



Committee members who planned the second annual reunion of the Dallas Junior Women's Club are, from left, first row, Helen Davis, Diana Dreher, Alice Niskey and Sheila Bonawitz. Second row, Jean Hillard, Jayne Haefle, Kathy Orovitz and Sandy Richardson.



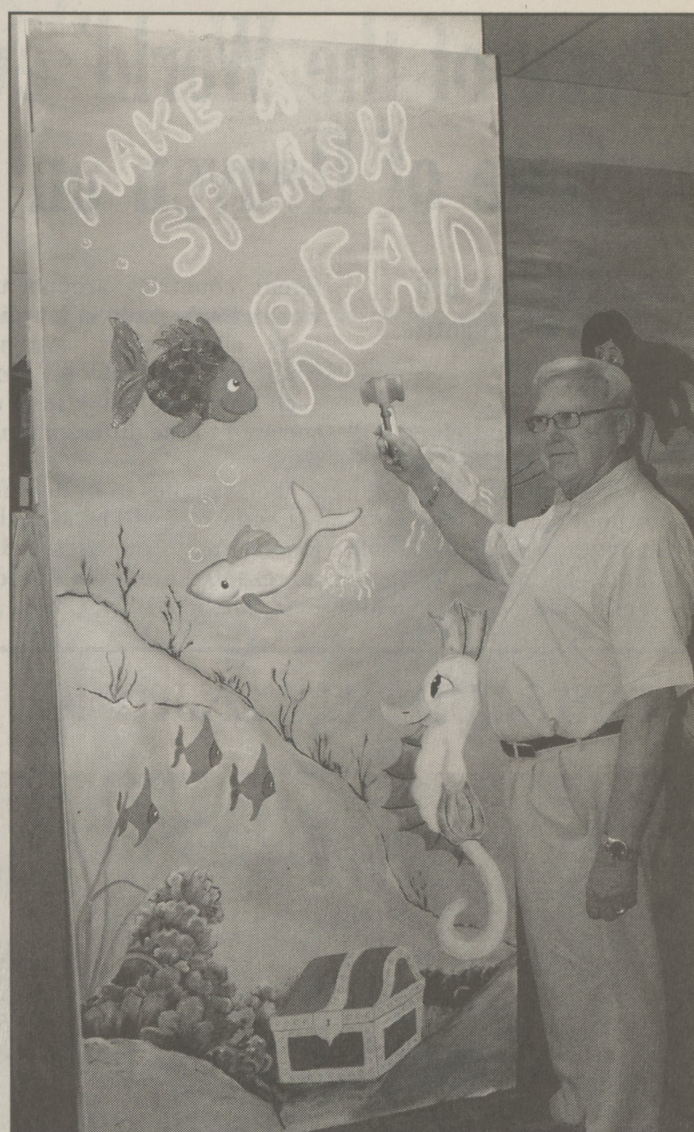
Pauline Roth, left, and Fran Goldman visit with each other at the Dallas Junior Women's Club second reunion luncheon at Apple-tree Terrace at Newberry Estates.



Peggy Thomas, left, and Jean Mikulis attended the second annual reunion of the Dallas Junior Women's Club.

Junior Women's Club members hold second reunion

Members of the former Dallas Junior Women's Club gathered for their second annual reunion on Sept. 23 at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates



Ernest Ashbridge, long-time antiques chairman for the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, shows off the mural painted for the library's 2010 summer reading program which will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

Library mural will be auctioned

Attention all summer reading participants, pre-schools, day-cares, schools or families!

The under the sea mural painted for the summer reading program in the Children's Room is "on the block."

The mural, painted by Victoria Grzyboski, Cynthia Lohmann, and Susan Roese, is just too beautiful to paint over for summer reading 2011 so it has been decided to award it to the person, family or business with the highest donation bid.

All monies received will benefit the Children's Room annual book budget.

Interested persons or businesses should present a written bid in person to the library's staff at the main desk or mailed to "Mural," Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

The silent auction bids will be accepted until Monday, Oct. 18 at which time they will be opened and the mural will be awarded to the highest bidder.



Table hosts for the Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven Church Birthday Tea are, from left, first row, Sunny Cesarini, Rev. Thomas Cesarini, deacon; Rose Schmid, Ann Marie Gries. Second row, Sue Clouse and Bernie Evans. Third row, Mary Ann Roberts, Kathy Selner, Renee Benedetti, Amy Huntington. Fourth row, Valerie Aiello, Dede Scafella, Trish Strazdus, Catherine Nixon. Fifth row, Linda Scholl, Margaret Kopko, Joan Strazdus and Angie Murray.

