



Atty. Bernard Walter was voted Best Attorney in the Back Mountain.



The Meadows Nursing Center was voted Best Nursing/Retirement Home.



Best Photographer Andy Mollitoris and his wife, Diane.



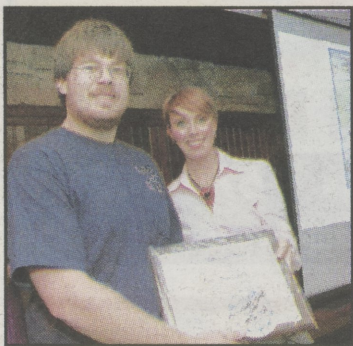
Ted Jackson remembers having Christie Delicati as a student when she was in seventh grade.



Dr. Bob Clements shares a laugh with Ron Bartizek, Times Leader Business Editor.



The staff of Eye Care Specialists is proud of its award.



Ken Martin accepts the Best Mechanic award for his now-retired father, Ken Martin.



Best High School Athlete Matt Shaver and his mom.

*Photos by Charlotte Bartizek/For The Dallas Post*

It was an evening of cheers and applause as 82 businesses and individuals were awarded for being the "best" in The Dallas Post's "Best of the Back Mountain" inaugural awards reception Tuesday night at Fire & Ice on Toby Creek in Trucksville.

The readers' contest kicked off on August 17 and participants had until September 25 to cast their votes for their favorites in 79 categories. Winners in all 79 categories, including three ties, were treated to an evening of cocktails and appetizers prior to receiving plaques and window decals to hang in their places of business.

Dotty Martin, Dallas Post Editor, welcomed the overflow crowd. Richard L. Connor, president of Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co., offered remarks and Christie Delicati, advertising representative, presented the winners with their awards.

Nearly 150 people viewed a Power Point presentation, paying homage to the winners as their names were read and they were showered with accolades from those in attendance.



The staff of Ye Olde Clock Shoppe shows off its many awards.



A cake featuring the Best of the Back Mountain 2008 logo provided a delectable centerpiece.



The Dallas Harvest Festival was voted Best Organized Event.



Burger King received the most votes for Best Burger.



Dr. Mark Stair was voted Best Veterinarian.



Jay Pope is the Best High School Teacher.



Snips & Tips was voted Best Hair Salon.