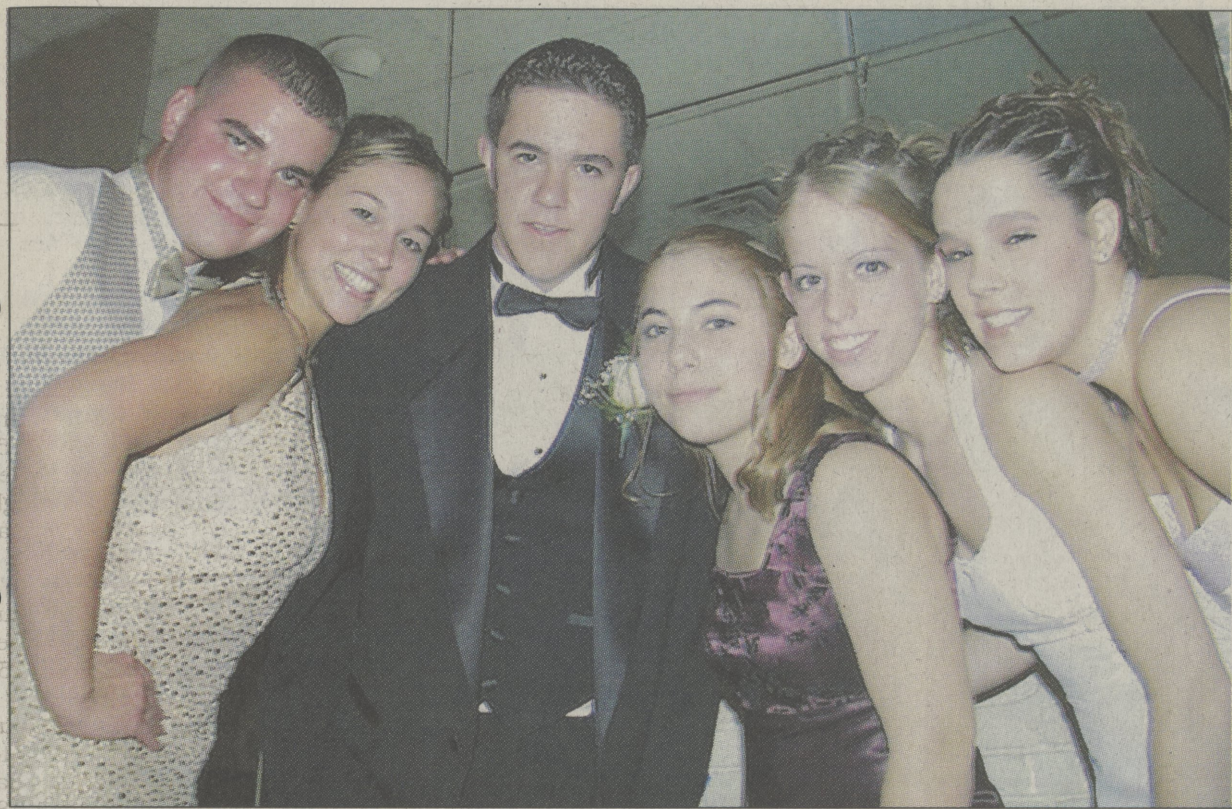


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May 30: Smiling for the camera at the Dallas High School junior/senior prom, from left; Brad Balutis, Casey Novajosky, Ron Boback, Sarah Nulton, Roxanne Mahle and Amber Koes.

Church completed a project to provide the "Vial of Life" to 500 families. The packages contain pill bottles, emergency information sheets, wallet cards and window decals.

SPORTS - The Lake-Lehman boys volleyball team advanced to the state playoffs for the ninth straight year. This is the 25th season the team has finished with a winning record.

wasn't the end of her involvement with sports. She has spent 40 years as a player, coach, manager and clinician of field hockey and lacrosse. Her service was acknowledged with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Killer Bees Athletic Club.

DALLAS - Four way stop signs were installed at the intersection of Pioneer Ave. and Overbrook Rd. Safety at the intersection, at

on the wanted list of top colleges and universities. In addition to being an outstanding student, she is among the top swimmers in the state, having led Hoban to the state championship.

July 4: LEHMAN - Plans are moving forward for a regional recreation complex, but not everyone is convinced it will be best for them. Jack Snyder, president of Back Mountain Baseball, said his organization would prefer to buy the fields they now rent from the school district rather than move to the new complex.



June 20: Rain didn't stop these women of Gate of Heaven Church from selling hundreds of pierogis at the annual bazaar. From left; Marie Belasco, Dorothy Kolankiewicz and Irene Michaels.

