

MOTHER

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petite, bouncy woman and her children are a study in contrasts, visually and statistically, in a county that claims a 2.5 percent black population. The Back Mountain population has an even smaller racial mix.

The Schapperts have met one of their children's birth mothers and stay in contact with both, according to the birth mothers' pre-determined schedules and preferences for contact. The family sends cards and letters to the birth mothers as often as every three months.

Amy thinks the birth mothers are much too important to her children for them not to have relationships with them. "Openness is never a bad

thing," she says, adding that she wishes there was more contact, even visits from the birth moms.

"Absolutely," she adamantly exclaims. "It just makes sense. I'd hate to have them wonder about their children. Many people in the Back Mountain might not agree with our choices. We run into these people all the time.

"We try to educate people about our adoption and we'll teach our children to deal with it all," Amy added. "We are very aware."

For now, the Schappert children are just that - children. The questions of life have little to do with the color of their skin. They choose their friends based on who is the most fun to be with and have been made to feel special, knowing their biological mothers cared enough to give them such special homes.



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Fifth-grade students from Dallas Elementary School and Wycallis Elementary School get together for a dance at the middle school where they will be students next year.

DANCE

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was a parent chaperone at the dance and watched his daughter, Abbie, dance with friends nearby.

"I always kid her I was going to come to take care of the boys," Bendick joked. "To bring the schools together is a good idea so when they're in middle school, they'll know each other better."

September Myers came to the event because she wanted to dance. She and her friends, Autumn Everding and Alisa McCabe, all of Dallas Elemen-

tary, were socializing and are excited about their first day of middle school.

Sarah Fasulka, Sydney Emershaw and Milan Novak, all students at Wycallis Elementary, support the dance. The girls are also thinking about middle school.

"I'm having a really good time," Fasulka said during the dance. "It's really fun. I'm looking forward to how you can go from class to class without being in the same room all day."

"Yeah, we finally get lockers," Emershaw said.

Traver proposes that both Parent-Teacher Organizations think of new ideas for next year's fifth-grade students to get together.

Rebecca Grey will be honored at TUMC

The Trucksville United Methodist Church will honor Rebecca Platt Grey on Sunday, May 18, for her 50 years (1935-1985) as a devoted Sunday School teacher.

Grey also served 16 years as a staff member of the Trucksville Nursery School where she shared her gifts and graces with the community at large and became a positive influence in the lives of countless more 3 & 4 year olds.

In recognition of her recent 90th birthday celebration and in gratitude for her many years of service and devotion to both church and community, Grey will be honored by the placement of a marker on the church's "Tree of Life."

This has been made possible

through many generous gifts received from her family, former students and colleagues and friends from both her church and the local community. These gifts have been given to the Trucksville UMC Building Campaign Fund, which is being used to pay for the new church school and nursery school educational facility.

The marker will be unveiled during a reception to be held at 10 a.m. in the North Wing lobby of the William & Melba Dickson Educational Facility. A special time of recognition will also be included in the 11 a.m. worship service. Members of the public are welcome to attend the events of this special day and share in this celebration.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM



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Josh Simonovich and his date, Carol Wengen, share a moment together before entering the Dallas High School Junior/Senior Prom at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre last Saturday evening.

'Fire and Ice' prom

"Fire and Ice" was the theme for the annual Dallas High School Junior/Senior Prom last Saturday at the Genetti Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre. Students danced to the music of DJ Ron and selected Morgan Kunkle as Prom Queen and Christian Sot as Prom King. Members of the Prom Court are Kara Musto and Preston Balavage, Kayla Turchin and Chris McAndrew, Rui Han and Alex Slocum, Mariel Adams and Colin Grube.



Frank Kotowicz was all decked out with a top hat for the Dallas Junior/Senior prom Saturday night and Ally Howard wanted to make sure the hat sat straight on his head.

Kasia Szulborski, left, hugs Aly Szulborski upon her arrival at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. The girls, who are not related, were attending the Dallas High School Junior/Senior Prom last Saturday night.



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