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"I like art because you get to express yourself," she said.

Amy said she had the same reaction to art as a child, and she hopes the more exposure children get will encourage them to pursue art in the future.

"Art gave me an identity as a child," she said. "When I was younger I decided I wanted to be an artist and I never thought of doing anything else."

Five-year-old Heidi Williams of Tunkhannock feels the same way.

"When I grow up, I want to be an artist," she said.

She worked diligently on a clay model horse during the class, rolling thin strips of clay for each piece of the horse's mane. The budding artist said it was the first time she'd ever dabbled with the medium.

"I like horses because I take horse riding lessons," she said. "I like pottery because your fingers get all messy and it feels weird."

Amy, who has two teenage sons, said teaching children is very different from teaching adults.

"Kids still believe they can do anything," she said.

This was true of one of her sons. She said she used to bring her son to the studio as an infant, and once he was old enough to walk, he started to mix plaster all on his own.

"It was like he just knew what to do because he watched me," she said.

The students in the class were creative in other areas, too. Scott Williams, 11, of Tunkhannock, said if he wasn't at the class, he'd probably be at home playing with his Legos.

"I like that you can make anything," he said.

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his lawn—a Santa, some reindeer, a toboggan. But his prized possession is a wood cutout of Victorian-era ice skaters more than five feet tall that are highlighted by a spot light in his front yard.

"I usually make something every year," he said. "Between the tracing, cutting and painting it takes about five to six hours for one piece. Plus more time if you're thorough about sanding. And I'm thorough."

It's no surprise that the Dzanko home has gotten some attention due to Mike's efforts. They said people drive by and take pictures all the time, and they've even been nominated for the Kingston Township contest once before, in 2008.

"When we're in church people tease him about all the lights," said Joan, who said she isn't as involved in the lighting process as her husband. "They call him Clark Griswold."

It took Mike a few years to get the lighting equation just right. He started with red, green and blue lights, but wasn't impressed by their effect. Then he switched to light-emitting diode (LED) lights, but noticed a bluish tint in their appearance. Now he uses all-white midget twinkle lights, mostly strands but also some icicle-style strings.

While Mike said he wasn't able to do as much this year due to a knee injury, the home on Harris Hill Road is still the brightest on the block.

"It's nice to be nominated and to know somebody appreciates all the work," he said.

The Fords on Maple Leaf Road were also not expecting a nomination for their red, green- and white-lighted home, but then again, Darren and Tracy don't decorate for their own enjoyment—it's all about the kids.

"I love doing it for the excitement of the kids in the neighborhood," said Darren.

New to the Fords' festive décor are lit candy canes, which are placed in the ground in their front yard. Darren even decorated in the backyard of their home, which is part of his pre-Thanksgiving tradition.

The Dzanko, Ford and Golden families have a similarity despite their very differently decorated homes—they said the hours and efforts expended in lighting traditions are well worth it, even if there are busted bulbs and loose ladders.

"It takes hours of work, but it's a nice thing to do," Darren said.



Students who participated in a Veterans Day program at the Dallas Middle School are, from left, first row Jake Ross, Alexis Murdoch, Maddie Hurst and Abbie Bendick. Standing, Thomas Duffy, principal; Sue Holthaus, event organizer; Caroline Sheehan, Patrick Martin, John Emil Sr., Charlie Fleming, Ned Phodel, Rev. Bill Lewis and Matthew Barrett, assistant principal.

Students pay tribute to veterans

Students at the Dallas Middle School celebrated Veterans Day during their annual assembly.

Each student collected information about a veteran.

That information was then placed on a star and was hung from the ceiling in the lobby of the school. More than 600 stars were hung.

The students also participated in a writing contest. Students were assigned to simply write a "Thank-You" letter to a veteran and one letter from the

sixth, seventh and eighth-grade Dallas Middle School and her essay took honorable mention out of 19 schools from the Wyoming Valley.

The program featured a special speaker, Cpl. Patrick Martin, who shared his reasons for joining the Marines and experiences in Iraq.

The program also featured the Dallas Middle school select chorus singing the "Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless the U.S.A."

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rio. "The students took complete control over the situation."

The students also made handwritten thank-you and holiday cards to boost troops' spirits during the Christmas and New Years season.

Jobe Stepanski, 16, Sweet Valley, stayed behind one day to help finish packing up the donated items. He brought in some much-needed deodorant for the troops—a small price to pay for helping others while earning extra credit.

"They do so much for us," he said. "It's the least we could do."

Two eighth graders who aren't even in Candelario's class—Sarah Evans, 13, of Dallas and Kirsten Cope, 13, of Shavertown—also found a way to contribute. They made a large sign on poster board to direct students' donations to a certain area in the classroom.

They also helped out after school with whatever Candelario had for them to do.

"I didn't think it would get this big," said Candelario. "I was like, 'Where did this come from?'"

And even though Candelario said the students' generosity made her a lot "nicer" in class, it hasn't put a hold on classroom activity during school hours.

"Oh, chemistry never sleeps," she said.



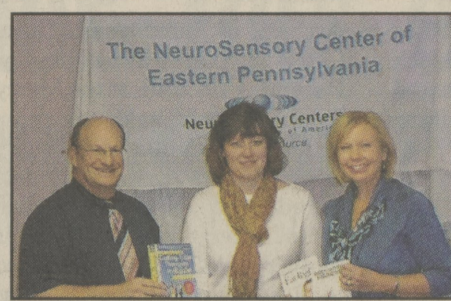
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ABOVE: Colleen O'Callaghan, Sarah Spess and Colleen McCoy pack food and other items into boxes on their way to troops serving in Afghanistan.

TOP: The following students, in Cecilia Candelario's science classes at Lake-Lehman, participated in a food and gift drive to be sent to troops in Afghanistan: Colleen McCoy, Stephanie Cunningham, Mikayla Orrson, Sarah Spess, Colleen O'Callaghan, science teacher Cecilia Candelario, Kyle Fine, teacher Amanda Boice Ashley Metz, Jake Winters, Justin Partington, David Blejwas, Eyanna Gruver and principal Douglas Klopp

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The NeuroSensory Center of Eastern Pennsylvania donated books on picky eating and autism to Misericordia University. From left are Dr. Jeffrey Becker, Jennifer Luks and Sheila Becker.

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