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Students from the first Musical Theater Academy who will present "And They Lived Happily Ever After" next weekend at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse in Swoyersville, are, from left, first row, Billy Balasavage Jr, Therese Restaino, Katharine Moran and Alashanee Bauer. Second row, Grace Rychwalski, Rebecca Stull, Amanda Foote, Carleena Wozniak and Jonathan Wallace. Third row, Mary Kate Smith, Ryan Hertel, Christina Musto and Laura Blackwell. Fourth row, Eric Werbin and R. J. May.

Students live 'happily ever after'

Students from the first Musical Theater Academy will present "And They Lived Happily Ever After," an evening of theater, song and dance at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

The program will consist of dramatic monologues, dances choreographed by Bernardine Vojtko and a one-act musical

performed by 20 area teenagers, ages 13 to 18.

Back Mountain residents involved in the production include Amanda Foote, 13, of Trucksville, Dallas Middle School, who plays "Maleficent"; Rebecca Stull, 14, of Dallas, Dallas Middle School, who plays "Fauna," the fairy godmother; Therese Restaino, 16, of Shavertown, Lake-Lehman High School, who plays Snow White; Ryan Hertel, 14, of Shavertown,

Dallas High School, who plays Prince Charming; Katharine Moran, 15, of Trucksville, Dallas High School, who plays the evil queen; and Jonathan Wallace, 14, of Trucksville, Dallas High School, who plays Chester the Jester.

Admission prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and \$8 for children 12 years of age and younger. For more information and reservations, call 283-2195.

Graduation brings change, opportunity



FRIDAY, JUNE 13, marked the final day the seniors of Dallas High School walked through the school's doors as students. For on that date, they graduated.

It has been said that all good things must come to an end, and although some might be perplexed by this transparently absurd notion, it is not so strange a thought. For it is in these solemn conclusions that the doors of change and opportunity are thrust open. Thus the seniors of Dallas depart the high school, sealing a single portion of their lives, only to embark down a new, alternative, path. So, as we say our final farewell to Dallas High School, we do so with both reverence for the place which has harbored our intellectual growth for the last four years, as well as with joy for the marvels to come in our further academic, career and life pursuits.

After a week of preparation for the event and over a decade of educational preparation, the graduation ceremony was conducted to near perfection and 229 graduating seniors received their diplomas. Speeches were delivered by the class officers, as well as the class valedictorian Diana Smith and salutatorian Christopher Jayne. Additionally, Jillian Spring ranked third in the class and, along with Diana and Christopher, was awarded a Gelson Scholarship. In general, the affair was a memorable one.

The two weeks previous to graduation were not lacking for

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grand activities and events. On Sunday, June 1, the honors banquet kicked off the end of the year as seniors and underclassmen were recognized for their academic achievements throughout the year.

That following Friday, June 6, the high school hosted a Senior Olympics for the students and, in the scorching sun, the seniors were able to relish in their first day absent of school, as this marked the beginning of the week-long period in which seniors were unofficially finished with high school.

Baccalaureate was then held on Sunday, June 8. The next day, a large group of seniors and faculty members traveled to Knoebel's Amusement Park in the 90-degree weather to take a much-needed break from the world of academia. Although it was almost unbearably hot, all who attended had a memorable time at the park.

In the remaining days leading up to graduation, the students arrived at school for a few hours of practice for the ceremony and attended the Senior Banquet on Wednesday, June 12. Faculty members of Dallas High School sincerely made their best effort to make the final days of high school memorable for the Class of 2008. Some took advantage of the memories being handed to them and, while others failed to participate, those who took ad-

vantage are sure to have a memory inscribed within their minds and hearts. The faculty and administration, especially senior class advisors, Mrs. Drayer and Mr. Gilroy, should be commended for making it all possible as well as senior high principal Mr. Shaffer and vice-principal Mr. Bradshaw.

Although seniors said a permanent farewell to Dallas High School, others are simply making a temporary departure from the school. So it is only natural that I regress back to the student body as a whole to recognize the fourth quarter students of the quarter. Senior Jenna Stanish was named Creative Student, Junior Molly Gilligan was awarded the title of Citizen Student, Senior Jason Darling was labeled School Spirit Student and Senior Andrew Judge was named Student Achiever.

Finally, as I am among those seniors who graduated this past Friday, I would like to extend thanks to The Dallas Post for allowing me to contribute columns throughout this year, as well as to all those who read my articles and assisted me with encouragement. Additionally, I wish to congratulate members of the Class of 2008 for completing their schooling and wish them luck in their future pursuits, as well as thank the people, teachers, parents, friends and family who had a hand in shaping who we are today and who we are destined to become.

Rosemary Shaver is a member of the Class of 2008 of Dallas High School. She has been a columnist for The Dallas Post for several years.

KING'S COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Dr. Nicholas A. Holodick, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, recently announced the following Back Mountain residents have qualified for the Spring 2008 dean's list, having achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or higher:

Adam Barry, Trucksville; Lisa Boucher, Dallas; Justin Carder, Shavertown; Christina Dennis, Shavertown; Lauryn Ference, Shavertown; Michael Gergel, Shavertown; Tiffany Gergel, Sha-

vertown; Alyssa Gill, Shavertown; Elizabeth Graber, Dallas; James Heffers, Dallas; Alexander Kish, Shavertown; Gracjan Kraszewski, Dallas; and Jonathan Krywicki, Shavertown.

Also, John Leahigh, Dallas; Nicole Macri, Dallas; Jessica McGlinchey, Dallas; Gracemarie Mike, Shavertown; Alyse Miller, Dallas; Alyssa Miller, Shavertown; Janine Mitkus, Shavertown; Laura Mould, Dallas; Thomas Parrish, Dallas; Kathleen Paley, Shaver-

town; Kimberly Peron, Shavertown; Paulina Posatko, Dallas; Rachael Pugh, Dallas; and Lauren Pyskoly, Dallas.