GOH Altar & Rosary Society holds birthday tea

The Altar and Rosary Society of Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas held its annual Birthday Tea on September 26. More than 250 people were in attendance, one of the highest attended Birthday Teas to date.

Thirteen tables were decorated for each month of the year and a birthday table. Some of this year's table themes were

Happy Birthday To You, Happy New Year, Mom's March Madness, Summer Fun, Happy Birthday To Our Blessed Mother, Happy Halloween, All Saints and Blessed Country Christmas.

Monsignor Stephen D. McGough, former pastor at Gate of Heaven Church, was in attendance at the Year for Priests table and gave a blessing

to begin the festivities.

The entertainment this year was a fashion show featuring 22 models displaying fashions from The Snooty Fox and They Grow So Fast consignment shops, both in Dallas. A raffle was held and door prizes were awarded.

Chairwomen for the event were Renee Benedetti, Marilyn O'Connell and Judy Adams.

'Our Town: Tunkhannock' premieres October 4 on WVIA

"Our Town: Tunkhannock," the second edition of WVIA's "Our Town" documentary series premieres at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, on WVIA-TV.

There are stories in the Endless Mountains of Wyoming County, including tales of Native American lore and an artistic hub boasting regional talent with international recognition.

Residents from Tunkhannock volunteered their time to become videographers and storytellers for "Our Town: Tunkhannock." The residents narrowed down which landmarks, events and local stories the documentary would explore. Each subject was assigned to a volunteer to videotape and participants were then interviewed about why they chose to

become involved. Hear their stories and see through their eyes why Tunkhannock is such a special place to call "home" as WVIA presents "Our Town" Tunkhannock," produced in partnership with Gem 104.

WVIA TV will rebroadcast "Our Town: Tunkhannock" at 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, immediately following its premiere.



MARGARET BAKKER



ELLEN FERRETTI



DEB SHOVAL

North Branch Land Trust has new members

The North Branch Land Trust announces the addition of four board members as Ellen Ferretti, Margaret Bakker, Deb Shoval and Dan Block have joined the organization.

Ferretti, of Dallas Township, has experience in state and local land conservation and regulatory programs and initiatives. She is employed by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and serves as Acting Regional Director and Vice President, as well as Coordinator for the Pocono Forest and Waters Conservation Landscape in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

She also serves on the State Planning Board, DCNR's Citizens Advisory Council and the Luzerne County Planning Commission. She is a former board member of the Land Trust, having served as chairman at one time.

Jackson Township resident Margaret Bakker and her husband were founding members of North Branch Land Trust, have supported it since its inception and helped with the restoration of the Noxen Depot.

Bakker is currently a member of the Noxen Depot Committee and has been active in other community organizations, including Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, Back Mountain Citizens' Council, Chicory House, Habitat for Humanity, Earth

Conservancy and numerous musical ensembles.

A partner in the firm of Bakker & Lewis Architects, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany and a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In 1979, after having lived in Michigan, Illinois, western Pennsylvania and upstate New York, Bakker moved to Wilkes-Barre to join the firm of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson. She and her husband, Rob Lewis, formed their own architectural firm in 1988.

Deb Shoval, of Noxen, earned a degree in Sustainable Agriculture from Hampshire College and spent several years afterward writing, directing and performing theater for environmental and agricultural education.

For her work as a playwright and theater director, she has received grant funding from The Leeway Foundation, The Sparkplug Foundation, The Fund for Wild Nature and The Fund for New Technologies.

Shoval's first screenplay, "Poppies and Olives," was chosen for the IFP Emerging Narrative Market and will be produced by Kerren Michael and directed by Shoval in late 2011.

Shoval is currently finishing her thesis work for an Master of Fine Arts degree in Film Directing at Columbia University where she received a Columbia Women in Film (CWIF) Fellow-

ship in 2009. She was recently named one of the "Heeb Hundred," one of Heeb Magazine's "100 people you need to know about."

Born and raised in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Shoval now divides her time between NEPA and New York and, along with three other local women, is starting Fertile Grounds, a subscription farm which will begin distributing locally grown organic vegetables to members at The Lands at Hillside Farms insSpring 2011.

Dan Block, of Bear Creek Village, is the Business Improvement District Director for Diamond City Partnership (DCP) in Wilkes-Barre.

He serves as the liaison between the business community, WBBID ratepayers and the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, coordinating efforts to make downtown Wilkes-Barre a safer, cleaner and more vibrant area.

He is responsible for overseeing contracted services, managing the program funding provided by the WBBID, working with the City of Wilkes-Barre and DCP's board, partners, volunteers and contractors to implement the downtown revitalization program and applying the Four Point Approach of the National Main Street Center (design, organization, economic restructuring and promotion) to downtown Wilkes-Barre's revitalization.