



Systematics' Christmas Party for Head Start

Employees of Systematics, the data processing service for C-TEC, gave a Christmas party Friday, December 18, for 78 children in the Head Start programs at the Lake-Noxen and Tunkhannock centers. In addition to songs, snacks and a visit from Santa, the children received hats, gloves and toys from their "big friends." Party guests included elf Meredith Crispell, Kim Carey, Samantha Simon, Santa, Jennifer Glowatch and Maxwell Harvey. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

Unique fundraisers aid Turchins

By GRACE R. DOVE
Post Staff

Santa Claus and a three-foot stuffed cow have joined forces to help raise money for Jackson Township resident Eddie Turchin, who is recovering from brain surgery and serious complications in a Philadelphia hospital.

Gary and Wendy Hoover of Harveys Lake have arranged for Santa to visit area homes by appointment during the holiday, with all donations going to the Turchin family.

A visit from Santa or a chance at a 3-foot stuffed cow

Their Santa visits have brought joy to family, friends and area nursing home guests for several years. Since Wendy is Bonnie Turchin's cousin and godchild and her daughter Danielle is a student in Bonnie Turchin's third-grade class at Lake-Noxen School, she hopes that her Santa visits will help her godmother as well as bringing joy to local families.



MAKING A LIST, CHECKING IT TWICE - Santa Claus paid a visit to The Dallas Post last week, checking who had been naughty and who had been nice. He will be visiting area homes and accepting donations for the family of Eddie Turchin this week. Natalie Tschopp, secretary for our sister paper, *The Abington Journal*, had been a good girl, of course. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)



Spreading Christmas cheer

Members of the "Riders of the Lost Ark" 4-H Club of Dallas entertained residents of Dallas Borough's conservation area with Christmas carols Saturday afternoon, December 19. Members included Snow White the pony, Jean Lori, Kristina Lori, Anna Lloyd, Emily Bost, Rachael Pugliese, Mike Keating, Jocelyn Kozick, Fritz the pony, Missy Dymond, Kelly Harris, Angela Pugliese, Veronica McRipley, Lindsey Dymond, Abbey Budzyn, Alisa Harris, Nettie Ginochetti, Erin Loughney, Carrie Cololin, Lori Bonomo, Liz Keating and canine mascots Mu-Mu and Ivey. Advisors are Ellen Loughney, Kathy Shaskas and Maureen Harris. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

"This is a part of our family's personal philosophy, to make a positive difference in our world and leave it a better place to live," she said.

Wendy and Gary Hoover can be reached at 639-1394 to make an appointment for Santa to visit.

Hillside Farms Dairy Store, in Trucksville, popular during the holiday season for its homemade eggnog and ice cream treats, is also doing its part to help the Turchin family by raffling off a three-foot stuffed cow for \$1 per chance, during regular business hours, according to owner Will Conyngham.

"It's easily the size of a medium-size dog. The kids coming into the store can't resist petting it," he laughed.

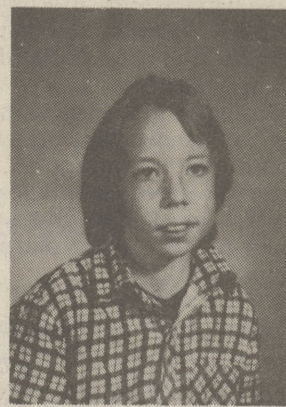
Several hopeful customers have purchased up to 13 tickets each for the oversized toy, which has a suggested retail price of \$400, Conyngham said. All proceeds will be donated to the Turchin family.

Conyngham will draw the winning ticket Christmas Eve for a lucky family to have a cuddly bovine guest for Christmas.

Merry Christmas in Heaven Mitchell
We Love You and Miss You

Mom, Dad,
Michael, Matthew,
Grandma Brown,
Grandma Jayne,
Aunts, Uncles,
Family and Friends

LITTLE ANGELS
When God calls little children to dwell with Him above, We mortals sometime question the wisdom of His love. For no heartache compares with the death of one small child Who does so much to make our world seem wonderful and mild. Perhaps God tires of calling the aged to His fold, So He picks a rosebud before it can grow old. God knows how much we need them, and so He takes but few To make the land of Heaven more beautiful to view. Believing this is difficult still somehow we must try, The saddest work mankind knows will always be "Goodbye." So when a little child departs, we who are left behind Must realize God loves children, Angels are hard to find.



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