

# Former Rockette trains others in art of dance

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The ballet 'Swan Lake,' which was originally performed over 125 years ago, has grown and developed through the ages.

On October 11, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Academy of Dancing and Children's Ballet Theatre Company School will present their version of the ballet at the Kirby Center at 8 p.m.

The performance features local talent and several dancers from Back Mountain, something which Director/Choreographer Barbara Woronko-Anzalone of Shavertown says makes her company unique.

"We use our own children in our production of the ballet," Woronko-Anzalone said. "The ones who we train are the ones who participate in the production."

Woronko-Anzalone is a former Rockette which gives her a perspective when putting a show like 'Swan Lake' together.

"We will be using some original choreography, but every particular movement in the show will be adapted to the individual dancer," Woronko-Anzalone said.

She said that the dancers in the program have different levels of

ability and experience. The performers are preparing in individual classes, but in the end, it is the director/choreographer's responsibility to put the show together.

"Putting a show together is like working on a puzzle. All the different pieces must fit together in order to tell a story," Woronko-Anzalone said.

Woronko-Anzalone said her students have also appeared in productions of the ballets "Sleeping Beauty" and "Cinderella."

Although she is now a director, Woronko-Anzalone believes her stage experience prepared her for the task.

Woronko-Anzalone started tap and jazz at the age of three and was 6 when she took up ballet.

Her audition with the Rockettes came after her dance in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant. She said that her training in jazz, tap, and ballet benefited her during the audition.

"At Radio City Music Hall, prospective Rockettes have to audition in three disciplines, and to be technically sound in jazz and tap; a strong ballet background is required," Woronko-Anzalone said.

A fall on the stage ended her performing with the Rockettes, although she is still active in the alumni group. She has been asked to come back and perform with the group; however, directing the show and running the studio is the focus of her life now.

The experience of performing and auditioning in New York is something which she recommends to her students who want to become professional dancers.

"Girls who want to continue with



BARBARA WORONKO-ANZALONE

their dancing and eventually open a studio need the experience and background of going to New York and auditioning for roles so that they can have something to tell their students about," Woronko-Anzalone said.

Her stage background includes roles in the Kinley Summer Stock program in Ohio. In addition to performing in "Oklahoma," she had the opportunity to dance with Tommy Tune in the Kinley production of "Walking Happy."

Woronko-Anzalone said that Tommy Tune has choreographed the Broadway productions "My One and Only" and "Grand Hotel." "The summer I performed with Kinley was one of the best summers I've ever had," Woronko-Anzalone said.

Anzalone now describes herself as a "teacher, mentor and guide," and is interested in developing the younger talent in the area.

"At one time, I enjoyed the stage, but now I prefer to direct and choreograph. Now, it is time for the younger students to perform and grow," Woronko-Anzalone said.

## Hartshorne and Saxon to perform in "Swan Lake"

Beth Hartshorne and Monica Saxon, both of Dallas will be featured in the October 10 production of "Swan Lake" at the Kirby Center in Wilkes Barre.

The production of "Swan Lake" will open the Northeastern Pennsylvania Academy of Dancing and Children's Ballet Theatre Company's ballet season.

Hartshorne is a member of the academy's Bobette Dance team and will be performing as a Cygnette in the production. Four other members of the team were chosen as Cygnettes.

Saxon will be featured in the leading role as the White Swan and is a member of the Starlette Dance Company. Saxon appeared as the fairy godmother in the academy's production of "Cinderella" last year.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - Jennifer Dombroski of Dallas practices for her role in "Swan Lake."

# Finally! Jackson to open new building

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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After nearly a year of delays, headaches and unforeseen catastrophes, Jackson Township municipal officials began planning their move into the renovated municipal building on Chase Road.

During the winter, cleanup crews had unearthed six large oil storage tanks - twice what they had originally expected to find - and more than 1,200 tons of contaminated soil which had to be removed and disposed of, costing the township more than \$200,000.

