

Degnan stars in 'Swan Lake'

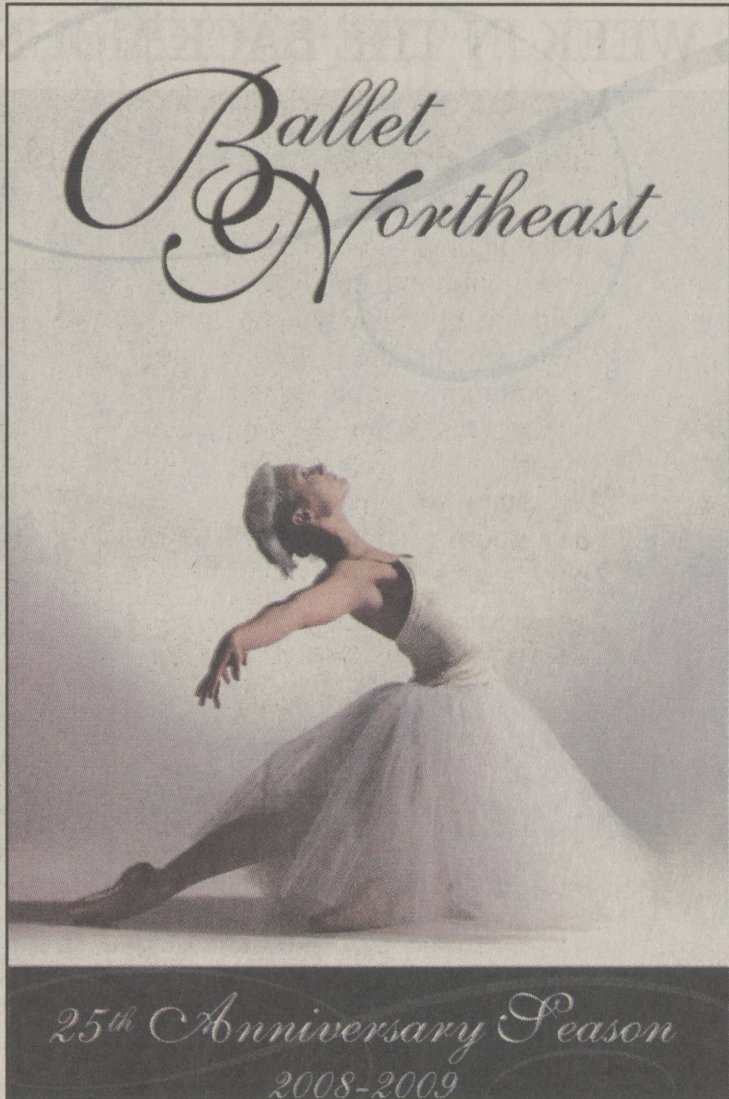
Ballet Northeast will present its 25th anniversary spring performances featuring Act II of "Swan Lake" and an original work set by Artistic Director Kristin Schleich Degnan and her late husband, Peter, to a Scott Joplin ragtime composition, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes-Barre.

There will also be a matinee for school groups at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 7.

Performing the principal roles in "Swan Lake" will be Ballet Northeast soloist Julie Degnan and Odette and guest professional artist Timothy Early as Prince Siegfried.

Degnan, of Harveys Lake, is a student at Lake-Lehman High School.

Appearing in major supporting roles in this production will be members of BNE's corps de ballet, including Samantha Condo and Katharine Marianacci, of Dallas; Mary Ciaccia, of Harveys Lake; and Brianna Wise, of Shavertown.



Julie Degnan, of Harveys Lake will perform a principal role in Northeast Ballet's production of "Swan Lake."

Also appearing in these performances will be company apprentices Joy Nave and Grace Schaub, of Dallas. For more information, and ticket reservations, call 287-5802.