June 6: HARVEYS LAKE - The sprawling mansion built by Al Morrow is no more. The house had been listed for sale at \$1.3 million in 1996, but had dropped to \$850,000. A realtor's fact sheet listed annual taxes as \$19,422 and heating costs of \$14,000.

DALLAS - The school budget for 2001-2002 projects a tax increase of 9 percent, requiring a millage hike to 190 from 174. Projected revenues are estimated at \$1 million less than expenditures.

TRUCKSVILLE - "Mr. Stajewski is the man!" shouted Troop 155 Boy Scouts. The veteran leader was stepping down as Scoutmaster.

SPORTS - Dallas won the District 2, Class AA baseball championship with a 3-1 victory over Meyers. The Mountaineers dropped their first playoff game, 4-3, to Phoenixville.

June 13: LEHMAN - The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced a \$500,000 grant to help build a new regional recreation center. The Back Mountain Recreation Association has earmarked 130 acres of land along Outlet and Firehouse roads for the complex.

DALLAS - Kevin Burkhardt, a Penn State senior from Dallas, arrived in Caracas, Venezuela to help people find alternative sources of income. He is going as a member of the Global Intern Program.

SPORTS - Four Back Mountain players helped the Wyoming Seminary tennis team win the state championship. They were: Neil "Buddy" Shah, Jordan Koslosky, Tye Morris and Eric Feinstein.

June 20: SHAVERTOWN - Homeowners in the Sleepy Hollow subdivision came to the Kingston Twp. supervisors' meeting with concerns that the development might never be finished. "Nothing has happened in the course of several years," said Daniel Tuck. Atty. Ben Jones III said the performance bond on the project had recently been increased to \$100,000, which could be used to make repairs.

HARVEYS LAKE - Marge Garinger won a bronze medal at the 1984 Olympics, but that

which the streets do not meet squarely, has been a concern for many years.

June 27: SHAVERTOWN - After 75 years in Shavertown, St. Paul's Lutheran Church moved to new quarters in Dallas Township. Many parishioners walked the three miles from the old church to the new one.



June 27: Lauren Kelly carried the Bible out of the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown, starting its journey to the new church building in Dallas Township.

LEHMAN - Brian Katyl, Dallas, Cheryl Cavaleri, Trucksville, and Charles Ghilani, Ph.D were given the Hayfield Awards for outstanding contributions to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus and the community.

DALLAS - Liz Byron, who recently completed her junior year at Bishop Hoban High School, is

counselors at Dallas Middle School must spend so much time with special education students, others are shortchanged, said Raelene Olszewski, chairperson of the department.

July 18: DALLAS - Bryan Kocis, charged with rape, statutory sexual assault and other crimes, was released on bail the day af-

ter he was arrested. The charges stemmed from Kocis's involvement with a 15-year-old boy from the Allentown area.

KINGSTON TWP. - The Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company will be getting a new pumper truck. It is expected to arrive in October.

SPORTS - Matt Dragon of Harveys Lake, wrestling for the Benton Tiger Wrestling Club, won the freestyle division at the state wrestling championships. He also finished second in the Greco-Roman division.

July 25: LAKE TWP. - Appearing before an angry audience, the board of supervisors dissolved the police force effective July 31. State police will then serve the town.

DALLAS - It's been rumored for years: Wal-Mart is coming to the Back Mountain. But both a Wal-Mart spokesman and the owner of land it was reputed to be constructed on said there's no deal in the works.

LEHMAN - A new conceptual plan for the proposed Back Mountain Sports and Recreation Complex contained fewer baseball fields, apparently as a result of Back Mountain Baseball's preference to remain in Dallas.

August 1: ROSS TWP. - A 14-year-old girl was killed when the all-terrain vehicle she was riding with an 11-year-old boy crashed into a tree.

LEHMAN - A state official urged Lake-Lehman school board members to put a referen-



June 27: Cassandra Backes slid under the tag during a Back Mountain softball game.

ough police are asking for help from citizens to stop a wave of burglaries. Chief John Fowler pleaded for anyone seeing suspicious activity to call 911.

ROSS TWP. - The renovated Ross Elementary School will not be ready for the opening of school. Students will start the year at either Lake-Noxen or Lehman-Jackson, then return to Ross after two weeks.

DALLAS - Ruth Tetschner, former principal of Dallas Elementary School, is one of the people running for a chance to review and reform Luzerne County government. She is on the November ballot as a candidate for one

Six juveniles were charged with more than 20 thefts and three burglaries in the township. Five of the suspects were 14 years old and one was 13.

