



Nikki Banfield with one of her prize-winning German Shepherds. She will participate in her first international competition later this year.

Trainer

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dogs to be sloppy. I demand perfection."

She means what she says. During one of her training sessions, she made the whole class do the "Sit and Stay" exercise over again. "That was not a good exercise in any way, shape or form. So, we're going to do it again. A lot of people did not correct their dogs," Banfield told her class of 15.

Not only does Banfield enjoy the work, she knows she is saving lives. "I like getting results. I save dogs' lives. Some dogs are destined for the pound (when they come to me)," she said. "I think people give up on dogs too soon. If the dog is bad, they blame it on the dog. They fail to realize that the dog only knows things from training."

Monique, an Old English sheepdog, was one such pet on its way to the pound. "We were ready to have her put to sleep," said Jennifer Fedor of Wilkes-Barre. "Monique was extremely aggressive." A friend clued Fedor in on Banfield and she has been coming to the beginning obedience class for six weeks, twice a week.

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Dallas

"Nikki is tough. She has a way about her that the dogs listen to. I wasn't tough enough with Monique," said Fedor.

Word-of-mouth is how Banfield gets the majority of her business. Danny Fierman of Kingston, and his daughter, Lilly, heard about Banfield from their kennel. "We have a dog that's too aggressive. She never learned properly how to respond to people," said Fierman. "The whole idea is to teach me how to teach Stormy. Nikki is doing a great job."

One observation proves the training is as much for the owners as it is for the pets. Mary Ann Brozusky had a lesson on being assertive with her chocolate Labrador, Smokey. "He's kind of hard to handle. I want him to walk with me, instead of pulling me," she said, explaining why she



Donna Zeyher of Dallas poses with her pooch, Kirby.

signed up for the class.

Brozusky worked with Banfield's assistant, Debbie Hogebe, on how to make Smokey stay and come to her when told. At first, Brozusky was not using a strong enough voice to get Smokey's attention. But with some encouragement she mustered the strength of her vocal cords and belted out a firm, "Stay!" It worked.

Mary Brown of Dallas, said Banfield has helped her be more aggressive in discipline and training. "I've really learned how to assert myself with animals," said Brown, who is training her dog, Daisy. "I came to the class because I wanted to have more control over the dog. It's important to protect your dog and other people." "Nikki is very good. She has a

set way of teaching and she sticks to it. She's also very compassionate with the dogs," said Brown.

Banfield's classes run nine weeks. She trains on all levels specific to what the owner wants. In October, she will be competing in a national Schutzhund competition with her one of her German shepherds. The Schutzhund is a temperament test for that breed. For more information on Banfield's dog-training classes, call 675-7869.

Alarms

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nel are paid for two hours of work even if they are only there five minutes, said Kraynack. Their rates vary, but it usually falls around \$12.

The Dallas Township Police services have been of no cost so far, but Kraynack is not sure how long that will last. The Kingston Township Police, which patrols Westmoreland Elementary, has already charged the district \$40 for a false alarm. The department gives the district five free false alarms a year and charges for all calls after that.

Gil Griffiths, superintendent, said the district, "needs to go back and do a more thorough job (of explaining the alarm systems) to the coaches." Griffiths said the situations arise as many coaches and students come into the schools after competitions and the coaches forget there is an alarm system.

Kraynack said he is still working the bugs out of the system, which was installed last May.

In other business, the board voted to hire Jim McGovern as assistant football coach for the high school and Gordan Kutz as the assistant football coach at the middle school. Last year McGovern served as the assistant football coach at the middle school.

Football, girls' and boys' basketball and wrestling events have gone up \$1 for parents. The board voted to charge \$3 per game for adults and keep the existing \$1 for students.

Prices of school lunches will remain the same this year. Elementary school lunches cost \$1.30, middle school is \$1.40 and it's a la carte at the high school.

The board will hold a special bond refunding meeting on Aug. 20 at 6 p.m.

Antique car and flea market sale to be held August 16

On Sun., Aug. 16, the Lake-Lehman Band sponsors will hold their 15th Annual Back Mountain Antique Car Show and Flea Market. The show will be held on the grounds of the Lehman-Jackson School, Lehman.

This year's show should be bigger and better than ever with cars entered from New York and New Jersey.

There will be 51 classes of cars ranging from the early 1900's to 1990's. Classes will include Custom '71 to '89, 4x4's, and Model Cars.

Perspective car buyers will have the opportunity to browse the car corral and view the cars for sale.

The Band Sponsors will also offer a wide variety of foods such as hamburgs, hot dogs and po-

tato pancakes. Home baked goods will be on sale along with an assortment of cold refreshments.

The flea market will start along with the car show at 8 a.m. All cars judged must be on the field by noon; judging begins at 1:00 sharp.

Ample free parking is available. General admission to the show is \$2.00. Children under the age of 12 are free.

Concessions go to the Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors to help support the award-winning Lake-Lehman Band.

Anyone interested in entering a car in the show or joining the flea market can contact chairman Bill Metzger at 675-3764 or Bill Bronson at 477-3358.

Rain date will be August 23.

Fr. Joe's Crab Feast to be held Aug. 28

Our Lady of Victory Church presents Fr. Joe's Crab Feast. Open to the public. Tickets available for Aug. 28 or 29, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake. \$25 per person.

Menu includes: All you can eat crabs (from Al the crab man), New England Clam Chowder by Chef John Hudak, CEC, corn on the cob, beverages. Deadline for ticket purchase is Aug. 24. Tickets are not transferable. Tickets can be purchased at Our Lady of Victory Church after all weekend masses or by calling Michelle Bonetski at 639-2627. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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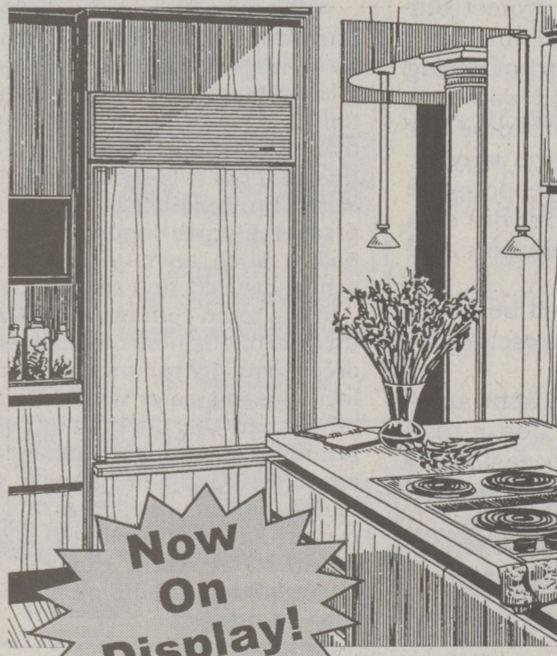
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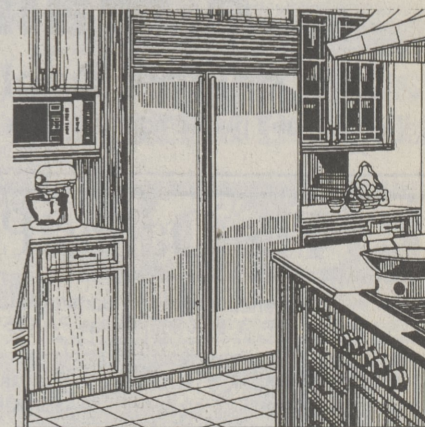
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