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Louella Prutzman leads Barbara Evans and Betty Doherty and other members of The Goodtimers singing group.



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Leah Mann-Daly, Lehman, with her American Eskimo mix dog "Snowball."

Singing for 'good' times



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Jack Callahan and Rita Good belt out a song for residents at the Meadows Nursing Home as part of a monthly visit from The Goodtimers.

Group gathers to sing 'oldies but goodies'

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On a dreary, icy and rainy winter afternoon, it's easy for anyone, especially residents in nursing homes, to drift off to sleep. Enter The Goodtimers and everyone comes to life.

By singing songs such as "Ain't She Sweet" and "You Are My Sunshine," The Goodtimers brought light and warmth on

January 29 to those living at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. Residents gathered in the third floor dayroom to listen to the group sing "oldies but goodies."

"We don't make money, but we make fun," said Louella Prutzman, a member of The Goodtimers, to the audience.

Rita (Lyons) Good, of Dallas, began to volunteer at the Meadows in 1984 by doing sing-a-longs with residents and playing the piano for entertainment. Good, who has al-

ways been musical, eventually brought others along with her. The Back Mountain-based group was named The Goodtimers in the mid-1990s after one of its original members, Jack Good, who died in July 2006. Rita Good, who met Jack while singing at the Dallas American Legion, married him in 1998.

"I love music and I was looking for a place

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VOLUNTEER

The Goodtimers always accept new members. Anyone interested is asked to call Betty Sorchik, volunteer coordinator at the Meadows, at 675-8600. Ask for extension 195.

Woman fell in love with Cairns, now rescues them

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Leah Mann-Daly was devastated when her Yorkshire Terrier died.

Mann-Daly, 40, of Lehman, owned the 8-year-old dog named "Blue" for three years before he passed away so the stay-at-home mom decided to look for a way to give back to dogs.

Through the Luzerne County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) website four years ago, she found the Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue Network. After one year of reading up on the Cairn Terrier breed and gaining a feeling for the group, Mann-Daly became a member

of the intakes team.

Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue Network is a nationwide, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that rescues Cairn Terriers from homelessness as well as those being used as breeding stock in puppy mills and among backyard breeders. The Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue Network, which is over 600 members strong, rescued 373 Cairn Terriers in 2007.

"The more I watched, I realized this is not only a rescue, but a family," Mann-Daly said. "Then I fell in love with the dogs and there was no way I could walk away."

The organization recently won Yahoo!'s "Be a Better Inspiration" charity competition. For two weeks in December, people voted for their favorite charities online. The rescue placed in the top five and was entered into the competition. The charity that collected the most non-duplicated donations of \$10 or more in one week would win a matching dona-

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Easing the fears of going to kindergarten

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Months before the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, kindergarten students in the Lake-Lehman School District have already met some of their future classmates.

As part of the Kindergarten Readiness Program, children entering kindergarten at all three of the district's elementary schools and their parents meet three times at each respective school to go over reading and math readiness, bus safety and orientation and nutri-

tion and health. Activities are provided for the children, including story time, crafts, a snack and orientation of the building.

The second installment of the program was held on February 7 at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

Sean Hanley, who will start kindergarten at Lehman-Jackson Elementary this fall, was worried he wouldn't know anyone when he got to school. But when he went to the program, Sean realized that some of his friends from pre-school

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IF YOU GO

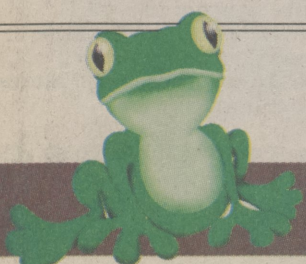
Kindergarten registration in the Lake-Lehman School District is scheduled as follows: Lehman-Jackson Elementary, Feb. 25; Lake-Noxen Elementary, Feb. 26; Ross Elementary, Feb. 27. Registration will be held at each school according to the following alphabetical order of the last name: 9 a.m., A-E; 10 a.m., F-J; 11 a.m., K-O; 1 p.m., P-S; 2 p.m., T-Z.

Kindergarten registration for both elementary schools in the Dallas School District will be held March 11 through 14 at Dallas Elementary School. The schedule is according to last name and is as follows: A-B, 1 to 4 p.m., March 11; C-F, 9-11:45 a.m., March 12; G-K, 1 to 4 p.m. March 12; L-O, 9 to 11:45 a.m., March 13; P-S, 1 to 4 p.m., March 13; T-Z, 9 to 11:45 a.m., March 14.



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Georgia Egan is pleased with a project her daughter, Riley, worked on at a kindergarten registration and orientation held at elementary schools in the Lake-Lehman School District.



Are you looking forward to celebrating a "real" birthday this Leap Year?

If so, The Dallas Post staff would like to talk to you. Call us at 970-7440 or e-mail us at news@mydallaspost.com.



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