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## Happy Thanksgiving!



Second-grade students at Dallas Elementary School performed a Thanksgiving program last week. They dressed up as seasonal characters and entertained the audience with songs, dancing and poems. Above, they're geese, but not for roasting.

From left: Ellen Arnaud, Amanda Walton, Natasha Field and Jim Monk. Students' drawings, including the one above by Anthony McDermott, decorated the program. More photos on page 2.

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## Test scores spike, school is rewarded

By KASIA McDONOUGH  
Post Staff

**BACK MOUNTAIN** - A concerted effort to raise test scores has paid off. The Lake-Lehman Middle Level Education Building recently received an \$8,448 performance incentive award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The grant, which is a part of the state's School Performance Funding Program, was presented to the Middle Level Building in recognition of an improved performance on the 1999 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Middle Level students scored 70 points higher on the math section of this year's test than they had scored last year and 40 points higher on the reading portion.

"We're pleased with the math scores in particular," said Rob Roberts, principal. "We've really upgraded our accelerated readers program, where students can go

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**Bob Roberts**  
Middle Level Principal

into the library and choose books at various reading levels and then answer questions in response to what they've read. We were expecting higher reading scores but the jump in our math scores was a bit surprising."

The marked increase could not have been predicted but it was not a fluke. "We did a couple of things to help improve our performance," said Roberts. "Number one, we stressed to the kids the importance of taking the test seriously.

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## New council members want more open, active borough

*Editor's Note: The Dallas Post interviewed newly-elected Harveys Lake council members about current issues facing the borough and the goals each hopes to accomplish. Joseph Reilly, who has also been elected to council, did not return several calls requesting comment.*

By KASIA McDONOUGH  
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**HARVEYS LAKE** - Ruth Eaton and Daniel Hanson say they had concerns about the General Municipal Authority and the condition of the borough's sewer system prior to reports that HLGMA owes the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) more than \$400,000.

Improving communication between council and the municipal authority should be a top priority said Hanson. "The main reason I ran was because I wanted to be appointed a sewer authority liaison," he said. "I feel even though they are two separate organizations there has to be better communication. As a council member, I would like to be responsible for attending sewer authority meetings and reporting the results to the council."

Most people were surprised to learn about pending litigation involving HLGMA said Hanson. "I think its important to keep the citizens informed about what is going on in the borough," he said.

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## Vet applies Eastern healing art to pets

By KASIA McDONOUGH  
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**FRANKLIN TWP.** - Watching a loved one who is feeling under the weather struggle for comfort can be a heart-wrenching experience. When the loved one is a pet, incapable of verbally expressing its needs, caretakers often feel helpless.

As a veterinarian for nearly 10 years, Kristen Edwards, D.V.M., has seen pet lovers agonize over difficult medical decisions. "Most of us think of cats and dogs as a part of our family and we want to do what is best for them but it isn't always easy to figure out how to proceed once a diagnosis has been made," she said.

Expensive surgeries, frequent visits to the vet's office and prescription medicines are traditional remedies but they may not always be the best choice, especially for older pets. "Bailey (a dog) is a senior citizen, he already had major surgery (to remove painful kidney stones) and he has arthritis but he still has a good appetite and gets around pretty well," said Diane Fallon. "I wasn't ready to put him down but I did not want him to be having discomfort if he doesn't have to. That's when a friend of a friend said Kristen could help."

Edwards, who is certified in pet acupuncture, said the ancient healing art offers pet owners alternative treatments for ailments ranging from allergies to digestive



Kristen Edwards, DVM, with three of her patients. She uses acupuncture in addition to traditional veterinary techniques.

POST PHOTO/KASIA McDONOUGH

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## L-L junior enlists his neighbors to aid hungry

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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**JACKSON TWP.** - T.J. Dougherty didn't take the bus to Lake-Lehman High School Friday. It's not that he missed his ride, he had a little too much stuff to fit in his backpack — 403 cans and bottles of donations for the Feed-A-Friend program.

This is the fifth year T.J., now in his junior year, has collected food in his Sutton Hills neighborhood. He first thought of the idea when choosing a service project for confirmation at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown. He devised a simple plan to leave notes with 75 neighbors, describing his project and giving them a date and time he would come by to pick up items. "I thank you for helping me in the past and today," the note closes. "Together we can help feed needy families in our community."

The collection has grown

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