

Cong. Sherwood representative at Dallas Tuesday

A field representative for U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood will be available to meet with residents Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Dallas Township Municipal Building on Route 309. Citizens or groups who need assistance or have questions about federal government matters are invited to attend.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Sherwood's office at 1-888-366-7210.

Legion invites oratorical, essay contest entries

High school students and home-schooled students of the Back Mountain have been invited by Dallas American Legion Post 672 to compete in the 66th annual National High School Oratorical Contest. The contest has been arranged with the full cooperation of the local school districts who will assist with the contest arrangements.

The subject of the prepared oration portion of the contest must be some phase of the Constitution of the United States, emphasizing the duties and obligations of a U.S. citizen. The prepared oration must be the original effort of each contestant and must be 8-10 minutes in length. The three national finalists receive scholarships of \$18,000, \$16,000 and \$14,000, respectively. In addition, contestants who win their state finals contest and represent their state at the national contests will receive no less than \$1,500 in scholarship funds. The American Legion will pay the expenses of state winners at the national contest.

The Post is also sponsoring an essay test. The topic this year is "America — Sweet Land of Liberty." All essays must be no less than 600 words and no more than 1,000. The local school must determine its own winner by Feb. 5. Prizes will be awarded locally and at the state level.

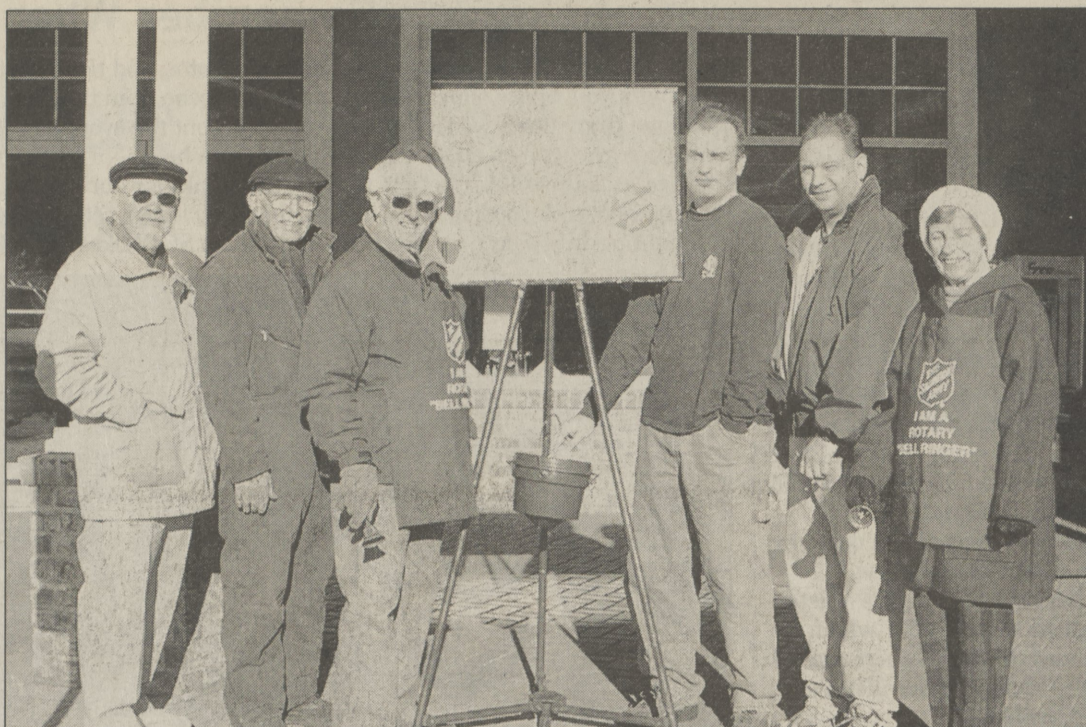
Students interested in either competition may find complete rules at their respective schools or by contacting Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488.

Heating grants available to UGI customers

UGI Utilities, Inc. is helping eligible gas and electric customers apply for federal energy assistance dollars to keep their homes warm this winter. These grants, which do not need to be repaid, help customers with limited or fixed incomes pay their heating bills, repair or replace a heater and avoid utility service shut off. Last winter over 13,700 UGI customers received money from this fund. The average grant was \$259.

Funds are limited and available on a first come, first served basis, so UGI urges customers to apply as soon as possible. For more information on federal energy assistance, customers should call UGI at 1-800-UGI-WARM (1-800-844-9276). UGI will provide information on the application process and assistance completing and submitting the required forms. To qualify for funds a customer must provide proof of income, a recent heating bill, and the name, birth date and Social Security number for each person in his or her household. A table of qualifying income levels is attached.

