



Classmates from the Class of 1974 who met up at the Teardown are, from left, Grace Fischer, Diane Fiske and Ellen Parker.

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Gillis, of Shavertown, a 1977 graduate of Dallas High School, said the idea for the "Tearin It Up for the Teardown" event developed out of an idea to hold an event for his class as a final farewell to the old building. As ideas started coming in, Gillis said it became apparent the event was going to be bigger than anticipated.

"Superintendent Frank Galicki suggested we include more than just the class of '77," Gillis said.

With the help of 14 other class members, the "Tearin It Up for the Teardown" event began to take shape.

Nine bands, including Strawberry Jam and Southbound rocked the amphitheater while food vendors offered family-friendly treats. Inside a pavilion, face painting, a few games and the Make-A-Wish Foundation had tables.

One table featured old Dallas High School memorabilia, including old jackets, cheerleader uniforms and yes, yearbooks. Gillis noted he and some other event organizers scanned 50 years worth of yearbook pictures and created a slide show.

"It was really neat to see the constant look of determination and hope in the eyes of all the students," he said. "Also, it was fun to watch the change in fashions and hairstyles, too."

Shavertown resident Lou Woychick, a 1978 graduate, was unable to attend his 20th reunion but enjoyed meeting three former classmates at the Teardown.

"This was a great idea," he said. "It has given me an opportunity to catch up with friends."

His daughter, Jenna, a 2010 graduate, is not happy the building is being demolished because it holds so many memories.

The one-story brick building seemed to hold its share of problems, too. John Turner, a former teacher and chair of social sciences, said the building has several problems.

"The physical part of the building was getting tired," he said. "It was not technically advanced enough."

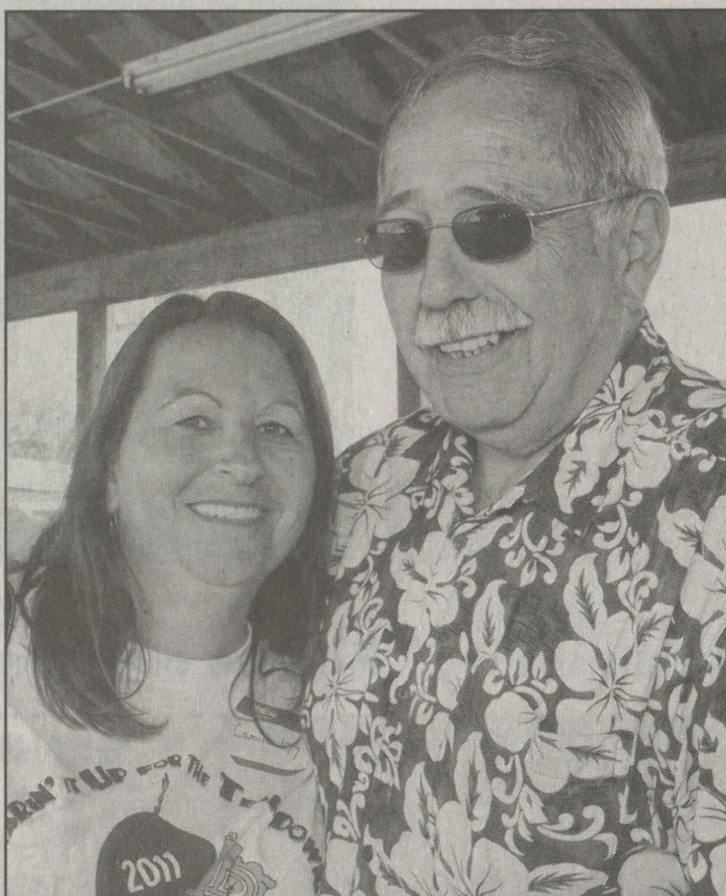
He said many classrooms only had one outlet in them, the roof leaked, an asbestos problem was beginning to develop, and the heating system was not efficient. And, he added, the students were getting crowded.

"The district has a fine educational reputation and they want to maintain it," Turner said. "Currently, they are limited by the building."

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said in respect to the anonymous donor who made the restoration possible, releasing the project's cost could jeopardize their wishes to remain unnamed.



Camille Mesite, of California, a member of the Class of 1977, met up with her homeroom and history teacher John Turner.



Enjoying the Teardown were Mark Chester, Class of 1987, and Brenda Sickler, Class of 1988, who currently live in Nanticoke.



Lou Woychick, class of 1978 and his daughter, Jenna, Class of 2010, of Shavertown, attended the Teardown.

The cypress and glass greenhouse was designed by Lord and Burnham, an internationally-known glass structure designer. Mozloom said the Palm House, which acts as the main entrance of the greenhouse, was once attached to a house in Wilkes-Barre owned by the Conyngham family.

Back when the Conyngham family used the Cottage as their

summer house, the greenhouse was used to grow various orchids, palms and other plants for their home as well as vegetables, Mozloom said.

Future plans for the greenhouse include growing vegetables and plants as well which, Mozloom said, is one more step to making members of the surrounding communities feel welcome to stroll the farm.

# Locals graduate from LCCC

Back Mountain residents were among more than 900 students who received their degrees from Luzerne County Community College at the 43rd annual Commencement exercises held May 26 at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

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Louis Abod, Harveys Lake; Barbra Anderson, Dallas; Joseph Balavage, Shavertown; Todd Battista, Harveys Lake; Jenna Bauer, Dallas; Kory Boothe, Wyoming; Robert Bozentka, Trucksville; Angela Brown, Tunkhannock; Rayann Brown, Monroe Township; Heather Bryant, Harveys Lake; Elizabeth Condon, Sweet Valley; Robert Coyne, Wyoming; Brian Cusick, Dallas.

