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## Area surfers have choice in high-speed 'net access

□ Cable modem or dsl? Each has benefits

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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - For many users of the internet, the www in front of an address has come to mean World Wide Wait. Now, cybersurfers in the Back Mountain have a choice of high speed internet access providers. Tele-Media, the region's cable television supplier, will offer Powerlite, a cable-based internet access to compete with Jack Flash, the DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) service offered by Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises (CTE) and epix Internet Services.

The vendors say high-speed access is very appealing. "It's a pretty easy decision once you experience it," said Jonathan Leepson, Senior Manager of Data Marketing at CTE.

These high-speed connections use different technologies than the dial-up service that uses a telephone line and modem. The two services have similarities and some differences. Both use network interface cards (NIC) installed inside the user's computer to connect to the internet. The DSL uses a filter to separate the data from regular voice calls, so that a phone line can be used for voice and data simultaneously. The cable service uses a separate line just for the computer.

With these high-speed options, users are connected to the internet for as long as their computer is on. Hassles such as waiting for a connection, or being disconnected while on line are eliminated.

DSL does have one significant drawback. The service is only available for customers located within about three and a half miles of a central office of the phone company. Cable modems do not have a distance limitation.

Computers are like cars, but with fewer moving parts and no grease. Installing the network card required for the DSL or cable connection involves plugging a card

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## Bidder's bargain

Kaylee Hillard, Dallas, showed off one of the dozen Tom 'n' Jerry glasses she took home from the Back Mountain Memorial Library's "Fall Wrap-Up Auction," held Sunday. The one-day event drew spirited bidders and browsers for the auction and more than 30 crafters set up for the afternoon. More photos on page 5.

## Winning fair ribbons runs in this family

□ Mother/daughter team brings six ribbons back from Bloomsburg

By ELIZABETH SKRAPITS  
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**SHAVERTOWN** - Dolores Goble of Dallas and her daughter Elizabeth Turner of Shavertown had never entered anything at the Bloomsburg Fair, so they were a little nervous September 15 when Dolores dropped off her still-life oil paintings and Elizabeth her preserves.

"The energy was just incredible," Elizabeth said. "There were so many entries, and they all were so good. We both walked out of there saying that if we made honorable mention, we'd be honored."

Neither Dolores nor Elizabeth made honorable mention, however. Instead they took home a grand total of six awards between the two of them. Elizabeth won two blue ribbons and two second-place ribbons, and Dolores won a second-place ribbon for one of her paintings — or so she thought.

When the Turners and Mrs. Goble



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Dolores Goble, left, and her daughter, Elizabeth Turner, pose with their prize-winning entries from the Bloomsburg Fair.

went to pick up their prize-winners on Sunday, they had a pleasant surprise: the other one of Dolores's paintings had won an award, too. "The ribbon fell behind it — I didn't even know I'd won second place for this one until I picked it up," she said. "I was happy just to win for

the first."

Elizabeth won first-place for her elderberry jelly and her zucchini relish, and second-place for her tomato-walnut jam and peach butter. She also entered spiced-

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## Band parents thankful for new quarters

By ELIZABETH SKRAPITS  
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**DALLAS** - Chuck Dube, representing the band parents, opened Monday's school board work session with an expression of gratitude to the board. "What I've heard from the band, they're really proud of their new concession stand," he said. "They're happy with the new equipment. The old equipment was outdated and probably dangerous, but I wouldn't say that for sure."

He also thanked the board for the new equipment bus, which is not only bigger, but has removable seats and is safer than the old bus, described by Dube as a "10 foot by 10 foot box." The new bus will be painted with the school's insignia by a local vocational-technical school in December.

Dube also mentioned that the Dallas high school band, which includes the outdoor and indoor guards as well as the marching band, has taken first and second place in several recent competitions. He ended by thanking the board for their support, both in the past and in the future.

There followed a recommendation for a resolution to be adopted to approve \$10 million in Dallas School District General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2000, which

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## Restoring civic pride, and beauty

□ Lake couple replaces eyesore with openness

By ELIZABETH SKRAPITS  
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**HARVEYS LAKE** - To those familiar with the area around First Street and Lakeside Drive at Warden Place, it's hard to say which is more noteworthy: what is there or what isn't.

To be specific, what isn't there is the big building that's gone through a number of incarnations ranging from tavern to townhouse, the large cabana that sat at the edge of the water, and a lot of concrete and pavement. What is there is a grassy plot, some harmonious landscaping, and a rebuilt dock with a tasteful boathouse and gazebo on it.

*"I didn't think it was fair to the cottage owners or people who lived there year-round not to be able to see the lake."*

Sharon Kranys  
Harveys Lake

The force behind the improvements is long-time lake resident Sharon Kranys, whose father, James Ward, owned the house across the street from the building in question. When he passed on a few years ago, Kranys inherited the house. She took stock of the situation and decided to do something about it. "It bothered me that it didn't look as beautiful as I remembered when I was growing up," she said. One of the first things Kranys did was negotiate for the purchase of the properties on either side of her house. She bought out the residents of the townhouses and in the summer of 1999 had them razed to the ground and arranged for the cabana to be taken away.

Tim and Susan Shovlin, now of Dallas, lived in one of the townhouses, as did John and Peggy Grula, who still reside at

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