

BACK MOUNTAIN DANCERS TO PERFORM IN BALLET



The Joan Harris Dancers will present the ballet *La Fille mal Gardée* at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 at the Meyers High School auditorium in Wilkes-Barre. There will also be a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Dallas resident and choreographer Elisabeth Harris maintained the classic repertoire of the major roles but - with the aid of the studio's 10 other ballet instructors - choreographed scenes to allow for the 550 ballet students of the school to participate in the performance. This is the 23rd year the regional performing arts school has produced its annual spring ballet. Tickets are \$11 in advance and may be purchased at the Joan Harris Centre campus in the Twin Stacks Complex in Dallas or at the campus at the West Side Mall in Edwardsville. For more information, call 674-3699 or visit the Web site www.joanharrisdancers.com. Several of the Back Mountain dancers who will perform in the ballet, from left, first row are Lee Riccetti, Shavertown; Kristen Justice, Dallas; and Caprice Sola, Jackson Township. Second row: Chelsea Fufaro, Dallas; Becky Phillips, Dallas; and Denise Nerozzi, Dallas. Third row: Gabrielle Evans, Harveys Lake; and Katelyn Reinert, Trucksville.

KUZMA TO PLAY WICKED WITCH IN OZ!

The musical *Oz!* will be presented by the NE Players on May 6 and 8-9 at College Misericordia. The performance times are 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6; 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, May 8; and 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 9. The box office opens one hour before the evening performances and 30 minutes prior to the daytime shows. The musical is based closely on the L. Frank Baum book "The Wizard of Oz." The cast of more than 40 children includes many from the Back Mountain. In the photo at right, Trucksville resident Alexis Kuzma, left, will play the Wicked Witch and Lauren Timek of West Pittston will play Dorothy. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for teenagers, and \$5 each for school groups of 20 or more students. For more information, call 675-4333.



CIVIC BRIEFS

Bike safety event May 6 at Legion

The Dallas American Legion Auxiliary will host a bicycle safety event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6 at the Post Home on Route 415.

A representative from Sicker's Bike will be available to check bikes and provide safety handouts. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be provided.

Market on the Pond has vendor spaces

Vendor spaces for the highly popular "Market on the Pond" at The Meadows Nursing Center are available. The annual event - which benefits the center's residents - will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at the center, 55 West Center Hill Road in Dallas. The center can accommodate 108 vendors. Vendor spaces are \$20 and may be reserved by calling 675-8600, ext. 195. The rain date is June 24.

Conservation Coalition sets Day of Prayer event

The Conservation Coalition will hold a National Day of Prayer scripture reading and prayer at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4 at pavilion No. 2 at Moon Lake State Park. Each member of the Conservation Coalition give a brief summary of their respective missions.

Members of the Conservation Coalition include the Bowman's Creek Watershed, Ducks Unlimited, Mehoopany Watershed, North Branch Land Trust, PA Deer Federation, Quality Deer Management Association, South Mountain Land Association, The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited and the Wild Turkey Federation.

For more information, call Chip Sorber at 477-2303.

Tree-planting to honor Cleary

The Dallas Postmaster Kristen Tucker and several local officials will dedicate a tree at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 11 in front of the Dallas Post Office.

The ceremony will be held in honor of First Lt. Michael Cleary, a Dallas High School graduate who was killed in action while serving in Iraq. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is invited.

Public invited to attend breakfast

An old-fashioned breakfast will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday May 13 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. The event is being sponsored by Oneida Lodge 371 of the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or by calling 675-1006. The public is invited and the building is handicapped accessible.

Mountain Grange plans flea market

The Mountain Grange No. 567 will hold a flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the grange on West Eighth Street in Carverton. Lunch and snacks will be sold from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Driving directions from Trucksville: follow Carverton Road to the stop sign at the end. Turn left onto West Eighth Street and follow it to Bodle Road. The grange is located across from Bodle Road.

Driving directions from Tunkhannock: take Route 29 and turn left onto Route 292. Go through Center Moreland to Village Road in Franklin Township. Go through Orange, where Village Road becomes West Eighth Street. Continue on West Eighth Street to Bodle Road. The grange is located on the right.

Vendors needed for Noxen craft show

Vendor spaces are available for the Noxen Volunteer Fire Co.'s craft show, which will be held in conjunction with the annual Rattlesnake Roundup on June 15-18.

Spaces are available inside and outside of the tent. Spaces are \$30 each. To reserve a space, call the fire company at 298-2061, call Sandra at 639-2504 or fax the request to 298-2403.

There will also be representatives at the fire hall from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday nights.

Nature camp at Frances Slocum

Frances Slocum State Park will hold a nature camp at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at pavilion No. 1. The registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a \$20 per child non-refundable registration fee. For more information, call environmental education specialist Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

Civil War group visiting War College

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table is sponsoring a bus trip to the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle on June 10. The cost of the trip is \$20.

For more information about the trip, call Steve Leonardo at 675-0468 or Maureen 256-4413.

Film Festival in Tunkhannock

The Dietrich Theater is holding its annual spring Film Festival through May 4 at the theater in downtown Tunkhannock. The event features 14 days of foreign, independent

and art films.

The cost is \$5 for matinees and \$6 for evenings. For a list of films, visit the Web site www.dietrichtheater.com.

Flea market set for May 13

The Bloomingdale Grange will hold a flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the grange on Grange Hall Road in Shickshinny. Refreshments will be available.

Table rental is available for \$5. To reserve a table or for more information, call 256-7610.

Classical music featured at concert

The Wyoming County Chorus will present its spring concert "The Sons of Vienna" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday May 6 at the Tunkhannock Middle School.

Songs by Brahms, Beethoven, Bruckner, Haydn, Schubert and Mozart will be performed. Special guests Stephanie Mann-Johnson, a New York soprano with several opera companies, and Sophie Till a renowned violinist, will perform during the concert.

Tickets will be available at the door. For ticket prices, call 836-2982.

Women's camp being held in July

Camp St. Andrew in Tunkhannock will host its second annual Women's Getaway Weekend from July 7-9 at the camp on Stark Road. The program begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday after lunch.

Activities include seated massages, yoga, a campfire, kayaking, swimming, quiet time, wine tasting, nature walks, archery, a climbing tower, a rope course and a stress management workshop.

The cost is \$150, which includes all activities, housing and meals. For a brochure, call 226-4606 or e-mail jkpel@ccswb.org.

Registration forms may also be found on the Internet at www.dioceseofscranton.org.

Families needed for Fresh Air kids

The Fresh Air Fund's Luzerne/Wyoming committee has begun its annual campaign to find local families who are interested in helping provide free summer vacations to New York City children.

Since 1877, the Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City youngsters from low-income neighborhoods.

For more information about how you can host a Fresh Air child, call Kim Sorber at 639-5972 or the Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003. You can also visit The Fund online at www.freshair.org.

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