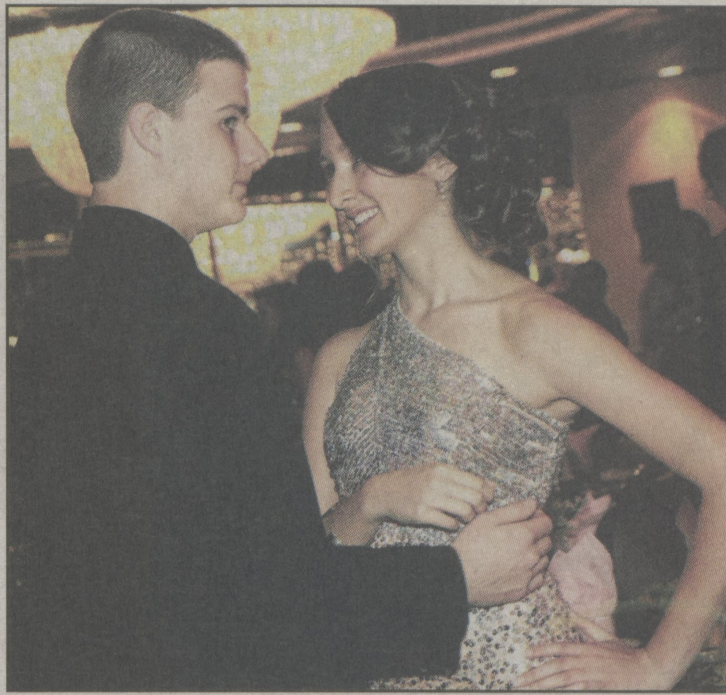
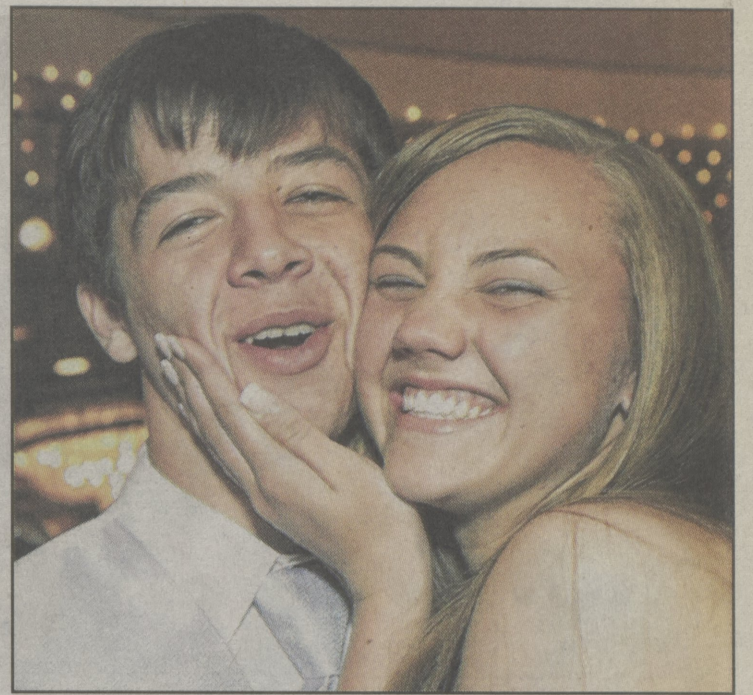




Chatting at the prom are, from left, Erica Luzetski, Leah Benedetti and Abrianna Tolomello.



Mike Wright and Sarah Pomfret share a quiet moment together.



Dan Morgan and Liz Kravitz enjoy each other's company.

Memories are made at Dallas prom

Green décor with floral touches highlighted the 2011 Dallas High School Junior/Senior Prom May 7 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel and Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre.

The theme for this year's prom was "Bella Sera," meaning "Beautiful Garden" in Spanish, said prom advisor Barb Richardson.

Prom king and queen were Corey Ehret and Leah Zumchak.

The more than 350 attendees took home candy made by a group of students in support of battling childhood cancer.



The back of the dress is as much a fashion statement as the front.

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Ponytail drive nets many locks

Approximately 80 students and staff members of the Dallas Middle School donated six or more inches of their hair during a Ponytail Drive held May 23 in the school lobby.

Local stylists from the Snips 'n Tips salon in Dallas, the JC Penney salon in Wilkes-Barre, the Age of Innocence salon in Shavertown, Classic Hair by Melissa in Shavertown and other independent stylists volunteered their time and talents to perform haircuts.



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Colin Ryniec has eight inches of his hair cut off to be donated to the 2011 Ponytail Drive at Dallas Middle School.

BMT residents named to dean's list at PSU

Several Back Mountain residents have been named to the Spring 2011 dean's list at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. To be eligible for dean's list, students must complete 12 or more credits with at least a 3.50 semester grade point average.

Local students named include: Shannon A. Brace, Hunlock Creek; Nikki Broody, Shavertown; Jordan M. Broody, Shavertown; Marley K. Bross, Shavertown; Rachel L. Buckman, Dallas; Sabrina M. Bush, Tunkhannock; Nikolas D. Capitano, Shavertown; Gregory C. Davis, Dallas; Jesse A. Derrick, Benton; Daniel A. Dymond, Tunkhannock.

Also, Shane E. Grady, Sweet Valley; Staci A. Hills, Shavertown; Lindsey G. Howell, Tunkhannock; Kathryn A. Huffsmith, Tunkhannock; Andrew K. Kempinski, Dallas; Matthew B. Lukic, Shavertown; Megan A. Millo, Dallas; Garry R. Musselman Jr., Dallas; Rebekah L. Nulton, Dallas; Michael D. Pelleschi, Dallas.

Also, Chad M. Schraeder, Dallas; Bradley C. Sherman, Dallas; Thomas K. Smith, Sweet Valley; Clinton P. Sorber, Sweet Valley; Kianna M. Spencer, Dallas; Kristine J. Strong, Dallas; Scott D. Summa, Lehman; Adam E. Suppey, Dallas.

Also, Matthew R. Thomas, Sweet Valley; Ryan A. Urzen, Dallas; and Michael G. Zaleskas Jr., Shavertown.



Christine Manzella, of Shavertown, donated 11 inches of her hair to the Ponytail drive at the Dallas Middle School.



Emily Blessner shows off her contribution to the 2011 Ponytail collection held at the Dallas Middle School.

Final Open House at Gate of Heaven set for Sunday, June 5

Parent-Teacher Group will host final event to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee.

To celebrate its Diamond Jubilee, the Gate of Heaven Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) will host its final open house and picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 at the school gym.

All "Gators" from the last six decades are invited to visit for a final tour of the school and share with the fellowship of current and former

school friends, parents and alumni.

Gators of all ages are encouraged to bring along any pictures, stories or memorabilia they would like to share. The Boy Scouts in the current Gate of Heaven Middle School will compile a commemorative DVD documentary about the school and its impact on the Back Mountain community, which will be made available through local parishes and the mail.

For more information, call Matt at 760-5065.