At any time of the year, UGI customers who have a problem paying their utility bill are encouraged to contact UGI promptly for information on available assistance programs as well as payment arrangements. UGI Utilities' headquarters is located in Reading, PA. The utility serves 292,000 natural gas customers in 14 southeastern PA counties and 62,000 electric customers in portions of Luzerne and Wyoming counties. Additional information about UGI is available at www.ugi.com.



Deli customers' tips help those less fortunate

For several years the employees and management of J&J Deli in Dallas have saved their tips from the restaurant and catering business to donate to those less fortunate during the holidays. This year's total was more than \$3,600. As in the past, the majority of the funds were donated to Toys for Tots, but this year they also decided to help the Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre and three families in the Lake-Lehman School District with gifts and food. John Wertman, owner of J&J Deli, and employee Bill Cuff stopped by a Salvation Army kettle in Dallas with a check for \$400 and helped the Rotary Club of Dallas raise more than \$1,100 during their two-day kettle drive. Pictured above, from left: Spencer Martin, Rotary chairperson of the event, Rotarians Jim Alexander and Paul Rodda, Bill Cuff, John Wertman and Jean Rodda.

Ballet students pass Cecchetti exams

Students of the Whipple Dance Studio in Tunkhannock recently took their Cecchetti Ballet exams. The Cecchetti Council of America (CCA) is an organization dedicated to maintaining the standards and method of ballet training established by Cav. Enrico Cecchetti. The organization uses his teaching and writings 'in a sequence of grades, carefully measured as to degree of difficulty and physical development, and provides a system of accredited examinations to test the student's proficiency within those grades.

Certified examiner Diana Mallum tested 26 students at the Tunkhannock studio. Children ages 5 through 16 were tested at the Primary level to Grade 3. AU students passed. Myriah Crane, a Grade 3 student, and Danielle Freeman, who took both a Grade I and 2 exam, passed with a "commended" grade. Grade I students Maria Brody, Sara Huffman and Janie Ruddell and Grade 2 student Jamie Freeman passed with a "pass plus" grade. Hali Soloski passed her Grade 2



Students of the Whipple Dance Studio who took their Grade I Cecchetti ballet exam on December 8 are, from left: Janie Ruddell, Sara Huffman, Leah Whitney, Casey Tyler and Ashley Kasmierski.

exam. Other students who passed their Grade I exam are Ashley Kasmierski, Amber Kinney, Casey Tyler, Leah Whitney and Britnee Zionkowski. Students who passed their Primary I test are Jourdan Aten, Miranda Donovan, Alexis Force,

Callysta Messner, Marissa Moran and Whitney Tyler. Students who passed their Standard B test are Morgan Cross, Cheyanne Kasmierski, Jordan Mahon, Devin Mason, Megan Moran, Sarah Passarelli, Samantha Seidel and Alison Wetherbee.

Memorial, honor books donated to BMT library

Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of new memorial books:

In Memory of Pauline Casterline, "Under My Hood I Have a Hat" by Karla Kuskin, presented by Rosalie Bigus.

In Memory of Pauline Casterline, "Do You Have a Hat?" by Eileen Spinelli, presented by Rosalie Bigus.

The following books are in Memory of Nancy Kozemchak and presented by The Clifford Kozemchak Family: "How Many Miles to Bethlehem" by Kevin Crossley-Holland; "The Train of States" by Peter Sis; "Valley Forge" by Richard Ammon; "The Sea, the Storm and the Mangrove Tangle" by Lynne Cherry; "Chip and the Karate Kick" by Anne Rockwell; "Henry and Mudge and a Very Merry Christmas" by Cynthia Rylant.

In Memory of Gloria McCartney, "Walt Whitman: words of America" by Barbara Kerley, presented by Brenda and Rob McCawley and Family.

In Memory of Florence Kruger, "You Are Special" by Max Lucado, presented by Norbert Swithers.

In Memory of Stacia Feddock, "A Secret Life" by Benjamin Weiser, presented by The Ambrose Family.

In Memory of Betty Gregson, "Sugar Cookie Murder" by Joanne Fluke, presented by Regina Waldorf.

In Memory of Betty Gregson, "Thursday Next in Something Rotten" by Jasper Fforde, presented by Louise and Jack Moore.

