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tary Parent Teacher Organization.

- The Fourth Annual Polar Bear Plunge is held in memory of Dr. Frank "Buddy" Boris on March 15 at Harveys Lake. Boris, an area dentist, died in from colon cancer in 2003. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

- Flood waters from heavy rain cause damage in Franklin, Jackson and Ross Townships. Franklin Township expects to spend over half of its \$375,000 annual budget on road repairs due to the flooding.

April

- The Dallas High School Marching Band is revamped to increase student participation. David Smith, the new director, explains his plans for the band to the senior high and middle schools on April 16.

- A dance for the fifth-graders of Dallas Elementary and Wycallis Elementary on April 21 is not a big hit with the principals of the two schools. They suggest a picnic or field day as a way for the fifth-grade students of the schools to bond.

- Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School holds its production of "Mame" from April 24 through April 26 in the school's auditorium. Senior Emily Thomas, 18, plays the lead role of "Mame."

- The Dallas High School Science Olympiad team participates in the Science Olympiad Pennsylvania state competition for the first time ever on April 25 at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. The team places seventh overall at the annual regional competition on March 12 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

May

- William Dunn, of Shavertown, prepares to become a Judge Advocate General, or JAG, in the 28th infantry division of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

- The Dallas Rotary Club hosts its First Responder of the Year 2007 Awards Dinner on May 22 at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates in Dallas. Pennsylvania State Police Troopers Truman Brandt, William Gross and Robert Rogers and Lehman Township Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Bernard Dobinick are named First Responders of the Year for 2007.

- The Kocher family continues traditional Memorial Day services on May 26 at Kocher Cemetery off Spruce Tree Road in the Ruggles section of Laketon in Lake Township.

- Lake-Noxen Elementary School Principal Debra Demming makes a tandem parachute jump from an airplane in front of the student body on May 28 at Skyhaven Airport in Tunkhannock. Demming's jump is a reward to students who encouraged their relatives to donate 48 pints of blood in March at the school.

June

- Students at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School are treated to a medieval program on June 10 at the school as a reward for reading 1,000 books in two weeks. Principal Marilyn Glogowski dresses as a queen and rides a 1600-pound horse as part of the program.

- Dallas High School graduates 226 seniors at commencement ceremonies on June 13 at Mountaineer Stadium. Lake-Lehman High School graduates



Clarence Michael, the 2008 Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction chairman, notes that if you use this sign at an auction it means you have purchased an item.

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Friends Kelci Gibbons, Laura Kerpovich, Michelle Gibbons and Jenna Stanish pose in their sunglasses before the Dallas High School graduation ceremony on June 13 at Mountaineer Stadium.

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Dallas Middle School Principal Thomas Duffy makes the best of a bad situation as he received the most votes to 'Kiss the Pig' at the Dallas Harvest Festival.

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on June 27 due to a teacher strike in October 2007.

- Artist Sue Hand and her students decorate "Theophilus Bartholomule," a fiberglass mule donated to the Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction in 2007. The mule is to be placed outside of the library.

- In recognition of its 75th anniversary, Boy Scout Troop 281, Dallas, holds a Court of Honor on June 12 at Camp Orchard Hill.

July

- Paul Adamchick, known as "Pizza Paul," puts on a fireworks display at his own expense for a second year on July 6 on the grounds of Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church.

- The 62nd Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is held from July 10 through July 14. Sunday, July 13 is rained out so the auction is extended to Monday evening.

- Noxen residents continue to fight to bring back a permanent post office in their town. The Victorian building that houses the post office was destroyed in the flood of June 2006 and moved to a temporary mobile facility on

Route 29.

- The Back Mountain Memorial Library offers a children's etiquette class for the first time. Jill Kryston, of Shavertown, instructs the hour-long class.

August

- The Fourth Annual Harveys Lake Homecoming takes place from Aug. 8 through Aug. 10. People enjoy a homecoming dance, beach party, parade and many more activities while benefiting the Harveys Lake Beautification Project.

- "Best of the Back Mountain 2008 Readers Choice Awards" kicks off in the Aug. 17 issue of The Dallas Post. The newspaper's contest features more than 70 categories in which readers are encouraged to vote for their favorites.

