

SCHOOL BRIEFS

DHS Class of 1974 to meet at concert

The Dallas High School Class of 1974 will have its 35th anniversary class reunion at the Joan Baez concert on Saturday, July 25, at Misericordia University.

To order concert lawn tickets, call the MU Box Office at 674-6719.

Misericordia will provide a designated area on the lawn for reunion attendees and their guests. Following the concert, classmates and their guests will gather in the Grand Slam Lounge and on the back deck at Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake.

Hillside One Room School reunion set

The reunion of the Hillside One Room School, Jackson Township, will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday, July 31, at Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas.

Anyone interested in attending who has not been contacted should contact a chairperson, Joan Coolbaugh Britt at 674-2425 or Ginny Culp Major at 675-1761.

Information is sought on classmates James LaVelle, Robert Moss or Ronald Spencer.

One-room school mates plan reunion

Classmates who attended one-room schools (Ceasetown,

Oakdale, Rome, Hillside and Mountain Top) will hold their seventh annual reunion at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9, at Pavilion 2 at Moon Lake Park. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.

For more information, call Helen Franklin at 675-4238.

NCHA plans dinner, open house August 15

The Noxen Historical Community Association, Inc. will hold a dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Noxen Community Center (formerly the Noxen School) on School Street.

Cost for the buffet dinner is \$12 per person and reservations should be made by July 30 by calling 298-2052.

An open house of the school will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16.

LLHS Class of 1989 plans reunion

The Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th anniversary class reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Classmates are asked to email their contact information to LLHS1989@frontier.com even if they are not planning to attend the event. For further information, contact Renee Hillman Raspen at 477-3077.

OWLS

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beak is small, it has difficulty tearing off the right portions of food; therefore, undigested things like bone and fur are regurgitated up in a "fur ball," called an owl pellet.

After returning the screech owl to its travel cage, Gallagher returned to the crowd with a larger barred owl.

Weighing in at two pounds, this owl likes a wetlands habitat.

As Gallagher tilted her arm enough to throw the owl off balance, his wings opened and flapped soundlessly.

Gallagher explained that an owl's wing has serrated feathers which give it quiet flight, allowing the owl to sneak up on its prey.

"The wings have a serrated surface, like teeth on a comb," she said.

The barred owl and the screech owl nest in tree cavities or in an owl nesting box.

The last owl introduced to the crowd was the great horned owl.

Topping the scale at four pounds, this large bird regally sat on Gallagher's arm, wisely eyed the participants.

The great horned owl's ear tufts are not his ears, Gallagher said, explaining that owls' ears are actually under the feathers along the side of the face.

This owl tends to reuse old squirrel or hawk nests and some-

Chief Naturalist Susan Gallagher of the Carbon County Environmental Education Center in Summit Hill, welcomed the standing room only group as people from all ages learned about the seven species of owls of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

times will nest in a barn loft.

As smaller children pointed to a feather floating down, Gallagher explained it is illegal to take an owl feather, hunt owls or keep an owl.

"Every animal has a job to do in nature," she said. "These that I brought with me are injured and could not be returned into their natural environments so we gave them a new job - educating."

Gallagher said the owls are not named because they are not pets.

"I like to think of them as co-workers," she said.

At the end of the presentation, children were invited to move closer and look at the great horned owl or ask questions.

Shari Pisarcik and her daughter Rachel, 8, of West Wyoming, were thrilled to see the live owls.

"This was really nice," Shari said. "We never see owls where we are."

John Campbell and his two sons, Ethan, 7, and Aidan, 5, of Shavertown, were shocked to see how light weight the barred owl was.



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Zachary and Jackie Dottor, of Dallas, examine an owl feather at a presentation of live owls at Wild Birds Unlimited, Dallas, presented by the Carbon County Environmental Education Center.

**Clemson is guest of Dallas Kiwanis Club**

The Dallas Kiwanis Club recently honored Nicole Clemson, 2009 PA State Fair Queen, at a dinner meeting at Pickett's Charge Restaurant. Clemson spoke about her experience as she promotes agriculture and the 116 county and community fairs across the state of Pennsylvania.

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