In Memory of Betty Gregson, "Door in the Mountain" by John Valentine, presented by Alice and Jack Sallada.

In Memory of Betty V. Gregson, "The Coroner's Lunch" by Colin Cotterill, presented by Stephen and Estella Killian.

HONOR BOOKS

In Honor of Marilyn Rudolph's 80th birthday, "Cultures of the World: Italy" by Kane Kohen Winter, presented by Stan and Patties Davies.

In Honor of Marilyn Rudolph's 80th birthday, "Discovering Cultures: India" by Patricia Murphy, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham.

In Honor of Marilyn Rudolph's 80th birthday, "Cultures of the World: Sweden" by Delice Gan, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham.

In Honor of Marilyn Rudolph's 80th Birthday, "Cultures of the World: Germany" by Barbara Fuller, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham.

In Honor of Emma and George Pfeiffer, "The Berenstain Bears and the Prize Pumpkin" by Stan and Jan Berenstain, presented by Brigid Pfeiffer.

In Honor of Emma and George Pfeiffer, "Billy's Picture" by Margaret and H.A. Rey, presented by Brigid Pfeiffer.

In Honor of Bill and Kathryn Ashman, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place" by Aron Ralston, presented by JoAnn Urick and Duke Dalley.

Gate House taking preschool registration

The Gate House Early Childhood Development Center is now accepting registrations for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Primary focus of The Gate House is to enhance a wide range of developmentally appropriate social, creative, cognitive, linguistic and quantitative skills, and to develop self-esteem and social skills in each child. Individual development is monitored by a certified early childhood teacher. Unit themes and field trips will be utilized to expand the learning experience of each child throughout the

school year.

Program options are:

4 year olds: Half day or full day, 8:15-10:45 or 11:45-2:15 or 8:15-2:15 with extended day until 5:30 p.m.

3 year olds: Half day or full day: 8:15-10:45 or 11:45-2:15 or 8:15-2:15

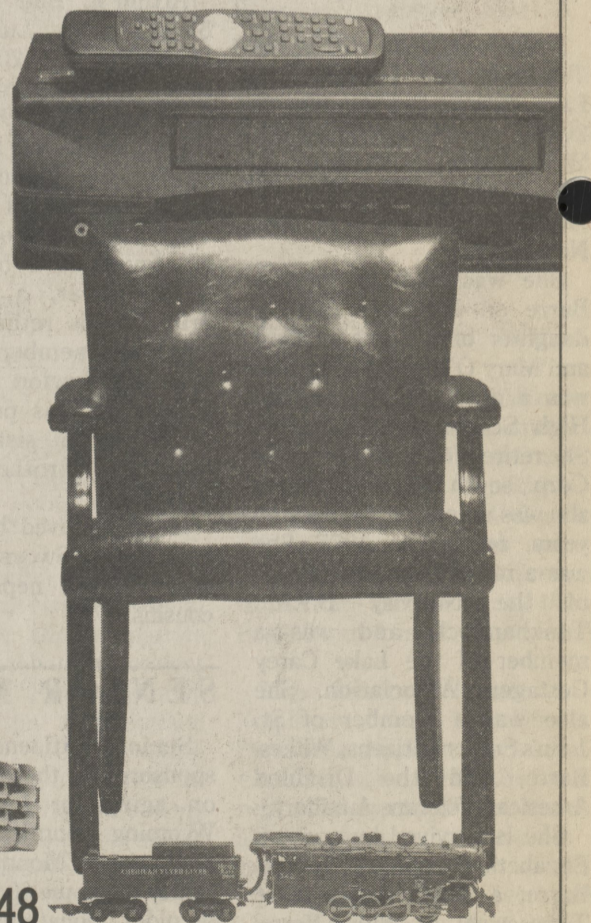
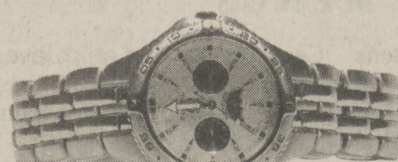
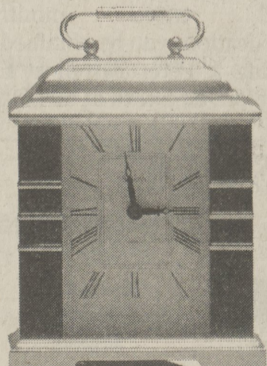
Parents may call Gate of Heaven School's office at 675-6566 or The Gate House at 674-4855 and ask to speak to Mrs. Mary Jane Kozick, director of the Gate House for more information and/or a registration form.

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