



Curtis and Karen Siglin Simmons celebrate her 40th anniversary high school reunion with a pom-pom.



Judy Szela shows her high school picture to her classmate, Dr. Ernie Gelb, and says, "We even called him Dr. Ernie when we were in school."

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## Members of DHS Class of '70 reminisce, share memories

After touring their old high school before it's torn down to make room for a new one, members of the Dallas High School Class of 1970 donned their Sunday best and converged on Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates to celebrate their 40th anniversary reunion.

While at the school, classmates mischievously sat in the faculty lounge, a place they were not allowed to visit during their school days, remembered getting a face full of smoke when they opened the lavatory doors, talked about their former teachers and mugged for photos while wear-

ing band hats.

During the evening, more formal, portion of their reunion, classmates reminisced by sharing stories and leafing through the pages of yearbooks.

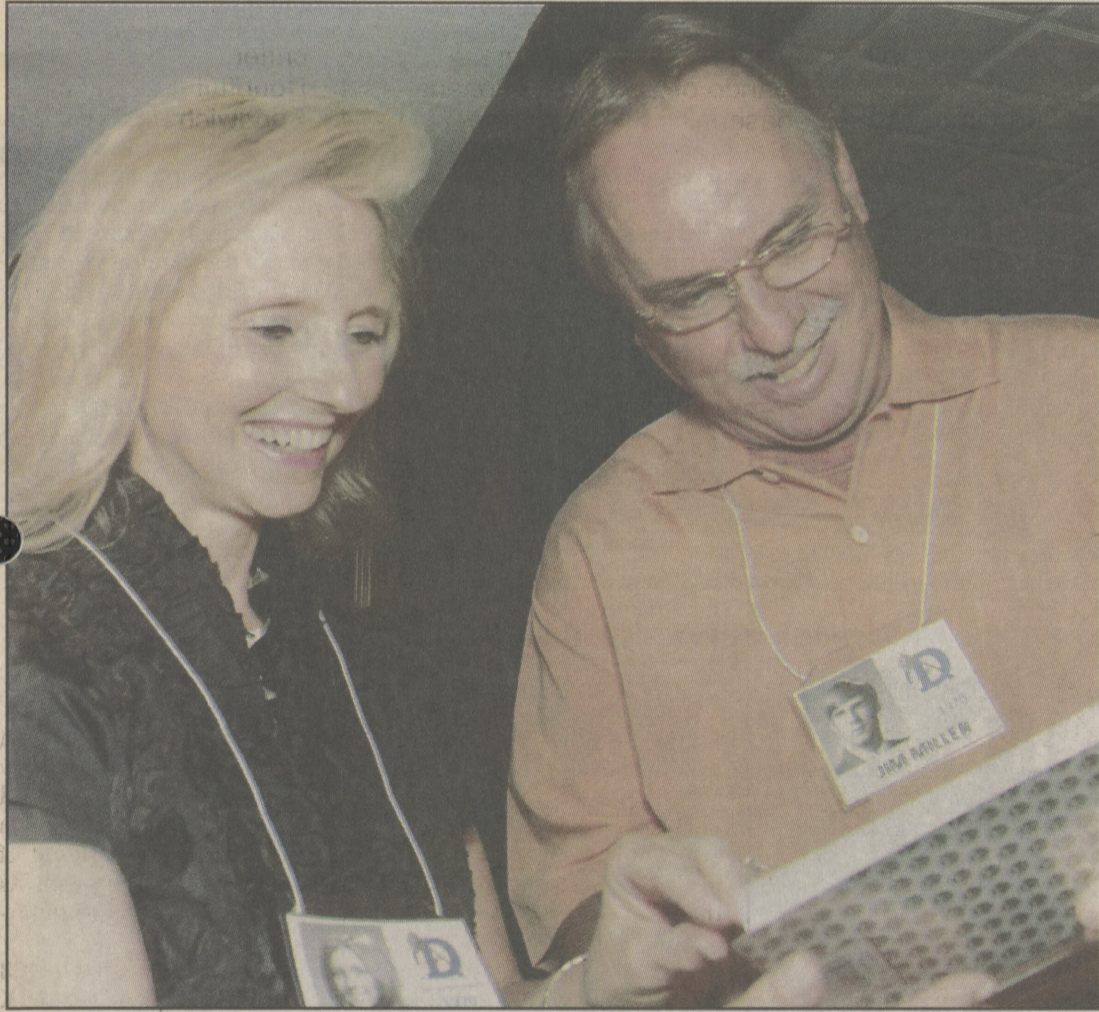
Classmates laughed, ate and enjoyed each other's company.