TRUCKSVILLE - The "White Church on the Hill," Trucksville United Methodist, launched a major expansion project of its education building that would include a larger food bank. The Trucksville Nursery School enrolls 140 children.

DALLAS - Retired from her business, J&J Deli, Jan Wertman has branched out into a new venture, taking up painting. "It is quite a surprise to myself that I can do this," she said.

September 13: LEHMAN - A "rotten thief" stole the cash box containing about \$500 from the Harveys Lake Lions Club booth at the Luzerne County Fair. The money represented about half the club's profits.

DALLAS - Members of the Dallas Junior Mountaineers and Kingston Township Raiders football teams and their parents filled the meeting room at the school board meeting to ask permission to play games on the high school field. The teams had been playing on the middle school field.

KINGSTON TWP. - A prospective buyer of the former Westmoreland School hopes to convert the building to office use. But first he must get a zoning variance, since the property is designated R-1 residential.

September 20: REGION - The Back Mountain responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Students created patriotic art projects, flags appeared everywhere and a blood drive tripled its goal. In New York,

Dave Townsend saw it all from his post on the 15th floor of the American Stock Exchange, while Helen Speziale, in New York for a conference, and was swept up in the chaos that followed the attacks.

A service and prayer vigil held on the shore of Harveys Lake attracted hundreds of participants.

September 27: DALLAS - The people of the Back Mountain continued to express their empathy with the victims of the terrorist attacks while drawing to-



July 4: Pat Murray tried to pull a u-turn in the Back Mountain Baseball championship game when he arrived at home plate and found Cale Charney waiting for him. Murray's Cardinals won on a dramatic home run by Dylan Seeley.

dum on tax reform on the next available ballot, so that voters could decide its merits. He suggested that the state's Act 50, which allows reduction of property taxes, was worth pursuing.

SPORTS - The father-son team of Tom and Lynn Kilduff won the 2001 Potentate tournament at Irem Temple Country Club, carding a score of 68.

August 8: JACKSON TWP. - People living in the vicinity of a group home on Smith Pond Rd. were on edge after Warren Renza, who lived there, escaped and broke into the Morris home on Jackson Church Rd. The Morris discovered the break-in when they returned from a vacation.

VERNON - It was blueberry time! Sue Alta took a break from picking at Sickler's Blueberry Farm to share her recipe for jam.

REGION - Sean Robbins was the top local finisher in the 20th annual Wilkes-Barre Triathlon. Dozens of Back Mountain residents competed in the event, and dozens more volunteer to pull it off.

SPORTS - It took two games, but Back Mountain American downed National to win the Kubis baseball tournament for 11-year-olds. Matt Ruch had the key hit — a grand slam home run — in the final game.

August 15: HARVEYS LAKE - Wherever he goes, "Hot Dog Bob" Prescott stirs controversy. This time his cart was set up on a lot between Jones's Pancake House and Damien's restaurant, both of whom complained about it to borough officials.

HARVEYS LAKE - Graduates of the classes between 1952 and 1959 at Lake-Noxen High School got together to share stories and comradeship. The school existed for only those years. "We wouldn't miss it. We're a close-knit class," said Bernard Dendler, who travels to the reunion from Winthrop, New York.

SPORTS - The Back Mountain Big League all-star softball team wound up their careers with a second place finish in the state playoffs. The 17- and 18-year-old players had been together through seven seasons.

August 22: DALLAS - Bor-

of 11 members on a study committee.

August 29: DALLAS - Stephanie Card, a Lake-Lehman graduate, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 of the American Legion. The Legion gives annual scholarships to graduates attending two-year technical programs. Since Card was the only qualified applicant this year, the Legion gave follow-up \$500 scholarships to last year's five recipients.

REGION - "Drivers are nuts!" said Erika McKeown, Dallas, who gets around on a bicycle. She and other riders commented



July 11: Sonia Manzano, "Maria" from Sesame Street, paid a visit to the 55th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. A signed Sesame Street book was bought for Kimberly Fowler, who said the character had inspired her to study Spanish.

on the lack of "bike-friendly" roads in the Back Mountain, made more dangerously by careless drivers.

SPORTS - Samantha Laskowski, 15, Harveys Lake, won her second consecutive gold medal at the Keystone State Games in Johnstown. The victory qualifies her for the State Games of American, to be held in 2003.

September 5: JACKSON TWP.

gether. A special ecumenical service held at College Misericordia combined mourning and comfort. "There are more than 6,000 stories," said Rev. Chuck Naugle. "One is enough to break your heart."

KINGSTON TWP. - After 13 years, Jeff Box announced he would step down as township manager to accept a position as