Then the building contractor, Tri-City of Allentown, went bankrupt, after subcontractors had stopped working because Tri-City hadn't paid them.

After much legal wrangling, the supervisors obtained a settlement with the subcontractors through Tri-City's bonding company. The township was given permission to finish the work itself and to finally move into its new quarters.

Chief of Police Don Jones and the supervisors discussed the logistics of moving his department, equipment and telephone system,

into the building later this week, with the assistance of road department employees.

Jones will notify township secretary Henry Zbiek of any additional office furniture that his men might need by the next supervisors' meeting Monday, October 5.

In other business, the supervisors announced that three vacancies on the township's recreation board must be filled as soon as possible. Interested residents may contact township secretary Henry Zbiek at 696-1700, before the October 5 meeting if possible.

## Saxon named administrator at Lakeside Nursing Home

Lakeside Nursing and Assisted Living Center announces the appointment of Melissa M. Saxon, Administrator of the 56 bed facility located on Old Lake Road in Dallas.

Ms. Saxon, a graduate of Bloomsburg State College and Marywood College, holds a B.S. in Special Education and a Masters in Public Administration.

In addition to training for her Nursing Home Administrator's License, she has held management

positions in day and residential service programs for adults with mental retardation and physically handicapping conditions. She has also done independent contract work with Luzerne/Wyoming County MH/MR Office and Mountain Top Kids Day Care Center.

Ms. Saxon resides in Shavertown with her husband, Paul and five children.



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Dr. Turnamian received his undergraduate education at Bucknell University and his medical education at UMDNJ-Rutgers Medical School. He completed his Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at York Hospital serving as Chief Resident his final year.

He is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Fellow in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists and a member of The American Fertility Society.

Dr. Turnamian Resides in the Back Mountain with his wife.

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# Volunteers teach others to read Wyoming Valley Literacy Program achieves success

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Imagine a world where street signs and maps don't make sense. It's nearly impossible to fill out a job application. Forget about ordering from a restaurant menu - the letters seem to swim around and look like some sort of bizarre code.

Even reading the newspaper is a waste; it's too much effort to laboriously piece each word together, letter by letter, only to finally lose the meaning of the entire sentence.

This is the world of people with reading difficulties. They're often very bright, very resourceful, very embarrassed.

They have apartments, cars, jobs and families. There's nothing "wrong" with them. They just can't read.

"Many of our students are ashamed that they have trouble reading," said Mrs. Mary Callahan, chairperson of the Wyoming Valley Literacy Volunteers. "But they're willing to try to learn. And they know that we'll protect their privacy."

Twenty-one volunteers from the Back Mountain have been trained by this program to tutor basic reading skills, one-to-one with people with reading problems or those learning English as a second language.

Using the Laubach method, tutors show their students how to break the English language down into its basic sounds and the letters that make them, tracing each letter or combination of letters as they begin to read them.

From basic sounds, the stu-

dents gradually progress to words, then short sentences. At the conclusion of the course, the student can read at about a sixth-grade level.

Mrs. Betty Schechter of Shavertown recently finished working with a young man who wanted to learn to read so that he could do better at work and be able to read to his children.

"He was intelligent - he had memorized the entire written driver's license test," she said. "And he was certainly industrious, meeting with me three times a week for two hours."

"There's so much embarrassment and frustration for them. You have to work on self-esteem as much as reading," said Mrs. Schechter.

Jack Penman of Dallas has tutored three students, one of whom was dyslexic. He wrote letters backwards and inverted letters in words, seeing "was" instead of "saw," for example.

"We worked on the letters' shapes as well as their sounds, remembering special combinations," Penman said. "Although he didn't complete the course, he learned enough to get a better job. Learning to read - and learning not to be afraid of reading - opened up a whole new world for him."

Rosemary Caputo has been working with a man from Eastern Europe who is learning English as a second language. Although he has spent many years in the United States, he never had to learn English because he lived and worked with people from his homeland.

