Boxes

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their box. "I love to see children helping children," she said.

Debbie Parry of Lehman UM agrees the program teaches children a great lesson in giving. Parry recently moved back to the area from New York and brought the idea back with her. She introduced the idea to the congregation and Sunday school and within two weeks she had 66 boxes. The boxes were taken to Horsesheads, New York, on Nov. 23 and will then be sent to North Carolina for

"We've had a really good response. It's exciting to see that an individual can do something directly for another child," said Parry, who hopes the program will catch on in other local churches and the community as a whole. "This program brings a little bit of joy into the lives of children whose lives have literally been shattered.'

'Parry said the churches' goal is to be a dropoff center for the local area and eventually a distribu-

Boy Scout Troop 241 collected boxes and Idetown United Methodist also donated a few boxes for the children. Rev. Richard Santella is Lehman United Methodist's minister.

Like Parry, Szots wants to get the larger Back Mountain community involved with the project. She urges people to make up a shoe box of their own. Donors may choose the age and gender of the recipient and choose appropriate new or good, used items for

"It's a really wonderful way to teach children the true meaning of Christmas, which is giving." **Christine Szots** Huntsville Christian Church

Some suggested items include dolls, balls or toy cars. (Samaritan's Purse asks that no war-related items such as toy guns or knives be included), school supplies, hygiene items and baby items. Unopened hard candy or gum are the only food items accepted. Clothing including socks and t-shirts are also suggested.

Donors may place a Christmas card with a photo along with their name and address inside the box in case the child may be able to respond. Christian literature is also included in each box by the Samaritan's Purse.

Boxes may be dropped off at Huntsville Christian Church anytime before Dec. 10. If you cannot make it, call and someone will pick it up for you.

For more information on donating a shoe box or money, contact Christine at 675-3962 or the Huntsville Christian Church at 675-0611. A brochure including a complete list of suggested items and stickers necessary for each box can be obtained by calling either number.



The winner

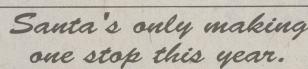
Jill Spencer of Dallas won first prize in Dallas Photo Shop's Fall Photo Contest. Second prize went to Mary Hosey of Dallas. The staff and management of Dallas Photo Shop would like to thank all of the contestants and especially our fabulous judges.

Dallas

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Standing in front of a portion of the gift boxes at Lehman United Methodist Church, first row, from left, Cody Kustin, Geri Lowery, Jamie Lipski, Samantha Payne and Robbie Gionfriddo; second row, Joshua Parry, Thomas Parry, Sarah Parry, Heather Parry and Lauren Lipki. Standing in back is Debbie Parry. Linda Pineno, Sunday school superintendent is not pictured.

Scores

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All of Dallas's scores are a safe distance above the state average, but reading scores in the district tend to drop 50-70 points between grade school and high school. While the fifth grade at Dallas Elementary scored 1400 and Westmoreland scored 1420, the 11th grade scored 1350.

Speziale said he believes that is because of strong early reading programs in the elementary schools. "Their learning skills are ahead of kids in other schools. Our kids in elementary school are developing more rapidly than other schools. Then the rest of the schools catch up by high school," he said.

Lake-Lehman's scores were all above the state average except for one grade. The eighth grade math score is 1290, 10 points less than the state average. Rogers said 50 points is not an educationally significant number. "Traditionally our low score is in eighth grade math. It's nothing to be ashamed of, it's within bands of similar schools," he said.

The PSSA test is taken in the spring every year.

"They don't just get set on a shelf. We are always working on improving the curriculum. We look for trends."

Bob Rogers Lake-Lehman

Christmas program at Gate of Heaven

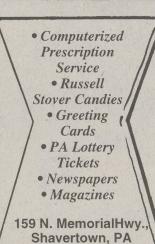
"Calling All Angels," a Christmas presentation of the youth and senior choirs at Gate of Heaven Church, will be held Sunday, Dec. 7 starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

"I'm pleased overall, but there is always room for improvement."

Michael Speziale Dallas ass't superintendent



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