- The Meadows Nursing Center turns 25 and celebrates with a "Stroll Down Memory Lane" on Aug. 27.

- Carl Goeringer Jr., president of the Back Mountain Business Association, says the organization is alive and well. In light of a recent rumor regarding the BMBA's demise, Goeringer says

the rumor is simply that - a rumor.

September

- Members of the Dallas High School Class of 1968 participate in a walking tour of their alma mater on Sept. 6 as part of their 40th anniversary reunion weekend. Dallas School District Superintendent Frank Galicki leads the tour.

- Back Mountain residents fill the streets of downtown Dallas Borough for the Sixth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sept. 14.

- Golfers tee off at the 25th Annual Dallas Rotary Fall Golf Classic on Sept. 15 at Irem Temple Country Club. Proceeds from the golf tournament benefit various charitable causes through the Rotary.

- State Representative Karen Boback holds a military tribute program on Sept. 20 at Dallas Middle School. The theme of the program is a public tribute to prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action from the 117th legislative district.

October

- Penn State Wilkes-Barre

women's volleyball coach Regan Palfey and her team sponsor "Dig Pink" at their Oct. 9 home game. "Dig Pink" raises funds at volleyball games to help eradicate breast cancer.

- Gabrielle Dragon is crowned the 2008 Lake-Lehman Homecoming Queen. Morgan Kunkle is chosen as the 2008 Homecoming Queen for Dallas High School.

- The Dallas Post holds its first ever "Best of the Back Mountain" awards reception Oct. 21 at Fire & Ice in Trucksville. Eighty-two winners in 79 categories are honored with plaques and window decals.

- David and Judy Rimple, of Dallas, and Don and Wendy Sweppenheiser, of Tunkhannock, are several of the recipients chosen to receive the 2008 Environmental Partnership Awards on Oct. 29 at the Woodlands Inn and Resort.

November

- The Lake-Lehman football team captures the trophy for the first time in eight years at the 61st Annual Old Shoe Game on Nov. 1 at Mountaineer Stadium by defeating Dallas, 27-22.

- The Slightly Read Bookshop at the Back Mountain Memorial Library celebrates its 10th anniversary on Nov. 12 complete with

cake, punch, sales and surprises.

- Hill the Florist in Shavertown closes its doors after 70 years of service to the Back Mountain community.

- Volunteers at the Back Mountain Food Pantry put together 217 Thanksgiving food baskets, an increase of 72 baskets from 2007.

December

- A brainstorming session on Dec. 3 allows Dallas Borough residents, including children, to make suggestions to drawings of the Kenneth A. Young Memorial Park on Burndale Avenue in Dallas.

- Twelve children gather to meet and read to several therapy dogs on Dec. 6 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Children read to the dogs without interruption or correction and gain confidence in their reading abilities.

- Kristin Krashnak, postmaster of the Dallas Post Office, has noticed a drop in holiday volume and the number of people mailing items. Krashnak attributes the decrease to the struggling economy.

- The Dallas Marching Band performs in the Florida Citrus Parade and Universal Studios Macy's New Year's Eve Holiday Parade in Orlando.

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"There are some of the things I'd love to do, but unfortunately, there are regulations," O'Shea said.

Tim O'Shea was impressed that all of the food the children eat is made from scratch on-site, some of which the children help to prepare. The children and staff sit down and eat dinner together in a kitchen like a family would.

"I was looking at the whole thing and just seeing how different it is culturally," he said.

The Hildebrandt management team plans to take some of Reggio's ideas and implement them in ways that fit children at their centers. Grace hopes that if anything is used from what she learned at Reggio, teachers will slow down.



Leanne Grace, director of professional development and program support at the Hildebrandt Learning Center, tells a group of teachers about her experiences learning teaching methods abroad.

"The demands of curriculum, standards, assessment and 'No Child Left Behind' have caused quite a stir in the early childhood community," she said. "Reggio-inspired practice reminds us to slow down, give time, give space and engage in reflective practice. Our challenge becomes how to embark on the Reggio journey within our own context of regulatory constraints and demands."



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A group of teachers gather at the Hildebrandt Learning Center in Dallas to hear Leanne Grace, far right, share her experiences learning about teaching methodology in other countries.