

# Showcase

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our letter and they were really happy with us," said Amy Zamerowski. "We know that some of the other residents were sorry they didn't when they heard how much we did," said Shelby Swan, the fourth member of the group.

The gymnasium was filled to capacity with project displays of various volunteer activities and benefits. For example, John Popko helped build a house with Habitat for Humanity; Melissa Sorber, a candy stripper volunteer, connected with the 74-year-old founder of the Candy Stripper program; Kieran Lucarino and Arlette Kline worked 40 hours at St. Vincent's soup kitchen and collected 500 cans of food for that organization; Nathan Peterson and Jamin Smith's band held a benefit concert for the American Cancer Society; B.J. Lewis and Liam McHugh collected 167 coats for distribution to area needy; Jason Harabin and Ken Sprau cleaned up a wooded wetlands area near Lehman Jackson Elementary School where they will mount bird houses they built; and Aerial Frost and Patricia Kipp silk-screened tee shirts for the United Way.

"We probably saved them \$5,000 to \$7,000," said Patricia. "We've finished 1,000 already but they need 500 more," she said as she demonstrated how they were done. The girls had the equipment set up in the school's main hallway and worked on the shirts during the showcase.

Students can highlight their interests and talents through their projects. "I've been training English setters for a few years," said Ryan Spencer, whose research paper was about the history of the breed.

Ed Wallo displayed pictures of a two-story horse barn he built.

"We milled all of the lumber for the barn at our own saw mill," he explained.

John Schaffer built a beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch chest and Stephen Moyer demonstrated his skill at fly-tying. "This is my hobby actually," he said. "I fish a lot and I only use my own flies."

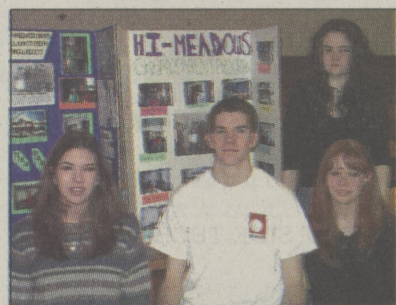
Students also showed their volunteer spirit through the Learn and Serve program in the school district. "We have 17 students involved in that program," said Gail Keen, biology teacher at the high school. "They go into the elementary schools and present science projects. They are totally responsible for finding the project, making sure it meets curriculum needs, adapting it to the age level and picking the other students to assist them."

This year's seniors were the first class to benefit from the program when it started and they wanted to give back to the district. They've been terrific."

Various science projects from Learn and Serve were detailed at the showcase. Luke Kasper and Nick Leonard took owl pellets into an elementary classroom. Students pulled them apart to find the bones of the animal that was the owl's last meal. "Some of the kids were disgusted at first but then they all got excited as they got more involved," said Luke.

It was a very moving experience to see all of the talent and work so proudly displayed. "They grumble a lot in the beginning," said Cathy Wolfe. "But it is just wonderful what they can accomplish."

All of the hard work culminates with their half-hour oral presentation. "We'll start working with next year's seniors in just a few weeks," said Wolfe.



*"I am so proud of these students. We invited the school board, parents, administrators and, even, Sen. Lemmond and Gov. Ridge to see the results."*

Mrs. Cathy Wolfe  
Senior Project Committee

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Above, left; Helping residents at Hi Meadows apartments are seated, from left; Amy Zamerowski, Matt Dunn, and Jen Grieves. Shelby Swan is standing.

Above; Students who held a food collection for St. Vincent's soup kitchen are pictured above, from left, Kieran Lucarino, Cathy Wolfe, project committee, and Arlette Kline.



Stephen Moyer's fly-tying demonstration is pictured with, from left, Carlos Candelario, Moyer, and Josh Sutton.



167 coats were collected and distributed to area needy by students B.J. Lewis and Liam McHugh. Pictured above with their display are, from left, Matt Dunn, B.J. Lewis and Liam McHugh.

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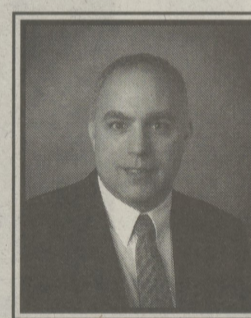
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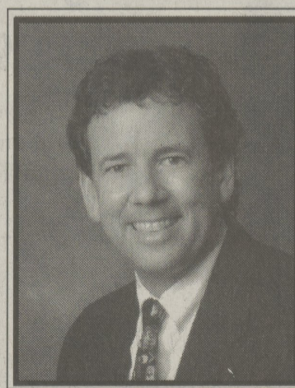
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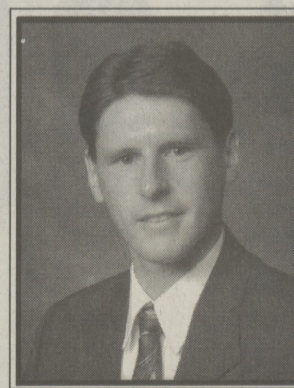


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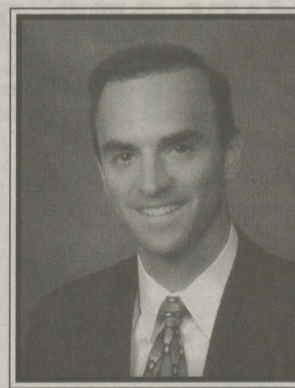
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