Richard and Betty Emil Duda look over some old photos from the Dallas High School Class of 1970 during a reunion dinner at Appletree Terrace.

RIGHT PHOTO: Friends Debbie Anthony Noon and Joan Farley greet each other at a Dallas High School reunion for the Class of 1970 at Appletree Terrace.

LEFT PHOTO: Roberta Gilbert Walter and Jim Miller share memories while checking out old photos in a yearbook from the Dallas High School Class of 1970 during a reunion dinner at Appletree Terrace.



## Locals take part in Kirby Kidz program

The stage of the F. M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre will be transformed into the halls of the fictitious East High as the Kirby Kidz theater workshop hosts two productions of the musical "Disney's High School Musical JR" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday Aug. 14.

Several singers, dancers and actors from the Back Mountain communities will be part of the production.

The musical is a stage adaptation of the runaway hit film of the same name. It is a contemporary, yet old-fashioned, high school saga influenced by classic works of American theater like "Grease" and "West Side Story."

It tells the story of a group of teenagers who struggle to discover their true identities while exploring new interests, building relationships and dealing

with other's expectations of them.

The play combines a timeless story with today's music, updated technology and contemporary themes and situations. The musical is being directed by Karen Padden with choreography by Sean T. Harris and musical direction by Chuck Unice.

This production of Disney's High School Musical JR will feature child performers from all across Northeastern Pennsylvania and are open to the public. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the days of the performance and are available at the Harris Conservatory for the Arts in Luzerne and the Kirby Box Office. Children age 5 and under are free.

For more information on Kirby Kidz or High School Musical JR, call the Harris Conservatory for the Arts at 718-0673.



Back Mountain youths who will take part in the production of "Disney's High School Musical JR" at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre are, Grace Aiello, Shavertown, front. Second row, Elizabeth Kennelly, Trucksville. From left, third row, Nadine Daley, Tunkhannock; Anna James, Jackson Township; and Emily Dunning, Tunkhannock.

## Photo contest announced

The 2010 Dallas Harvest Festival Steering Committee is pleased to announce the First Dallas Days Photographer Contest.

The contest is now open - through September 14 - to any Back Mountain resident who wishes to "capture the beauty and culture of the Back Mountain" in a still photograph.

Winning photo entries will be displayed at the 2010 Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 19, along with a brand new exhibit of area student art displays at the Mason's Lodge, 60 Main St., Dallas.

All entries will be judged by professional judges. The theme for this year's contest is "Capture the Beauty and Culture of the Back Mountain."

Winning photo entries will be published in The Dallas Post following the festival.

### CONTEST RULES:

- 5 x7, 8 x10, or 11 x 14 sizes accepted

- Black & white or color photographs will be accepted

- Three entries maximum per entrant

- Must be non-professional photographer (non-published)

- Entrants must be a current Back Mountain resident

- Entries must be matted and framed

Entries will be accepted at the Dallas Borough offices, 25 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and at Photography by Andy, 5 Dug Rd., Trucksville. Call 696-4646 for business hours.

At both locations, the entrant will be asked to sign a release form. Following the Dallas Harvest Festival, all entries (except winners) will be available for pickup September 21-30 at the respective drop-off location.