Also, Jason Darling, Dallas; Adam Davidowitz, Shavertown; Mark Dopko, Hunlock Creek; Ashley Dropko, Sweet Valley; Jonathan Edwards, Hunlock Creek; Jennifer Emel, Hunlock Creek; Nancy Eveland, Shavertown; Marissa Featherman, Dallas; Talia Flanders, Dallas; Krys-

ten Gemski, Wyoming; Stephanie Gronchick, Hunlock Creek; Sarah Haddle, Dallas; Deborah Hopkins, Wyoming; Amanda Humenansky, Shavertown.

Also, Sarah Kennelly, Trucksville; Kimberly Killian, Hunlock Creek; Michael Kretchmer, Shavertown; Jessica Krochta, Wyoming; Larissa Lamoreaux, Shavertown; Alexandria Lucas, Hunlock Creek; Jessica Lupinski, Sweet Valley; Michelle Lyman, Shavertown; Lauren Marshall, Dallas; David Martin, Dallas; William Mathewson, Dallas; Darren May, Shavertown; Sandra McCracken, West Wyoming; Sherri Meeker, Hunlock Creek; Tessa Mitchell, Tunkhannock; Tiffany Moore, Hunlock Creek.

Also, Patrick Noonan, Wyoming; Joshua Pavlico, Trucksville; Janice Preston, Sweet Valley; Liane Rothstein, Dallas; Jessica Sabella, Dallas; Nathan Shelly, Dallas; Simon Silver, Harveys Lake; John Sims, West Wyoming; Samantha Solack, West Wyoming; Stefanie Spezzia, Dallas; Breanne Stackhouse, Sweet

Valley; Kayla Strach, West Wyoming; Sarah Szczucki, Dallas; Bret Taggart, Wyoming; Robert Vojtko, Shavertown; Daniel Webb, Dallas; Aron Wesoloski, Hunlock Creek; and Daniel Williams, Hunlock Creek.

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Also, Ross Lessard, Dallas; Alexandria Lucas, Hunlock Creek; Ashley Marek, Trucksville; Andrew Mikielski, Dallas; Gary Pretty, Sweet Valley; Janine Pugh, Tunkhannock; Alicia Roncevech, Dallas; Derek Shurmanek, Sweet Valley; Amy Spess, Shavertown; Rebecca Yannuzzi, Shavertown; and Melinda Yedesko, Trucksville.

**CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION**  
Laura Anderson, Tunkhannock.

## DHS NURSERY SCHOOL GRADUATION



The 36th annual graduation ceremony for the Dallas High School Nursery School Program was held recently. This is the last class that will graduate from the current Dallas High School building. Mrs. Nancy Garvey runs the program which offers junior and senior students at Dallas High School the opportunity to take a class called Child Development. For half the school year, two hours a day for three days a week, students interact with 3 and 4-year-olds who attend the program. At the end of every year, a graduation ceremony is conducted in the high school auditorium for nursery school children. Students shown here are Marley Willis, foreground. From left, second row, Keifer Neil, Eric McGuire, Jason McGuire, Paul "P.J." McMillan, Lydia Gonzales, Zachary Coy, Cassidy Siglin, Chloe Vinnacombe, Gabriel Dickson, Gabriel Cook, David Sinatoracki, Gina Pugliese, Issabella Morano. Third row, Madison Danishanko, Peyton Archer. Partially hidden is Tristan Wilhelm.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### PSU offers youth programs

Penn State Wilkes-Barre Summer Youth Program offers half and full-day camps for children entering grades one through 10 at the Wilkes-Barre campus located in Lehman.

A variety of programs are available for budding artists, actors, animal lovers, scientists, sports enthusiasts and more. Hands-on activities, experiments and projects with experienced instructors are geared to each grade level.

For more information, call Teri at 675-9219.

### THS Class of 1961 plans reunion

The Tunkhannock High School Class of 1961 is planning its 50th anniversary reunion to be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Triton Fire Company with a mixer at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Music of the 50s and 60s will be provided by the Tones at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Allan Kinsman at 674-9882.

### WSSC plans 70th Birthday Bash

West Side Central Catholic High School Class of 1959 is planning a 70th Birthday Bash the week of June 25 and 26.

Any classmate interested in attending who did not receive an invitation may call Rosemary Grebeck at 655-3333.

### Misericordia hosts diversity camp

Misericordia University will host the 2011 Diversity Institute Summer Camp from June 26-30.

Participants in the five-day, four-night program will stay in the Misericordia residence

halls and will be treated to campus-wide cultural events and leadership workshops.

The camp's goals is to create student leaders who are engaged in and community advocates for inclusive excellence in the region. Sessions will examine stereotypes, aging and ability and world religions which also includes visits to a local mosque, temple and church.

For additional information, please contact Erica Acosta at 674-8155.

### DHS Class of 1986 plans reunion

Dallas High School Class of 1986 will celebrate its 25th anniversary reunion from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3

at the Checkerboard Inn Pavilion on Carverton Road in Trucksville.

Classmates interested in attending are asked to e-mail mollyandmark@gmail.com.

### Reunion committee seeks classmates

The reunion committee of Westmoreland High School Class of 1961 is planning the 50th anniversary reunion of the class for September 9, 10 and 11.

Anyone having information about the following classmates is asked to contact Sue Kelley Misson at susanmis@juno.com or Harold (Sonny) Smith at 675-2801 or hws43@comcast.net.

Frank Stocker, Sherry Gauntlett Letts, Richard Powell, David Stout, Marijane Moss, Ken Thomas, Bill VanBuskirk.

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