

## SHAVERTOWN WOMAN CELEBRATES 99TH BIRTHDAY



Shavertown resident Dorothy Tubridy celebrated her 99th birthday Nov. 21. She was born and raised in Wilkes-Barre and lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Betsy and Gordon Fairchild, in Shavertown. She is a retired teacher, having taught in many one-room schools. Tubridy also taught in the Wilkes-Barre public school system. She and her late husband Raymond were married for 69 years. She is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

## ROTARY CLUB KEEPS TRADITION ALIVE



In keeping with their annual tradition that goes back many years, members of the Rotary Club of Dallas recently placed the "Happy Holidays" sign and decorations at the intersection of routes 309 and 415 in Dallas. Participating in the event, from left, are Jim Alexander, Bill Nafus, John Rhoads, co-chairman Ron Fitch, co-chairman Joe Stager, Jerry Reisch and Jon Pomrinke.

### CIVIC BRIEFS

#### Joan Harris Dancers to perform today

More than 200 dancers from the Back Mountain will take the stage this afternoon for the 25th annual Holiday Extravaganza sponsored by the Joan Harris Dancers. Members of the center's Back Mountain campus will showcase their talent during the 2 p.m. show at Coughlin High School's auditorium in Wilkes-Barre.

The show will feature traditional holiday favorites, as well as contemporary renditions of the music. Singers, actors, dancers, sets and lighting effects will come together in a show that offers something for everyone.

The holiday show marks the conclusion of one eight-week session of lessons at the performing arts school. In the past six weeks, students from the regional performing arts school took part classes taught by a dancer from the Moscow Ballet and appeared in an international touring production of Swan Lake at the F.M. Kirby Center.

Tickets for Holiday Extravaganza are \$10 at the door. For more information, call 674-3699 or 287-7977.

#### Food pantry to be closed

The Back Mountain Food

Pantry will be open through Thursday, Dec. 21, but will be closed Dec. 22 to Jan. 2. This month's regular weekly orders for qualified clients will be ready for pick up Thursday, Dec. 21.

Members of the community are asked to remember the food pantry and its clients throughout the year, especially in January and February when our clients are faced with rising fuel bills, and during the summer months when the children do not receive a lunchtime meal at school.

Food and cash donations are always welcome. Volunteers are available to receive donations from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Call 696-2917 or send to fax to 696-3898 to schedule other mutually convenient times for delivery.

#### KT zoning board filling vacancy

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors is accepting applications for a vacancy on the township's zoning hearing board. The board consists of five members and has specific duties under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and township ordinances regarding zoning and land use issues.

The board meets once per month. Basic knowledge of zoning laws and/or land use is helpful, but not required. Members of the board do not receive com-

pensation.

Township residents interested in this position should send a letter of interest to the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors, 180 East Center Street, Shavertown, PA 18708. Letters of interest must be received no later than Dec. 27.

Questions about the position may be directed to township manager Kelly Biddle Cook at 696-3809.

#### Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

#### Class of 1982 plans reunion

The Dallas High School Class of 1982 will hold its 25th anniversary reunion July 14 at the Irem Temple Country Club pavilion. Any class member who has a question or comment should contact Holly Daubert at 675-1714.

#### Library selling engraved bricks

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is selling engraved brick

pavers for the outdoor entry area at the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. The personally engraved bricks make a wonderful holiday gift or memorial for an entire family, or for a special individual.

Bricks are available for \$100 each, which includes up to three lines of engraving. Proceeds benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Forms to purchase bricks are available at the library reception desk, or by calling the library at 675-1182.

#### Clothing drive to benefit veterans

Curves for Women in Shavertown, in conjunction with the Dallas American Legion Ladies Auxiliary is holding the fourth annual Christmas Drive to collect clothing and other sundries for veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Plains Township.

The following items may be dropped off at Curves for Women, 161 Memorial Highway: T-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, sweaters, pajamas, socks, bedroom slippers, shaving cream, cologne, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, candy, and monetary donations. Curves is located next to Sheets convenience store.

Susan Stephens and Nancy Zumchak are co-chairwomen for the drive, with assistance from VA representative Marion Kuningonis. For more information, including store hours, call 696-4321.

## Essay contest deadline nears

Dallas American Legion Post 672 is holding its annual essay contest for high school students.

The contest is held in conjunction with the 72nd annual contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion. The contest is open to all students who reside in the Back Mountain.

This year's topic is "How Can We Support Our Troops?"

There are monetary awards at the local and district levels. Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the state contest.

The first place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship, a plaque, and a trip to the American Legion convention in July 2007 to read the winning essay to the assembled delegates.

The second place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a plaque.

Interested students may contact their school office or call Dallas American Legion

commander Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488. All entries must be received by Jan. 7.

The American Legion is also sponsoring a high school oratorical contest. The theme for year's contest is "We The People." The contest will consist of an 8-10-minute, memorized oration on some phase of the United States Constitution and a 3-5-minute extemporaneous oration on one of four topics assigned by the national headquarters.

The first place winner will receive a \$7,500 scholarship, plaque, and a paid trip to the Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention to present the winning oration. The winner will also represent Pennsylvania in national and regional contests and receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from the national organization.

The second place winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place winner receives a \$4,000 scholarship and a plaque. Application forms may be obtained at high school offices or by calling Michael at 675-0488.

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