ellwood City Eagles Club
- Greg's Big Dawg Bar and Grill
- New Castle Country Club
- Polish National Alliance
- St. Marguerite Society
- Six Packs Bar and Grill
- Slovak Club
- Swihart's Harbor Landing
- The New Ranch
- Triangle Bar

Free Drug and Alcohol Family Educational/Support Group

Do you have a loved one who is abusing drugs or alcohol? To gain education/information on drugs and alcohol, come to the ongoing Family Educational/Support group provided by **Highland House, Inc.** Topics for the groups include Addiction and the Disease Concept, Current Drug Trends, Access to Services, Co-Dependency, etc. The groups meet from 5:00 - 6:30 on Monday evenings at the Highland House Outpatient Facility, located at 125 E. North St., Suite 507, New Castle, PA. For more information, call Highland House at 724-654-7760.

Do You Want to Quit Smoking?

FREE Smoking Cessation Classes & FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy are available (see eligibility requirements below).

To register for a FREE Smoking Cessation Program or to learn more about **FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy**, contact:

Jameson Health System (724) 656-4270

Or

Adagio Health (724) 658-6681
(Specializes in serving pregnant women and women with children)

Smoking cessation classes are free to all Lawrence County residents. To be eligible for free Nicotine Replacement Therapy, an individual must be a Lawrence County resident of at least 18 years of age, must be participating in a Jameson or Family Health Council cessation program, and must be **uninsured**.

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Educational Presentations Available

LCDAC staff is available to provide educational presentations regarding alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs. If your group is interested, please call Kevin Webb at 724-658-5580.

Treatment Available

Do you know someone who has a problem with alcohol or drugs? The LCDAC Case Management staff can help! We'll provide a free confidential assessment and referral. Based on eligibility, we have funding available for treatment services. Call 724-658-5580.

Educational Material Available

The LCDAC is a Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network Associate Center, affiliated with the PA Department of Health. As a RADAR site, we can provide you with free pamphlets, posters, and other materials regarding alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other health-related issues. For more information, please call Kevin Webb at 724-658-5580.

Newsletter Mailing List

To add or remove your name from our newsletter mailing list, call Raschelle Smith at 724-658-5580.



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