Also, Mary Roman, Shavertown; Robert Rostock, Shavertown; Jessica Ryan, Dallas; Noreen Sariah, Dallas; James Savitski, Shavertown; Jamie Sulewski, Dallas; Melissa Supczenski, Trucksville; Camille Valvano, Dallas; Laura Williams, Shavertown; Mark Yanchik, Dallas; and Mark Yankowski, Shavertown.

MUDEAN'S LIST

Back Mountain residents named to the dean's list at Misericordia University for the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year are as follows:

Jeffrey Balara, Shavertown; Cheri Balmer, Dallas; Alyssa Bierbach, Hunlock Creek; Abigail Bomboy, Dallas; Brandi Brace, Hunlock Creek; Lisa Bressler, Wyoming; John Bucha III, Dallas; Jessica Cashner, Hunlock Creek; Tamara Chinikaylo, Dallas; Elizabeth Clements, Shavertown; Jamie Coleman, Harveys Lake; Sallyann Cusma, Dallas.

Also, Bethany Daron, Shavertown; Todd Desando, Dallas; Kelly Dougherty, Shavertown; Shannon Elqorchi, Harveys Lake; William Evans, Shavertown; Ashlee Fagula, Dallas; Sean Feeley, Harveys Lake; Tuchana Ford, Dallas; Nichole Garinger, Hunlock Creek; Elwood Groner III, Dallas; Justine Hallenbeck, Harveys Lake; Tiffany Harris, Noxen; Shawn Hughes, Dallas.

Also, Kristell Janusz, Hunlock Creek; Rachel Kahn, Shavertown; Regina Kapral, Trucksville; Melissa Kapsick, Shavertown; Carissa Kasa, Shavertown; Alicia Kelley, Harveys Lake; Raymond Kline, Hunlock Creek; Alicia Koepke, Hunlock Creek; Kimberly Kotsulski, Wyoming; Amy Kozick, Shavertown; Michael Kroidler, Hunlock Creek; Kaitlin La France, Dallas; Benardette Lawler, Harveys Lake; George Lazur, Dallas; Ashlee Leonard, Shavertown; Hillary Lipinski, Dallas; Alexandria Litchkofski, Hunlock Creek; Joan Luksa, Dallas; Albert Lyons III, Wyoming.

Also, Thomas Mahoney, Noxen; Ronda Manganiello, West Wyoming; Jill Marchakitus, Hunlock Creek; Noelle Mc Kay, Harveys Lake; John Mc Mullen, Shavertown; Donna Menig, Dallas; Michael Mikolajczyk, Hunlock Creek; Lori Miller, Hunlock Creek; Cheryl Montigney, Hunlock Creek; Katharine Niezgodna, Shavertown; Courtney Novajosky,

Noxen; John O'Bell, Dallas; Meredith Ohl, Dallas; Kelly O'Hop, Wyoming; Julianne Oliver, Dallas; Brenda Orehot-sky, Dallas.

Also, Bonnie Paluski, West Wyoming; Lisa Perugno, Dallas; Carl Postupak, Dallas; Kirstie Powell, Dallas; Heidi Price, Hunlock Creek; Maria Rakowski, Hunlock Creek; Robin Razawich, Dallas; Pamela Roberts, Shavertown; Amy Ruda, Dallas; Sarah Rupert, Dallas; Leena Sariah, Dallas; Amy Scott, Wyoming; David Spears, Trucksville; Lisa Stein, Harveys Lake; Mai Stine, Shavertown; Sara Stull, Dallas; Morgan Swan, Harveys Lake.

Also, Jonathan Taylor, Wyoming; Susan Thomas, Harveys Lake; Helen Wallace, Hunlock Creek; Phyllis Walter, Harveys Lake; Ashley Wolanski, Shavertown; Michael Wy-

berski, Dallas; Joseph Wyberski, Dallas; Kaytlin Yachim, Dallas; Frank Yamrick, Dallas; and Stephen Zubko, Dallas.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

BMT residents honored at Seminary

Wyoming Seminary presented awards to 24 outstanding Lower School students at the annual eighth-grade graduation ceremony held May 29 on the Lower School campus in Forty Fort. Back Mountain residents who were award winners are Jane Henry, Shavertown, The Marjorie Harvey Smith Award (outstanding conduct, white team) and The William M. Powell Prize (loyalty and school spirit); Joseph Kapolka, Dallas, The Paul Kafritsen Memorial Computer Award; Benjamin Puza, Tunkhannock, The Peter Drapiewski Memorial Prize (integrity and intellectual promise); Margaret Rupp, Dallas, The Mary Mazzitelli

Memorial Music Leadership Award; and Emma Spath, Shavertown, The Karen Smulowitz memorial Poetry Prize.

KHS graduates urged to attend meeting

Back Mountain residents who are members of the graduating class of 1959 of Kingston High School Class of 1959 are urged to attend a Dutch treat supper and meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, at Norm's Pizza and Eatery, Sherman Street Wilkes-Barre.

Classmates are completing plans for their summer picnic to be held on August 30 at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas. Reservations should be made before August

1 with John Bonczewski or Jayne Haefele. The class website is www.kingstonhigh-school59.bravehost.com.

TAHS class plans reunion

Tunkhannock Area High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20th anniversary reunion at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at Shadowbrook Inn & Resort.

The reunion will be Luau Style with music provided by DJ, Chris Maruzzelli. Classmates are asked to visit the class website at TAHSClassof1988.com to print a response card and to provide information for a class directory. Cost \$45 per person.

Please direct all questions or contact information to Chrissy@TAHSClassof1988.com

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