TIDEY WINS DMS SPELLING BEE



The Jane Stitzer Memorial Spelling Bee was held at Dallas Middle School recently with Nora Tidey, a seventh-grade student, winning the competition by correctly spelling "adolescent." Anna Chinikaylo, an eighth-grade student, was the second place runner-up. From left, are Matthew Barrett, assistant principal; Nora Tidey, Anna Chinikaylo, Jonelle Cavill, teacher/spelling Bee coordinator; and Erin Moreck, teacher/Spelling Bee judge.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE IN GEOGRAPHY BEE



Students at the Dallas Middle School recently participated in the school's annual Geography Bee. All students had the opportunity to be selected as finalists and top performers were identified through pencil and paper assessments in homerooms. Finalists competed in front of the student body in a game-show style assembly organized by social studies teacher Harry Haas. From left, are Nate Vario, runner-up; Harry Haas, event organizer; Brian Stepniak, bee winner; Thomas Duffy, principal; Brittany Weinstein, runner-up, and Mathew Barrett, assistant principal.

STUDENTS AT I'M BIG NOW DONATE TO LIBRARY



This past December pre-school and kindergarten students at I'm Big Now Learning Center chose to donate new hardcover books to the Back Mountain Memorial Library instead of having a gift exchange. Mrs. Janet Bauman, children's librarian, went to the school and presented the students with a Story Hour featuring holiday stories, songs and poems. At the completion of Story Hour, the children presented Mrs. Bauman with the book donation. From left, first row, are Sarah Gurzynski, Sarah Sedeski, Michael Battin, Dustin Heinrich, Olivia Jorda, Kaitlyn Conrad, Drew Lojewski, Spencer Gabriele and Jordyn Meade. Second row, Jocelyn Mattingly, Ethan Sult, Lydia Barberio, Aiden Fennell, Olivia Kiwak, Parker Bolesta, Lorisa Klinger, Lillian Lombardo and Drew Dickson.

GATE OF HEAVEN ANNOUNCES SPELLING BEE WINNERS



Students at Gate of Heaven School recently competed in a school-wide spelling bee for grades five through eight during Catholic Schools Week. Students in grades one through four participated in a Spelling Bowl in preparation. The winners were Michael Morrison, eighth grade, above left; and Michele Fromel, seventh grade, above right.

FALLEN OFFICERS REMEMBERED HONORS BMT POLICE ASSOCIATION



Fallen Officers Remembered presented its Adopt a Cop plaque to the Back Mountain Police Association for holding a golf tournament in 2008 and donating all proceeds to the Adopt a Cop program. Fallen Officers Remembered has extended its program to help vest EMTs, paramedics and canines. Shown here are Gina Pocceschi Boyle, left, vice-president, Fallen Officers Remembered; and Martin Maransky, president, Back Mountain Police Association.

Scouts receive religious emblems

Thirty-six Cub Scouts from Pack 232, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, were awarded their religious emblems on "Scout Sunday," the first Sunday in February, which this year commemorated the 99th anniversary of Scouting in the U.S.

Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts earned their "Light of Christ" religious medal and the Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts earned their "Parvuli Dei" (Children of God) religious

medal. Father Kevin Mulhern, pastor of Gate of Heaven Church, awarded the boys their medals. The Boy Scouts of Troop 232 also participated in the Scout Sunday event.



Scouts who received religious emblems at Gate of Heaven Church are, from left, first row, Tony Caravaggio, Colin Zeiss, Tyler Ospower, Ryan Maloney, Christian Sebastianelli, A.J. Bednar, Jacob Brennan and Christian Diana. Second row, Father Kevin Mulhern, Justin Lansberry, Nick Carr, R.J. Knorr, Stephen Postupak, Matty Duffy, Joseph Brennan and Scotty Williams. Third row, Tyler Wojciechowski, Jeffery Busher, Jacob Dragon, Michael Caravaggio, Connor Maloney, Michael Huntington, Michael Parmelee, Justin Marshall and Christopher Ash. Fourth row, Connor Duffy, Michael Lyons, Matthew Blaum, Matthew Lyons, Christopher Huntington, Chester Brennan, Ryan Marshall and Anthony Huntington. Fifth row, Luke Jolley, Eric Wojciechowski, Lucas Lansberry, Tyler Dragon and Brian Ghezzi. Absent at the time of the photo were Cole Dewees, Tommy Hajkowski, Anthony Khoudary, Liam Frederick, Brendan Frederick and James Frederick.