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Quick response restocks food bank

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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TRUCKSVILLE - It took months to deplete the stock at the Back Mountain Food Bank, but only a week to fill the shelves to overflowing.

After an article about the shortage of supplies appeared in the Nov. 20 issue of *The Dallas Post*, food and cash donations appeared so quickly that there was an abundance of items to go around for

Thanksgiving.

"I've never seen an incredible response like this happen before," said Kathy Barlow, secretary of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, which oversees the food bank. "The article in the paper helped a lot. Maybe it was the picture."

In addition to contributions to restock the facility, a Back Mountain man who wishes to remain anonymous donated enough food to stock 50 Thanksgiving bas-

kets, which food bank volunteers packed for needy families.

The food bank serves an average of eight local families weekly with emergency supplies. The bank now has enough food to serve the families every three months.

"We are more for emergencies," said Barlow. "We just don't have enough food to provide more often." The food bank is extremely

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Dallas Post typesetter Olga Kostrobala, left, and advertising representative Dennise Casterline, with some of the 200 pounds of food that was brought to the newspaper office for donation to the Back Mountain Food Bank.



ACOLYTE'S DAY

Brian Rigez lighted a candle on the Advent wreath at St. Paul's Lutheran Church during Sunday's morning service.

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Randi Smith holds Spot in the Dark, the award-winning Manx she and Marilyn Dale raised.

Champion manx cats grow at Harveys Lake

By JENNIFER JUDGE
Post Correspondent

HARVEYS LAKE - Marilyn Dale likes cats — a lot. For the past eight years, Dale and her business partner, Randi Smith have been breeding and raising Manx cats and selling them from Titania, the cattery next to Dale's home just off Route 29.

Dale is one of only 13 breeders of Manx cats in the United States. The breed is originally from the Isle of Man and is known to be at least 300 years old. Manx cats are the only breed of cats born without a tail, Dale explained. They are also unusual in that their

hind legs are longer than their front legs. Other characteristics include a double thick coat and a head that is round instead of wedge shaped.

Dale says these are the only kind of cats she raises and they are "very intelligent, personable, and immaculately clean."

"They're smart," she says. "They go in my pockets and steal my keys, my glasses." The cats have other personality quirks according to Dale. She says they are fascinated with water and will "paddle" in their water dishes.

She also says, "They're like a dog

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Trinity Learning Center notes 25th anniversary

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - The Trinity Learning Center has been teaching and guiding pre-schoolers for 25 years now. In a fast-paced world where everything seems to come and go, that's quite an accomplishment.

The center is part of the Trinity Presbyterian Church on Irem Road. The first day of class was held Sept. 20, 1971. The center conducts playgroups for two year olds, and pre-school classes for three, four, and five year olds. The school was started by Edith Pillarella whose husband was the organizing pastor of the church at

the time.

Pillaralla, who was already a pre-school teacher at Wyoming Seminary, realized her dream at a leadership conference. "I met a woman there who knew I loved to teach and she planted the seed in my head to start a school," said Pillarella.

It took almost a year to get the project off the ground. "We advertised by word of mouth. It really was a community effort. The school was essentially an outreach program of the church," Pillarella said. "We started out with just 20 students."

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Ashley Carle and Jessi Swingle shared paints while creating their masterpieces.

Golf, environment go together at Huntsville

By ALENE M. CASE
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LEHMAN - The Huntsville Golf Club has achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" as part of a program sponsored by Audubon International and the United States Golf Association. The club, with a current membership of approximately 300, is only the fourth golf course in Pennsylvania and the 82nd in the United States to receive this honor.

"Huntsville Golf Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are

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A tree shows clear evidence of woodpecker activity.

Dallas will send a dozen to district band, orchestra Holiday concert set for Sunday at school

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - Twelve members of the Dallas High School band qualified for this year's District music festival, which includes concert band and orchestra performances.

"I'm extremely happy that we had so many people make it this year," said Dallas band director Todd L. Hunter. "This is the largest number of students we've had qualify in a while."

Members who made it include: Concert Band - Tim Mansfield, trombone; Joe Sallitt, trumpet; Charles Martin, baritone; Tanya Spurlin, Christie Schively, Kim Wall, clarinet; Todd Butcher, tenor saxophone; Jennifer Lyons, baritone saxophone.

Orchestra - John Humphrey, String Bass.

Concert Band and Orchestra - Mike Dobranski, trombone; Todd Kern, french horn; Paul Carlson, trumpet.

"The kids really worked hard to reach this point," said Hunter.

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Todd Hunter
Dallas band director

"I'm proud of all of them."

The band is also gearing up for its annual Holiday concert this coming Sunday, which includes the band and chorus. "We're also doing three selections with the Jazz band, which we haven't done before at the holiday concert," said Hunter. Concert band selections include, "Christmas Classics," "A Christmas Fantasia," "C'est Noel," and "A Fireside Christmas."

The Dallas holiday concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. in the senior high school auditorium. A small donation will be requested at the door. For further information, contact Todd Hunter at the senior high school at 675-5201 ext. 260.

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