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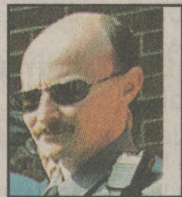
Jackson Township police officer Scott Davis is recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor. Shown are his family, from left, Hunter, 10, Samantha, 13, wife Laura, and Caylin, 6.

## Staying strong in face of adversity

Jackson Township officer Scott Davis is battling affects of brain tumor

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Donations to help defray the cost of medical expenses may be sent to:



**Scott Davis Benefit Fund**  
c/o Citizens Bank  
111 E. Market St.  
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DALLAS - For more than 13 years, Scott Davis helped protect and serve the residents of Jackson Township and neighboring Back Mountain communities.

The 39-year-old married father of three had to put his police officer career on hold in October when he underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor.

Post-surgery complications left Davis vulnerable to muscle spasms and seizures.

"You can't comprehend what he's going through," his wife, Laura, said. "He just twists and turns. He's broken a few bones."

A fund has been set up to help offset mounting medical costs. Davis is currently in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after spending three weeks at the Hershey Medical Center.

"Scott can't work," Laura Davis said. "He's been basically in between hospitals since the surgery, from one hospital to another."

Longtime family friend Enola Whitaker says it's difficult to see Davis and his family struggling with the situation.

"My heart really goes out to Scott, Laura and the kids," said Whitaker, a member of the Dallas Ambulance Co., who worked in the organization with Davis' mother, Maggie. "In addition to all of the medical things Scott is going through, they're worried about losing their house. This family really needs help from the community."

Scott learned he had a tumor on the brain's pituitary gland after experiencing constant headaches last summer, Laura said. Dr. Brian Saracino found

the tumor after Scott went for a magnetic resonance imaging test.

Scott is undergoing more tests, said his wife, to determine the cause of the spasms and seizures.

"It's horrible to watch him go through it, it's horrible," Laura said.

Scott is forced to take hormone medications for the rest of his life, his father, Jim Davis, said, because surgeons removed the pituitary gland.

"Scott developed these spasms that are really turning into a problem," Jim Davis said. "He's been in and out of hospitals since the surgery. Sometimes he has two spasms, sometimes he has eight spasms a day."

Their father's prolonged illness and absence from home is taking its toll on the couple's three children, Samantha, 13, Hunter, 10, and Caylin, 6.

"It's hard on our children," Laura said. "They know Daddy can't do things like he used to do with them. In between the spasms, he sleeps a lot."

To make matters worse, Samantha recently broke her leg and is in a full leg cast.

"They're going through so much," said Whitaker.

Laura says her husband is looking forward to the day when he can return to duty.

"The physicians and the (Jackson) township have been wonderful. He loves his job. He can't wait to get back to work but it's going to be a while."

## Square dance helps Noxen School's quest for new roof



Jerry Sands helps 19-month old Pyper Martin, Noxen, get into the swing of things at a benefit square dance for the old Noxen School.

## Raising the roof

By MATT HANNON  
For The Dallas Post

Approximately 70 people recently spent a few hours promenadeing and dosadoing around the converted dance floor of the old Noxen School. And in the process, they helped save the local landmark.

Proceeds from the square dance will be used to rebuild the decaying building, which is in need of a new roof. Catherine Pauley, organizer of the event and president of the Noxen Historical Community Association, feels the dance went off without a hitch.

"Oh, it went so well especially with this weather we had," said Pauley. "We even had some new faces this time around."

Pauley said approximately \$200 was raised at the dance, which included a giant stuffed animal raffle from the dance's live band - the Roger Furman Band - and the sale of a dedication plaque.

"They have been so good to us," said Pauley. "They've really helped us out a lot recently."

The Historical Association chose the dance because it wanted to give the people of the community something to do. Pauley said many people in the rural area are shut off (from outlying areas), and there isn't much for them to do.

The people who did go to the dance came with a passion for



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Ray Lean Kisner and her husband John Springville join hands and circle during a square dance to benefit the former Noxen School.



Friends, families and community members had fun at the square dance.

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### BUSINESSPERSON PROFILE | Green Dog Pottery's master

## Love of art drives Sensbach

By KAREN YARRISH  
For the Dallas Post

DALLAS - Wet clay spinning in a pair of hands magically transforms into a beautiful bowl. This is what Skip Sensbach, owner of Green Dog Pottery, does every day. Passionate about art and, in particular, hand-crafted pottery, Sensbach shares his love by teaching and selling his work at his store at 68 Main Street.

Sensbach's focus has always been functional pottery, which includes bowls, jars, and mugs.

"My functional pottery puts my art in a very intimate place in someone's heart," he said. "People will be eating, drinking

and interacting with my work every day and experiencing it in a very personal way."

The logo and name Green Dog Pottery came from one of Sensbach's original drawings. He also has a tattoo of the green dog on one of his legs.

Art has always excited Sensbach. As a child, he first drew the work of others, such as Disney characters, and was encouraged by his parents to continue to pursue his talent. Later, he created original creations such as the green dog. With talent and a love of art, Sensbach graduated from Kean University in New Jersey with a



Pottery students Ethan Sensbach, rear, Morgan Gilhooly, seated at the wheel and Chelsea Martin, at the table, work on their respective projects.

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