

# Dogs

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mind any hardship or inconvenience when it comes to making these dogs comfortable or providing a loving home.

"They're coming up the road now," Whitney says after the last phone call. Eighteen dazed bewildered greyhounds, refugees from certain annihilation, emerge from the van to romp in Ann's snow-covered dog pen. "They're beautiful," whispers Jean Delinsky of Edwardsville. She likes the brown and tan brindle, but realizes as a first-time foster home volunteer she'll have already been assigned one of the dogs. "It doesn't matter, they are all beautiful," she says.

The greyhounds are a compliant breed. Adoring and patient, they are groomed and examined by a dog handler for vermin and pests that are part of their lives. Some have permanent scars from the overhead gates at the tracks and one female has a smashed foot, but all are so happy to have all this human attention directed at them. None of their injuries are very serious or will prevent them from becoming perfect family pets.

The dogs finally huddle together at the pen gate for warmth and companionship. Dallas volunteer Sandy Shaffer scolded some for fighting, but Louise Mitchneck noted some of these dogs didn't know each other well. After bringing the dogs in, grooming, examining them, and taking their pictures, Veronica and Joan Bangyar take Nikki home to Plymouth. They hope she'll be happy with



Wally Pumpkin, their other greyhound, and the four cats.

Ann Whitney still has 18 other greyhounds that need adoption or foster homes. Foster home dogs are usually kept for a one to three week period before a permanent home is found. Many foster dogs are adopted readily into their foster home families. These dogs are real easy to like and get along easily with other animals.

For more information about adopting a dog or providing a temporary foster home, call Ann Whitney of Greyhound Rescue at 639-2612. "If just one dog is adopted as a result of this article, I'll be happy," she said.

Sue McNulty scratched a greyhound's neck through the fence at Ann Whitney's house, above. Below left, Sanday Shaffer of Dallas helped calm the dogs. Jean Delinsky, below right, held Texas Wind.



# Band

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including Mike Dobranski and Tim Mansfield, trombone; Paul Carlson, trumpet; Mark Mittrick, baritone saxophone; Christie Schively, clarinet; Todd Butcher, tenor saxophone.

From Lehman's group of 13 participants, five qualified for regionals, including: Matt Link, alto saxophone; Melanie Yakus, clarinet; Theresa Doty, bass clarinet; Stephanie Pinino, mallet percussion; Ben Wolfe, trombone. Also, clarinet player Michelle Boltz may qualify by default. "One of the clarinets who did qualify may choose not to attend regionals, and that would put her in due to her placement," said Lehman director Edward A. Richards.

Dallas' Mike Dobranski also advanced to Regional Orchestra, along with Lehman's Stephanie Pinino, Melanie Yakus, and Katy Martin.

## Annual Pork and Sauerkraut dinner

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will serve their annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building on Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. In addition to the pork and sauerkraut there will also be served mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, homemade rolls, homemade apple and cherry pie, coffee, tea and punch.

Tickets are available from United Methodist Women members or by calling the church office, 696-3897 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The price of the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children, 11 years and under. Sorry there are no takeouts.

"I was very pleased with the performances," said Dallas director Todd L. Hunter. "The kids did a very good job."

"The kids put on very nice concerts, and the festivals went very well," said Richards, "our kids also placed very well."

Lehman's marching program was also honored during Governor Ridge's recent visit to the high school. Ridge presented a citation to the band honoring their 22 year reign as Tournament of Bands Chapter 7 champions, as well as their record 10 (9 marching band, 1 indoor guard) Atlantic Coast titles. "Governor Ridge was very gracious, and he even sat and talked with the kids about how two of his kids are involved with music," said Richards.

Both bands are also involved in the Luzerne County Band program, currently in its second year. County band is comprised of students from several schools in the Wilkes-Barre area, including Dal-

las, Lehman, Hanover Area, and Coughlin. "It gives kids who are very good players, but maybe didn't make the cut for district band a chance to get out and play in a different setting," said Richards. Students who qualify for district band participate, as well as students recommended by their respective band directors.

The Dallas band is preparing for its annual spring concert, scheduled for late April, and the jazz band will begin competition in March. "We've got enough to keep us busy," said Hunter.

Lehman is also getting ready for their spring concert, scheduled for April 25. "We're working on material and having fun putting the program together," said Richards.

The Region 4 music festival will be held March 19-21 at Abington Heights High School. For further information, contact Todd Hunter at 675-5201, ext. 260, or Edward Richards at 675-7458.

# Cops

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Shultz says that he was not aware of the ordinance before planning the move. Although he does not plan on building a home on the property, he says he will put the trailer on a foundation.

George Swan has also challenged the ordinance. In July 1995, Swan placed a trailer on Sedlar Road without consulting the zoning board, according to Kozick. The township notified Swan in January 1996 that his trailer placement was not legal. No resolution has been reached in this dispute.

Kozick said that the last time the ordinance was challenged was in the 1970's. During those disputes, the courts ruled for the township, keeping the ordinance intact.

The supervisors announced

that Cellular One hopes to enter into a lease agreement with the township to build a 285 foot tower on township property. Supervisor Frank Wagner said the tower will benefit both cellular phone users and the township. Wagner explained that the township would enter a long term lease with the company, but terms have not yet been worked out.

Townend also discussed the case filed against the township and the Dallas Area Municipal Authority by Jim Davis. Davis' house was damaged in February 1996, according to zoning officer Kozick, after a rapid thaw caused sewer water to back up into his home. Dallas Township is asking to be dismissed from the case because it is not responsible.

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