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### Showing off their work

Westmoreland students Chris Roman and Amanda Socash, front row, and Brad Balutis, Ryan Daniels, Maura Popson, Eric Daney, Bruce Deeble and Christopher Katyl, show off some of the class projects which they have done this year. Classwork and art will be displayed in the school cafeteria for the public June 9 at 7:15 pm.

## Students learn about government

By GRACE R. DOVE  
Post Staff

Fifth-graders at Westmoreland School recently studied a unit on Pennsylvania government by telling their teachers what they wanted to learn.

Part of a pilot program, "Kids About Town," set up through the League of Women Voters, the unit allowed the students to choose topics to be covered by teachers and guest speakers.

Kingston Township manager Jeff Box explained his job and the need for responsible fiscal management, while police chief James Balavage discussed traffic con-

trol, safety and littering.

Attorney John Bednarz discussed how the Bill of Rights is related to the students' everyday life.

"I liked learning how the new Gun Control Act helps make the country safer," said Ryan Daniels.

Heather Schultz was interested in the work that lawyers do, while Ketura Lispi was impressed with "how long you have to study to become a lawyer, and how hard it is."

Adam Reggie and Carrie Strasser enjoyed discussing solutions to litter problems and speeding drivers with Balavage.

"The amendments are like

exceptions to the Constitution," said Paul Dougal. "They show that there are always two sides to every issue."

"Talking with Mr. Balavage and getting to know him made the police less intimidating," said Amy Wengen.

Bill Heffernan was impressed with how hard Balavage and Box work.

"Mr. Box is really trying hard to cut taxes," he said.

"It was neat, meeting Mr. Box and Mr. Balavage," said Nicole Higdon. "I had never met them before. I'd like them to come to our school more often."

## HL mayor's council takes on police, crime issues

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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When the Harveys Lake advisory council to the mayor finishes its work, the borough police department will have an entire new look and updated rules and procedures.

Formed by mayor Richard Boice to serve as liaison between the residents, the mayor and the police department, the advisory council

consists of Jim Drury, Shirley Beck, Clarence Baker, David Schuler, Jennifer Savage, Dennis Hogan and Allene Forster.

The council's first change is the police officers' uniforms, modeled by chief Lionel Bulford at the group's May 25 meeting.

A navy blue hat with a gold-tone badge and narrow strip of braid (silver-tone for the patrolmen), light blue shirt with black strips on the shoulders and pockets, black tie, black belt and shoes and black pants replace the men's current gray shirt and black slacks.

The group is also studying and rewriting the police department's procedure book, which covers every facet of the officers' jobs.

"The new departmental changes will give the chief more time and freedom to do administrative and supervisory work," Boice said. "He'll also be able to go on the road whenever he wants to."

"The mayor has discussed his changes with the men," Bulford said, optimistically. "From the

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Shirley Beck  
Harveys Lake advisory council

way that they have been talking, I know that we have a good force here."

The group also plans to investigate the feasibility of setting up a neighborhood crime watch, according to Shirley Beck.

"We hope that more residents will attend our meetings," Beck said. "We're looking for representatives from all areas of the lake and summer residents."

"The council has started work on a very positive note," Schuler said. "There haven't been any gripe sessions - we put our heads together and brainstorm ideas and solutions which will best benefit the people."

"I would like to study the parking situation and possibly designate certain areas as parking on one side of the street only," Baker said.

The council is also considering adding two full-time policemen to the force, studying possible grants for new police equipment and finding solutions to juvenile problems.

The advisory council will meet again June 29 at 7:30 at the borough building.



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**A CRISP NEW LOOK** - Harveys Lake police chief Lionel Bulford shows off his department's new uniform: a navy blue hat, light blue shirt and black tie, pants and shoes.

### Roads

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"There may be hundreds of roads in situations like this in Luzerne County," Brozna said. "If we do Crown Hill, it could set a precedent which could end up costing the county a lot of money."

Last September he had estimated that paving the three roads could cost about \$15,000.

*"As a solicitor, I don't have the authority to make any commitments on behalf of Luzerne County."*

Richard Goldberg  
Luzerne County solicitor

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