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Seabee's family waits anxiously at home

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

TRUCKSVILLE — "We are all proud of him," said Judi Ross, wife of deployed Navy seabee Christopher Ross. "He supports everything. Never once did he complain about going. He said it was what he signed up to do."

Judi and Christopher were barely in their new home before Christopher received orders that he would be deployed for a year in the Middle East and then shipped out five days later. The couple, married nine years, has two children, Jacob, age 4 and Christopher, age 6.

They bought their Trucksville home in August and after extensive renovations — many that Christopher did himself — they moved in in October.

"He is handy," said Judi about her husband.

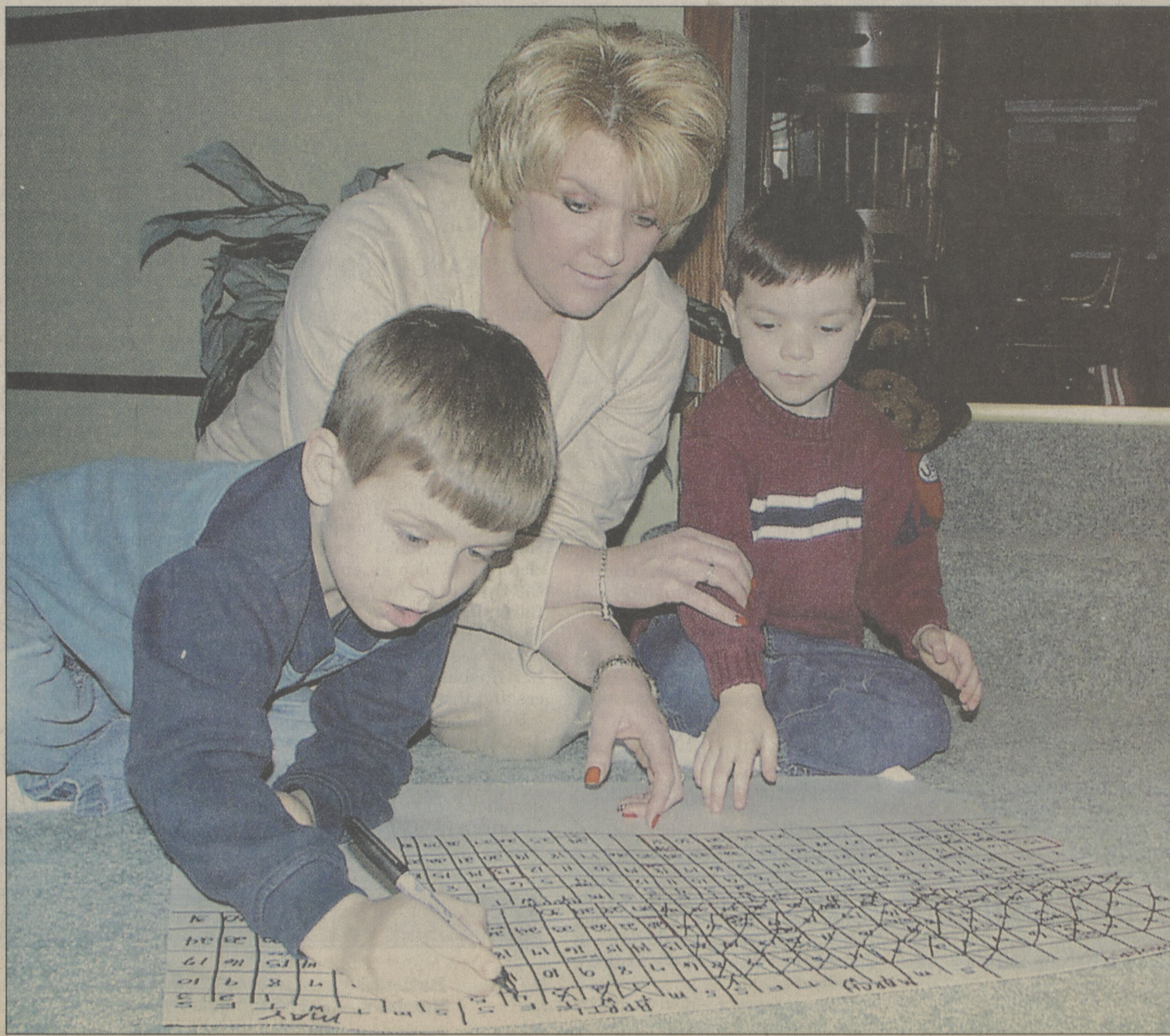
Apparently so, as a Navy construction electrician, Christopher is working to make spaces inhabitable and useable for segments of the armed forces.

Judi said despite her realizing early on that Christopher would probably be called to duty, she wasn't quite prepared for the reality.

"I understood he had to go, I just didn't want to believe it."

"It is just now beginning to settle in."

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POST PHOTO/ERIN YOUNGMAN

Judi Ross helped her sons, Christopher, 5, left, and Jacob, 4, fill in the calendar they made to keep track of the time their father, Christopher, is away on duty in the Middle East.