"Now he wants to become a U.S. citizen," Mrs. Caputo said. "We

have been concentrating on his acquiring enough English to pass the citizenship examination and survive economically as a citizen."

Mrs. Caputo has taught one student, while Penman has worked with three and Mrs. Schechter has taught two; Schechter's second student was also learning English as a second language.

But the Wyoming Valley Literacy Program doesn't end with the completion of the six Laubach books.

"We can continue working with our students, reinforcing basic skills in daily life and in the workplace," Mrs. Callahan said. "We can help our students study for their General Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.), prepare them for the written citizenship exam or continue lessons in English as a second language. We'll individually tailor a program to fit the student's needs. And we don't charge for our services."

Students come from very diverse backgrounds, Mrs. Callahan said. But all have one common goal: to improve their basic reading skills.

Mrs. Callahan said that the Wyoming Valley Literacy Program is always looking for volunteers, welcoming anyone who can read well and is patient and dedicated.

And prospective students are always welcome, free of charge. For further information, contact Mrs. Mary Callahan at the Wyoming Valley Literacy Volunteers office in the Hoyt Library, at 287-2013.

"There's something very nice about helping someone whom you don't know," Mrs. Schechter said.

# Jackson zoners OK pump house, continue hearing on quarry fence

By GRACE R. DOVE  
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The Jackson Township zoning hearing board heard testimony in two requests for zoning variances Monday, September 26, concerning a pump house for Chase Prison, built on Route 29 and Mzdail Road, and repairs to a fence around a quarry owned by American Asphalt on Chase Road.

The board granted a zoning variance to the Pennsylvania Department of General Services and its engineering consultants, Borton and Lawton, for the pump house, constructed to bring water from Huntsville Reservoir to the prison, after considering testimony on the noise that the facility might produce.

Dan Speicher, environmental specialist for Skelly and Loy, Inc., presented the results of noise level (decibel) tests that he performed Monday afternoon, September 28. "Even in a worst-case scenario, with all four pumps and the fan running, people living in nearby homes shouldn't notice it," he said.

The variance was granted with the stipulations that the pumps be operated only during the day unless an extreme emergency arises,

and that the contractor repair an improperly built drainage ditch.

The second variance request, from Bernard Banks, Jr., owner of American Asphalt on Chase Road, was adjourned until October 5.

Banks, who recently received a written order from the Office of Surface Mining of the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), requested that township specifications for fences be relaxed so that he could replace the fence around American Asphalt's quarry the way that he claimed DER told him would be safest.

Township ordinances require six-foot chain-link fences with cross-rails at the top, middle and bottom around surface mining operations like the quarry.

Banks said that DER gave him verbal specifications for a new chain-link fence reinforced by heavy wire cable strung along the top and bottom, but without cross-rails.

Although sections of Banks' fence currently meet township specifications, large sections of the original fence, described by zoning officer Robert Culp as four-foot turkey wire, are badly deteriorated or have fallen down.

Banks said that his men have

already begun to build a chain-link and cable fence with no cross-rails around the quarry.

"It's a safer fence than the one that the township requires," Banks said. "A fence with three cross-rails is rigid, like a ladder. People can climb it." He said that without rails the fence is flexible and unstable for anyone to climb over.

Adjoining property owner Paul Dugan testified that there is no fence at all between his property and the quarry. John and Charlotte Phillips, whose property also adjoins Banks', said that the original fence separating their land from American Asphalt, has been down since 1985.

"I didn't even know that the fence was down," Banks said.

According to minutes of the June and September supervisors' meetings, solicitor Blythe Evans, Jr., wrote to Banks in May and August about the fence's deteriorated and dangerous condition.

The zoning hearing board adjourned the hearing until Monday, October 5, at 7 p.m., so that written confirmation of Banks' communications with DER can be obtained and members of the zoning hearing board can look at the fence if they wish to.

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