



Frank Oliver, of Tunkhannock, promenades his wife and dance partner, Merriel.

## Dances raises \$\$\$ to restore old school

It was a swing your partner kind of dance recently at the Noxen School as the Noxen Historical Community Association sponsored one of many dances it hosts throughout the year. According to Cathie Pauley, association president, the group sponsors several square dances throughout the year, as well as several disc jockey dances for the younger set.

Approximately 86 dancers attended the dance, raising a little more than \$300 for the organization which uses the money to restore the old Noxen School, a nationally-registered historical building.



This is his first dance in 50 years, says Earl Smith Doyle, of Noxen, as he takes Raylean Kisner, of Springville, for a spin on the dance floor.

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This brooch is being offered by the Tunkhannock Business & Professional Association during Christmas in Our Home Town on Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8.

## Brooch raffle benefits TBPA

A one-of-a-kind original brooch/pendant has been commissioned by the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association to depict Tunkhannock's Christmas in Our Home Town. Designed and crafted by jewelry artist Char Overturf, the brooch features the Avery Mountain skyline above the Susquehanna River with the Christmas Star shining in the sky above the mountains.

The brooch, which can be worn as either a pin or a pendant, is encircled in sterling silver. Avery Mountain is crafted in 14-carat gold and the skyline above the mountain is sterling

silver. The Susquehanna River is a blue, hand-cut Sodalite gemstone and the Christmas Star is a vintage one carat Linde Blue Star Sapphire. The brooch measures 1.75" in diameter and has an estimated value of \$1995.

The inscription on the back reads "Christmas in Our Home Town 2007," Tunkhannock, PA, and is signed and numbered 01/01. The one-of-a-kind, first ever Christmas in Our Home Town piece of jewelry is on display at the Beagle Pub & Eatery window, 21 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock.

The piece is being raffled by the Tunkhannock Business and

Professional Association with raffle tickets available from any of the 107 members of the association.

Christmas in Our Home Town takes place from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

The Christmas in Our Home Town planning committee expects to host upwards of 5,000 visitors to the area during the two-day event, produced by the Tunkhannock Business and Professional Association (TBPA). For more information, contact TBPA at 836-0765.

## Dallas senior wants to be source of knowledge to school district community



Dallas and, with this insight, I hope to become a source of knowledge to the community.

My main goal for this column is to recognize those students and administrators who are the unsung achievers of Dallas High School, those students who excel academically and strive for something more through academic achievement.

Within the first few months of the school year, Dallas has experienced great change, as well as become engaged in preparation for even greater change. As high school Principal Mr. Jeffrey Shaffer acknowledged, "I am thrilled about the year; I think we've made a significant turn in the right direction."

Due to overcrowding in the cafeteria, Dallas students were introduced to a new schedule, one in which students are assigned to one of three lunches. This new system required a shift from two flex periods in the middle of the day to one as the final activity of the day. Although not ideal, the new system solved a variety of problems associated with lunch time in Dallas High's cafeteria.

In addition to a new schedule, Dallas has instituted a variety of unique elements to its course selection and student programs. Among these additions are an innovative freshman orientation program, an original discipline committee, a student concerns committee, a cohort of qualified new staff members

and two additional modular classrooms on the premises.

Organizations such as the Student Concerns Committee which is comprised of Student Council and class officers, according to Mr. Shaffer, gives "students a voice...because they should have a say in the programs and events that affect them."

Through continued academic excellence and additional student opportunities, Mr. Shaffer hopes to one day mold Dallas into the area's premier school, both academically and athletically. Being new to Dallas, he has thus far done an exceptional job in achieving that goal.

While the administrators have been hard at work at improving the school environment, Dallas High's students have been grasping opportunities and excelling.

Attending its first tournament early this November, the forensics team upheld its tradition of excellence. Lauren Kelly took first Place in Dramatic Performance, the team of Chris Jayne and Adam Blockus certificated Dramatic Performance and Dave Hunter certificated in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Four high school students were also rewarded for their educational success in the first quarter of the school year by being named Students of the Quarter. Virginia Reinert was given the title of Creative Student, Stacey Stepniak was named Citizen Student, Kris Harger earned the label of School Spirit Student and Matthew Glicini was named Student Achiever.

As noted, Dallas is making significant strides toward future improvement. In a committee run by Principal Shaffer and Superintendent

Galicki deemed the New Building Committee, plans are being crafted for the new high school. Hoping to construct both an environmentally sound and efficient school, the committee has been honing out the fine details of the building.

A tentative plan includes technical education resources, a gymnasium three thousand square feet larger than the original, a larger library and a building twice the size of the current high school. Many of these projects will receive grant money after evaluation with the LEED Scale, a grant designed to encourage energy efficiency.

With the leadership of Mr. Shaffer and other administrators, the new building, due to be completed in August of 2010, should breed great success.

Finally, all community members should be reminded that Dallas will auction off a quilt on December 12, 2007. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and can be obtained by contacting district Home and School Visitor Mr. Swithers. If you are able, please purchase a ticket as all proceeds go towards the assistance of struggling district families during the holiday season.

I look forward to delivering the news to you, the members of the Back Mountain community, through the entirety of this year. Hopefully, I can grant you insight into district events and open your eyes to the great achievements of our individual students.

Rosemary Shaver is a senior at Dallas High School. Her column appears every other week in The Dallas Post.

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

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#### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

ELBA	DAH	CHEF
TEAMMATE	HELL	
CUSTOMER	EASE	
RAP	ELATED	
BLOAT	SWAP	
BEAK	EPITOME	
CIS	SMOTE	ITS
STOMACH	ANNO	
PUNK	AVIAN	
BODEGA	ONE	
EDEN	TOMORROW	
ROLL	EVENTIDE	
TREY	DAN	SPED

#### Go Figure!

answers

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