Lake's water no cleaner

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

HARVEYS LAKE — The state's largest natural lake is fertile ground for local student's studies — maybe too fertile.

Last fall students from Wilkes University professor Dr. Michael Case's Limnology class (study of lakes and rivers) ventured out of the classroom to gain first-hand experience in their environmental science majors. Their work revealed that efforts to cut phosphorus levels have been unsuccessful thus far.

The finding could mean that an ordinance banning the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus around the lake has made no difference since its creation six years ago.

The ordinance banning the use of phosphate fertilizers was enacted by Harveys Lake Bor-

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The Post wins three state press awards

The Dallas Post has been honored with three awards in the 2003 Keystone Press Awards contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Foundation.

Erin Youngman, staff reporter, won two second-place awards for news writing. An article about a Lake Township family's struggle to attain consistent education for their autistic son won second place in the Spot News category.

Youngman also won second place in the Ongoing News Coverage category for a series of articles about accidents and safety on Route 309. The articles, written

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Brownies live up to their Girl Scout motto with help for soldiers

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

SWEET VALLEY — Some local first through third grade Brownie Girls Scouts are living up to their goodwill slogan and are having a good time while they do so.

In February, Troop 600 from Ross elementary started sending Valentines and

cookies to troops stationed in Kuwait. Now they have a full scale relief effort of letters and supplies going overseas.

"We've basically looked at it like a reaching out, an extension of our call of being girls scouts and brownies," said Ellen MacCarone, troop 600 leader.

She said the Girl Scout law outlines being considerate and caring while the Girl Scout slogan calls each child to "do

a good turn daily."

"We've really focused on the service aspect of scouting this month. We've probably done more this month than most scouts do in a year," said MacCarone.

At last week's meeting, the girls gathered in the Ross Elementary School cafeteria, formed a line several tables long and stuffed medium sized boxes

with donated goods like toiletries, flea collars, Kool Ade, cookies and writing paper.

By the time they were done packing their most recent round of letters and supplies, they had 16 boxes of requested items wrapped and addressed to soldiers in the Middle East.

Several of the girls speculated about

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Visioning project honored

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

DALLAS — The work of the "Our Dallas: Today and Tomorrow" visioning project has been honored with an award for its "progressive" work.

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce presented the annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Community Progress Award to project leaders at its legislative breakfast Thursday. This is the fourth year the chamber has presented the award.

"We were really impressed with the progressive and forward-thinking attitude of this visioning process," said Tom Williams, a member of the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee, the nominating body for the award.

A chamber press release states: "The annual award recognizes divisions of local government that through cooperative efforts improve the quality of life, general welfare of their residents and/or institute programs that better utilize government resources on a regional or multi-community basis."

Williams said Dallas stood out

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John Mishanski, center, is pictured with Physics and Math teacher Richard Morgan, left, and Mimi Koch, Math and AP Calculus teacher at Lake-Lehman High School.

It all adds up for L-L senior

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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Determination, hard work, and lots of early morning study sessions paid off for Lake-Lehman High School senior John Mishanski, who won last week's Math Competition sponsored by the Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics (LCCTM).

The prize at the end of that rainbow is a full-tuition scholarship to Wilkes University. John is the son of Jack and Lisa Mishanski of Pike's Creek.

"He's really earned it," said his mother, Lisa. "After he placed fourth last year in the junior division he said he was going to win this year, and he's done a lot of extra studying all year."

This was the 55th year that the LCCTM has sponsored this contest and over 100 juniors and seniors from local high schools competed in two divisions. A full-tuition scholarship to Wilkes is awarded to the top scorer in each and since there was a four-way tie for first place

"Last year I spent about two months studying before the test and only came in fourth, so this year I started a lot earlier."

John Mishanski
Lake-Lehman senior

at the junior level this year, each of those students was granted a scholarship. The test, given in two sections, is composed by members of the University's Math and Computer Science Department and is corrected by members of LCCTM.

"There is an affiliated teacher at each of the 13 schools that participated and they nominate up to 10 students in each division," said Dr. John Harrison, associate professor of Math and

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Rec Center among 3 parties interested in old middle school

By KALEN CHURCHER
Special to The Dallas Post

LEHMAN TWP. — Back Mountain Recreation, Inc. is one of three parties interested in the Lake-Lehman School District's Middle Education Building, but the district remains undecided if

it will sell or refurbish the structure.

School Board member Moder-no Rossi said Dave Sutton of Back Mountain Recreation has expressed interest in the building and Business Manager Kathleen Williams said two other inquiries have been made, though

she would not disclose them.

The future of the building, recently appraised at approximately \$245,000, has caused some debate. Some board members believe the building could be utilized for its gymnasium and other rooms, while others believe it is too costly a piece of real es-

tate.

Last month, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Ben Schall reported it would cost \$75,620 to keep the vacant building open. That figure does not include any custodial personnel or

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