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School —

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on the wooden second floor planks and measures out his steps to show exactly where he sat as a boy.

"I always sat right here so no one could see me but they found me anyway," says Kovalick. He has become an accomplished artist and provides a six-week art class which is held on the second floor of the school. His lessons are free but there is a \$5 charge per student to pay for electricity and upkeep.

"It's a way to give back to the community and we are very proud of him," says Pauley.

Florence Wright Faux graduated in 1937. "I'm one of the old ones," she says. "It was like one big family in this valy, it really was."

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Florence Wright Faux 1937 graduate

2 Ione Sorber Burnell, came from the Hudson Valley area of New York. Her father was a lumberman and lived on Sorber Mountain.

"We went to the 'Rock School' in Ruggles and then they told us we had to come here," she said. "You could never do that these days, but the teachers were wonderful. Mrs. Engleman and Mrs. Thomas could get anyone to do anything — they had a way about them at this school."

Cathie Engleman Pauley and her sister, Ann Lee Engleman Hanson, of course, agree heir mother was special. The Engleman family boarded the teachers in their house and their father fell in love with Catherine Hewitt, who came to teach at the school.

"We are very proud of the part our family (Engleman) had in starting this town and keeping it up," says Pauley.

could be a feeling of anxiety for those who move away. "I think you're sheltered in a small town because when you do go somewhere else, it's strange not to know everyone



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The Lord sisters, now Bobbie Lewis and Bev Allen, came from Oak Island, N.C. and Endicott, N.Y. to the open house and reunion, held Aug. 22 at the old Noxen School.



Wordhorde -

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limited to 10 minutes and will be available on a firstcome, first-served basis.

"We're trying for something unique here," said Kryston. "That's why even the name, Wordhorde, is special to us."

The library will be transformed into a casual coffeehouse atmosphere for the night and a show of local art will be on display.

Last year's Harvest Festival was so successful that this year's committee decided it was unnecessary to pay for any on-air radio advertising.

"We had between four and five thousand people show up last year and a lot of those people couldn't say enough good things about it," said Rich Fufaro, committee chair. "We think many of those people will come this year and so will a lot of people who heard about what they missed."

Dallas Days' activities will continue on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19 with lots of other highlights. There will be children's events from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and a sort of Homecoming Dance will be held at Irem Temple Country Club on Saturday evening.

"Tickets are now available for the dance and must be purchased ahead of time," said Fufaro. "Irem needs to have an exact number, so there won't be any tickets sold at the door."

The \$20 per person tickets can be purchased at Hilbert's Equipment, Ochman Jewelers, Chuck Robbins Sporting Goods, the library, and the Dallas Borough office. "They

Dallas Days and Harvest Festival Sept. 17-19

Fri., Sept. 17: 'Wordhorde' at the library 7-9 p.m.. Sign up Mon., Sept. 13

Sat., Sept. 18, Children's festival 1-4 p.m.

Homecoming dance, Irem Temple Country Club Sun., Sept. 19, Harvest Festival 1-6 p.m., Main Street 'Kiss the Pig' ballots now on sale

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The next committee meeting will be Wed., Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Borough building. New volunteers are welcome.

can even call the Borough building and send a check to order tickets. We'll have a will call table at the dance."

The Harvest Festival committee will begin meeting weekly at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the Borough building. "We have had a wonderful turnout of volunteers so far, but we can always use more help," said Fufaro. Anyone interested in volunteering just needs to attend a meeting.

"Tm really excited about it. We're going to have 65 booths this year and they are all taken already. We'll have more food vendors this year, too."

Watch for the signs to start appearing throughout Dallas. Catch the spirit and reserve the weekend of September 17-19 for this year's Dallas Days celebration.

Walking

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Coalition partnered to clean up that area during the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup, and the Luzerne County Conservation District planted native vegetation along the creek banks. The anticipated walking and biking trail will follow the creek from Dallas center to Pickett's Charge restaurant on West Center Hill Road. Judy Rimple, President of the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, will be on hand to answer questions about the trail, and artists' renderings of the proposed site will also be on display.

Anyone with archival photos of Dallas Borough, or information pertaining to any of Lake Street's numerous historically significant properties should contact Historic Walking Tour chairperson Carol Wall at 675-4242.

you see," says Hanson. Comfortingly, she can ehail her best friend, Emily Schenck Dendler, every day, and does, she says. "It's like we are never separated."

Robert Belles was a beloved student, teacher, principal and superintendent of the school until 1956, when the high school was moved to Harveys Lake.



Cathie Engleman Pauley, left, returned to the school where her mother taught. Daughter Gennifer Pauley and friend Michael Nalbone helped decorate for the reunion.



lone "Pony" Sorber Burnell explains to Ann Lee Engleman Hanson who everyone in a photo is.



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Charles Kovalick left the school in 1956. He now teaches an evening art class there. Students Garrett Hopfer and brother Matthew, Noxen, showed their work at an art exhibit upstairs.

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Carol Wall, left, is leading the committee that is preparing a historic walking tour during the Dallas Harvest Festival

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