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## This was the year that was

As 1996 looms, we offer this review of what was news in The Dallas Post in the past year. It's always surprising to see how much has happened in the previous 12 months, and this list contains only a few items from each week. We've tried to include a little bit of everything, from as many parts of our diverse area as possible.

**Jan. 4:** The new Dallas High School swimming team was preparing for its first meet. The squad drew 27 students for practices in the pool at College Misericordia. "The little red store" better known as Moore's closed after 85 years of continuous operation. Bob Moore was preparing to sell

the store, at the corner of Lower Demunds and Ryman roads.

**Jan. 11:** A fire at a Ferguson Ave. home injured Betty Bachman and her dog. Fire fighters thought the cause was a dropped cigarette.

Forrest Hablett, 76 years old, pled guilty to drug charges and was scheduled to report to prison Jan. 23.

Bing Wolfe's series on towns with the name Dallas, explained how the town got its name. Many people think our Dallas was named for George M. Dallas, who was vice president in 1845-49. While that's true of Dallas, Texas, our Dallas was named for George M.'s father, Alexander, in 1817.

**Jan. 18:** The J.R. Davis Fire Company in Idetown was heartened by response to its financial plight. New volunteers and donors responded at a community meeting.

Lake-Lehman topped Dallas on the wrestling mat, 52-9, winning 11 of 13 matches.

George Isaacs announced that he would build a new shopping/office center on the land formerly occupied by his car dealership. He promised "something of quality," not another strip mall.

**Jan. 25:** Paul Eckert and Shannon Cleary were reported safe from a large earthquake that struck Osaka and Kobe, Japan.

Local police chiefs said they

were seeing less crime overall, but more weapons offenses and assaults.

Cub Scout Pack 281 held its annual "Pinewood Derby." Top racers were Jonathan Mutche, Joe Bednash, Eric Goeringer and Jonathan Mancke.

Harveys Lake councilman Dave Abod threatened to sue the borough council if it didn't take action to have a fence that separated his and a neighbor's property removed.

**Feb. 1:** After raising rates twice, General Waterworks asked the Public Utilities Commission for permission to lower them for some

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Sept. 20: Wyoming Seminary students met Apollo 13 astronaut James Lovell. From left, seated: Andrew Volpetti, Capt. Lovell, Chad Flack. Standing: Dan Davis, Dan Volpetti, Paul Santarelli, Andrew Feinstein.

## CELEBRATING LIFE, ART AND BUSINESS



POST PHOTOS/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Joe and Sue Hand held a weeklong celebration ending Jan. 3 at their shop, Sue Hand's Imagery, in Dallas. There was much to celebrate, including the shop's 20 years in business and Sue's 40 years of painting, during which hundreds of area adults and children have learned to wield a brush under Sue's tutelage and hundreds more have seen their art beautified by Joe's framing. The event included retrospectives of their work and demonstrations by both. In left photo, the Hands at the door of their shop. Right photo, a Sue Hand self portrait, painted in 1994. Additional photos on page 9.

## Trip to Poland was an eye-opener for Solinsky

By JACK HILSHER  
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A Back Mountain resident in her 13th year with an employer does not consider this unlucky. For that employer - Allied Services - recently sent that employee - Alice Solinsky of Kingston Township - on a trip to Poland which she terms, "One of the most memorable experiences in my life."

Alice Solinsky, not given to exaggeration, is an attractive blonde whose Back Mountain credentials are impeccable, for she grew up at Harveys Lake, has lived in both Trucksville and Shavertown and now has a home on 8th street. (Children Alice, John, Diane and Peter are grown and gone but she has a few free-loaders: cats Jasper and Bozo, and a rather unusual dog named Cinders, who loves Jasper and tries to protect her, but hates Bozo and growls at him often.)

Solinsky, a former nurse, is Director of Quality Assurance at Allied's Rehabilitation Hospital in Scranton. She explains the title with a grin, saying "Quality Control" is old hat. "Now they say you can't control it, you must assure it, actually insist on it, and that's not easy, human nature being

*"They are wonderful people, but they need equipment."*

Alice Solinsky  
Allied manager, about hospitals in Poland

what it is."

Her Allied facility has over 100 beds, filled with mostly older patients recovering from strokes, spinal injuries, joint replacements, etc. "All being taught to do things all over again, to become as independent as possible," says Solinsky. She adds, "Most folks don't realize the full extent of Allied services. I know I didn't before I came with them. They are huge."

Besides her rehab facility in Scranton, perhaps the best known Allied unit is the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine in Wilkes-Barre Township. There is also a Skilled Nursing Center, a Home Care Division, Housing Division, and three other entities in both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, Mental Health Services, Mental Retardation Services and Occupational Medicine. Heinz has

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Allied Services department heads visiting Warsaw were, from left, Rose Manbachi, Evelyn Shedlock, Maria Halberg, Anna, a guide, and Alice Solinsky of Kingston Township.

## Court may have to pick board member

By ANN POEPPERLING  
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The Lake-Lehman school board may be down one member, but they're not out yet. Pat Gold's resignation at the last meeting leaves the board with only eight members...and a replacement may not come easily.

After two votes at its Dec. 12 meeting, the board was unable to reach a decision regarding Gold's replacement. The remaining four taxpayer association members Allen Moss, Rosemary Howard, Lois Kopcha and Edwin Kern supported Gold's nominee, Mod-

erno Rossi.

Board members Karen Whipple, Dave Kaufman, Gary Miller and Thomas Williams supported Whipple's nomination of Samuel Rhodes.

"I was hoping one of them would step out and vote for Mrs. Gold's recommendation," said board president Kern. "Just like when Red Jones resigned - his recommendation was voted in."

While Kern admits that both Rossi and Rhodes are good candidates - both have at least one child in the district and are in-

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## Program aims to help children in accidents

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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**HARVEYS LAKE** - The Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Company has acquired a W.H.A.L.E., but you won't find it swimming in the lake.

W.H.A.L.E. stands for "We have a little emergency" and is a program which distributes identification stickers to families with children who ride in car safety seats.

The stickers, which affix to the back or bottom of the safety seat, contain the child's name, date of birth, parents' names, emergency telephone numbers and important medical information. Additional stickers containing red check marks are stuck to the sides of the safety seat and the window of the car nearest the seat for emergency personnel to see easily.

"So often we see a parent and

child in an accident together," said chief Frank Lutinski. "If the parent is unconscious or can't speak, we don't know who the child is or whom to contact for permission to treat the little one. Hospitals can't treat children without permission from a parent or responsible adult unless it's a life-threatening condition - the child may have medical problems."

Harveys Lake fire fighters and ambulance personnel have mailed several thousand W.H.A.L.E. stickers and pamphlets to residents of Harveys Lake and Lake Township, free of charge.

Other area fire and ambulance companies which are members of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association plan to order stickers and pamphlets, which should be available to residents in early spring.

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### Anxious wait

Shelly Evans' family is waiting for the report on a large tumor that was removed Dec. 22. Pg 3.

**1-and-1** Dallas won the consolation game, and Lehman lost the title match in basketball. Pg 7

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