

FEARS

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will be in kindergarten with him. Sean's mother, Lisa, is extremely nervous to send her first child to kindergarten and wonders if her son will adjust to the new environment and be able to do what is expected of him. She is also worried about school bus issues such as where Sean will sit, whether he will cry and bullying.

Some of Handley's qualms have been eased since she has been able to see the school building, meet teachers and the principal and receive educational exercises. The Jackson Township woman, however, is afraid that, as soon as Sean gets into a routine with school, teachers will go on strike again.

Jennifer Doran, of Lehman Township, is sending her first child, Justin, to kindergarten in September. She and Handley met at the program and chatted about sending their kids to school.

"We'll see each other for the next 20 years, maybe," Doran laughed.

Paul Jones, of Shavertown, is sending his first child, Erica, to kindergarten in the upcoming school year and feels the readiness program is great for both parents and children.

"It's a good program because it relieves any unnecessary stress they have," Jones said.

Kindergarten teacher Dara Lopasky went over math readiness and other things parents can do to prepare their children for school. She arranged math packets and activities for the kids and advised parents to go over shapes, colors, numbers, days of the week and months of the year. Lopasky also advised parents to



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Kindergarten registration went smoothly at Lake-Lehman.

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practice cutting and suggested they watch their child's grip of a pencil.

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GOODIES

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to volunteer," Good said. "I wish more people would volunteer. You're helping them, but it makes you feel better."

Those in attendance at the Meadows appeared to enjoy the performance. Emma Herman recently moved into the Meadows and saw The Goodtimers for the first time.

"I like music," she said. "This is great. I wasn't going to come, but I'm glad I did."

Wanda Romanowski, who lives at the Meadows, says the songs bring back loving memories of friends and family.

Resident Joe Gallagher says the older the song, the better it is. He recalls dancing the "Hoochie-Coochie."

"Once you do the 'Hoochie-Coochie,' you shake all the timbers," Gallagher said.

Many residents sang along to the songs from their younger years while others sat quietly in their chairs, listening intently to the music.

"Alzheimer's people don't respond to other things, but they respond to music," Prutzman said.

"This is fun and I think it's good for them to play happy music," Good said. "That's the big-



Jack Callahan engages Meadows resident Wanda Romanowski as part of The Goodtimers singing group.

gest joy - to see someone smile."

The Goodtimers' member base has changed over the years as many have died, including five within the past two years, and others have joined within recent years. What remains consistent, though, is the friendship among all the members. Outside of performing, The Goodtimers get together to play cards and socialize. Good says having a consistent activity is especially important when a person loses someone he or she loves.

"When my husband died, I was really feeling down in the dumps," she said. "It helps to have somewhere to go and do something good. That really helps to have that routine and not feel sorry for yourself."

In addition to playing at the Meadows once a month, The Goodtimers perform monthly at Mercy Center, The Village at

THE GOODTIMERS

Members of The Goodtimers who participated in the January 29 performance were Rita Good, Dallas; Victor Williams, Shavertown; Jack Callahan, Dallas; Louella Prutzman, Shavertown; Barbara Edwards, Lehman; Betty Doherty, Trucksville; Ann Balavage, Shavertown; Peggy Kleban, Dallas; Charlotte Marchakitus, Dallas; Irene Meren, Dallas. Absent were Roger Kuenzel, Kingston; Bill and Barbara Wentz, Dallas; and Lucy Sabatura, Shavertown.

Greenbriar in Dallas and Riverside Adult Daycare in Plains Township. They also play every year at the Meadows Auxiliary Market on the Pond fundraiser. Some sing in the Gate of Heaven Church Choir. Good, who is in the choir, also plays the organ at Mass at the Meadows and sings during an ecumenical service.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers

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ARTE	BART	HAREM	COMET
LOIS	ADAY	OHARA	AWARE
DONT	THINK	PLANIC	BENIN
ATSEA	PITET	NAB	ICE
ELMO	SKREW	BOISCHIT	
OPMEAS	SUPER	RIO	RUBIT
TKO	REIN	PINCE	MEAD
ARABLE	DIALECT	JOPLIN	
CALILA	ETRE	HOMER	LEE
AMPS	BEER	PEN	SAGE
SIMPLY	ASA	FRIEND	WHO
AGNE	ALP	SUE	TARIA
LIIT	BYLAW	TEEN	IMAGE
FORBES	FESALDI	EPILLO	
NORAH	WHEAT	UMPS	ADD
ALWAYS	JUST	THAPPIENS	
SPONSOR	TASK	RYAN	
PUP	LEWB	YOGA	PIRATE
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OAHU	ADAR	SEC
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Go Figure!

answers

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Eastern Star ladies making soup and Welsh cookies Feb. 23

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