

## Git along, little doggies, and kitties

More than 300 pets were vaccinated against rabies Sunday at a \$5 rabies shot clinic sponsored by the Dallas Kiwanis Club. Cliff Parker, the event organizer, said 303 animals were given shots, "a new record, by 50 at least." There were so many pets, the veterinarian, Dr. I. Kathio, ran out of tags and the last three will be mailed. "I think we're doing something useful," Parker said. "I'm very pleased."

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Frank Kuare, left, of Dallas, brought Noodles, his Chinese pug. John Hewitt, Lehman, waited with Blackie.



Jill and Dalton Elston, Kunkle, brought their big dogs, a rottweiler and a shepherd mix.



Phyllis Sorber and Bobbie Jo Patla, who are sisters-in-law, with their Boston terriers, who are brothers.

## Ross school expansion will bring students home

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**LAKE-LEHMAN** - Much to the relief of parents attending the recent Lake-Lehman school board meeting, the district has received the go ahead from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to proceed with the planned expansion of Ross Elementary School. School board members voted unanimously to accept the Plancon Part A approval letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. "The letter states 'the PA Department of Education concurs with the district that a need for expansion exists and that the state will contribute financially,'" said Doug Trumbower, the district's architect.

If the project proceeds on schedule, groundbreaking should take place in the spring of 2000. The expansion plans include the addition of six classrooms, a special education room, an art room, and a computer room.

The larger space will allow fifth and sixth graders to return to Ross Elementary. Those children are currently bused to Lake-Noxen Elementary School. "Returning our students to Ross is very important," said Wendy Hauze, PTO member and mother of two students. "No one else has to ship their kids to another township and we shouldn't have to either."

Parents are satisfied that the plans for expansion will meet the needs of this growing area. "I think this expansion will be adequate for as long as we need it to be," said Hauze. "Right now, you can't drive down a street in Ross Township without seeing new homes going up, but I think that development will slow."

The architectural plans also include renovations to the existing structure, which reportedly needs a new roof and septic system. "There is money in the budget to replace the roof," said Dr.

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William Price, Superintendent of Schools.

The septic system is also a concern because it was designed to accommodate approximately 150 students. Anticipated growth and the return of the fifth and sixth graders will substantially increase the current enrollment of 136 students.

"The first thing we are going to do at the end of this school year, is conduct several test pits, because we are certainly going to have to expand the septic system," said Trumbower.

State regulations demand that renovations of the scope planned at Ross Elementary include improvements to meet standards established by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Door frames will be widened to provide wheelchair access to the school and its classrooms. The doors will also be refitted with ADA approved handles and the lavatory fixtures will be upgraded.

Estimates are the renovation and expansion will cost the district \$3 million. Reimbursements from the State Department of Education will cover approximately 20 percent of that total while a bond issue will fund the balance.

It will take approximately a year to complete the improvements but Ross parents now see a light at the end of the tunnel. "It has taken a long time to get here but I am happy about where we are heading," said Hauze.

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