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## Letters to Santa reveal hopes, compassion

*Editor's Note: Teachers in area schools shared some of the letters to Santa Claus written by children in their classes this year.*

**Mrs. Gelso's 3rd grade Westmoreland Elementary**

Dear Santa,  
I'm getting ready for you to come. In New York on Dec 2 the Christmas tree was lit. I wonder if you're real. Some kids say you're not but I just ignore them because I believe in Santa Claus. Sant how do your elves make so many toys? And how do you deliver so many toys in so little time? I will have cookies and milk for you. I bet your reindeer would be hungry from such a long journey. So I will give you nine carrots. One for Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Cupid and Doner and Blitsen

and the famous reindeer Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Now, I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want the baby in the Rugrats, Baby Dil the doll.

Sincerely,  
Paige Selenski

P.S. Have a great trip around the world! Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

I like snakes and one of my wishes are a king snake oh and Santa did any of your reindeer have babies I leave cookies and milk and if you want to pick a candycane off the tree you could and my favered football team is the SAN FRANCISCO 49ers oh and I forgot to say il leave your reindeer a treat oh and I would like to have the complete players guided

of Zelda for 64 and I would like to have frames for four pitchers oh Santa I will give you a specal treat chochlet milk and I take care of my baby brother and when my Mom is sick I take care of her and I wisik it would snow a big blizerd.

Your friend,  
John Scafid

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas I will leave you a plate of cake. I what a new bike and a skateboard. Did you get any new reindeer. Cad you come in my bedroom this time. If you come in my room cad you teel me all of the reindeers names.

Your freind  
Justin Edmondson

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Stephen George, Mrs. Landon's 2nd grade at Dallas Elementary



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## Gee, Santa, let me think

Megan and Brad Johnson took a moment to gather their thoughts before telling Santa what they want for Christmas this year. They

were at the children's Christmas program held at the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Dept. Photos from this and other events on page 3.

## Portable toilets still a point of contention at lake

By MEIRA ZUCKER  
Post Correspondent

**HARVEYS LAKE** - At the December meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council, council members again found themselves debating the specifics of an ordi-

nance to control the use of temporary toilet facilities, also known as "Job Johnnies." Despite continued resident input, council postponed any decision-making until next month.

Any ordinance hinges on the definition of "limited duration."

An earlier ordinance restricts use to a "limited duration," although the exact period remains undefined.

Any decision may be best postponed until the council uncovers precisely what state requirements are regarding the chemical toi-

lets, which are eyesores to some and conveniences to others.

"Municipalities could require the use of sewers for any property that is producing sewage," said Richard Sabulski, Sewage Plan-

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## Car tumbles to Toby's Creek

Ron Blosser, from the Pittsburgh area, was unhurt except for scrape on his arm after his Pontiac Grand Prix broke through an aluminum fence and plunged down to Toby's Creek at the intersection of Rt. 309 and Carverton Rd. Wed., Dec. 16 at about 1:45 p.m.

Blosser was coming north on 309, when a southbound car driven by Bonnie M. Gordon, Trucksville, tried to turn left onto Carverton Rd. Blosser's car glanced off of Gordon's, went through the fence and headed for the creek, then rolled over.

Gordon was charged with a left turn violation.

"I'm lucky," Blosser said. He was wearing seat belts and both air bags deployed.

Blosser scrambled out of the car and climbed up onto the sidewalk. "When I saw smoke, I just wanted to get out of there." Air bags give off "smoke" when they deploy. He was treated at the scene for a scrape on his arm.

In photo, Trucksville fireman Steve Mathers climbed down the bank to check on the car. Blosser can be seen standing by the fence, talking with a policeman.

POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK



## Rec park may meet need for sport fields

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
Post Staff

**BACK MOUNTAIN** - Unsure of continued access to the fields where youngsters have played for 38 years, Back Mountain Baseball Inc. is on the lookout for a new home. At the same time, Back Mountain Recreation Inc., the newly-incorporated body attempting to create a joint recreation park, may have just the spot.

BMT Baseball officials are concerned that once the Dallas School District moves its administrative offices to the main school campus, it will sell the land along Church St. in Dallas, which the fields occupy along with the administration building and the old Dallas Township school. They're also uncertain whether a proposed regional recreation center will meet the needs of the league's 1,000 plus players.

The league's questions may be

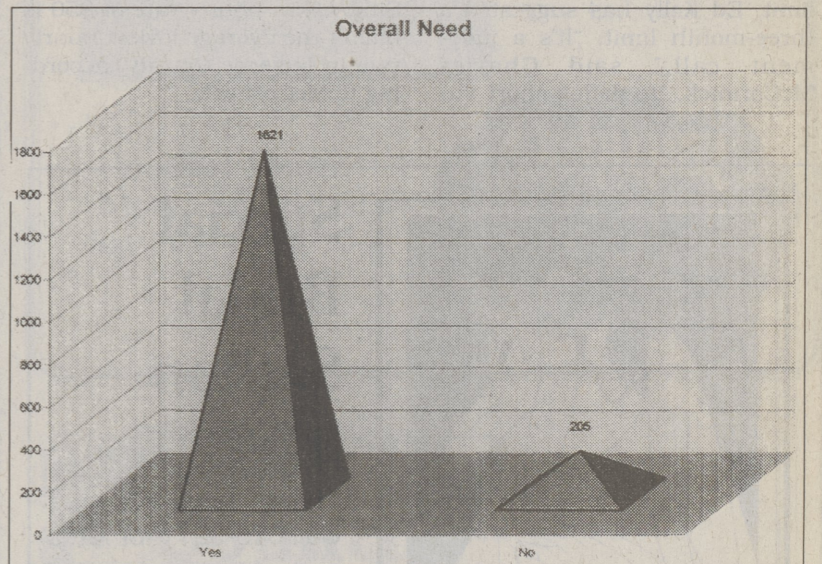
*"There are a lot of opportunities here. It's not that anyone will be closed out of it."*

Dr. Gil Griffiths  
Dallas superintendent of schools

answered soon, if negotiations to purchase an 80-acre property come to fruition. Dr. Gil Griffiths, Dallas superintendent of schools, said the recreation committee, which he also leads is in negotiations for a parcel of land that could accommodate youth baseball and soccer leagues, with room to spare. He said the district has held off talking to the leagues until it is certain of its plans.

"Until we know for sure if we have the land, we can't talk to

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Survey responses showed overwhelming support for a recreation park. 89 percent of 1826 respondents were for the plan. More survey results on page 7.

### D.C. connection

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### Don't panic!

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