

CHURCH BRIEFS

Church service will recognize veterans

A special service of recognition and remembrance of our nation's veterans will be held at 7 p.m. today, Nov. 8, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, North Pioneer Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Richard M. Oley, an active member of the Shavertown United Methodist Church who served as a major in the Medical Core of the United States Air Force.

Also, there will be a special ritual of remembering with candle lighting while naming those veterans who have died as well as those currently serving in the armed forces.

Program set for Cross Creek Church

A program entitled "Lost: Learning to Love the Way Jesus Loves," will be held at 9 and 10:45 a.m. today, Nov. 8, at the Cross Creek Community Church, 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville.

The program will be hosted by Dr. Dave Earley, chairman of the Department of Pastoral Leadership at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and Liberty University.

Meat loaf dinner slated

A baked meat loaf dinner and bake sale will be held

from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Loyallville United Methodist Church.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under the age of 12.

Take-outs are available by calling 477-3521 and leaving your name, phone number, number of dinners requested and pickup time.

TUMC sets holiday bazaar

The Annual Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon at the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the church, corner of Church and Warren Streets.

Lunch, featuring cream of broccoli soup, turkey salad, cranberry relish and a variety of homemade pies and cakes, will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-outs are available.

Roast beef dinner planned

A family-style roast beef dinner will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas. Take-outs will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children and reservations are encouraged. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 675-3859. The church is handicapped accessible.

DUMC SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS CHICKEN DINNER



The Dallas United Methodist Sunday School will hold a Chicken Cordon Blue Sunday Dinner at noon on Sunday, Nov. 15, in the church's social hall. Tickets will be on sale before and after church services on Sundays and also at the church office at 675-0122. Advance tickets are required. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Members of the Sunday School are, from left, first row, Zachary Crahall, Madison Fostock, Molly Jenkins and Tanner Manzoni. Second row, Sean Coates, Emily Crahall, Alexis Lanza, Thomas Manzoni, Zoe Yonkoski and Esme Yonkoski. Third row, Kim Lanza, Kylie Brittain, Tyler Manzoni, Felicia Brittain. Fourth row, Leanne Coates, Karen Strum, Dennis Donovan, Bonnie Donovan, Allan Kinsman, Karen Justus, Rev. Earl Roberts and Ruby Fulker-sin.

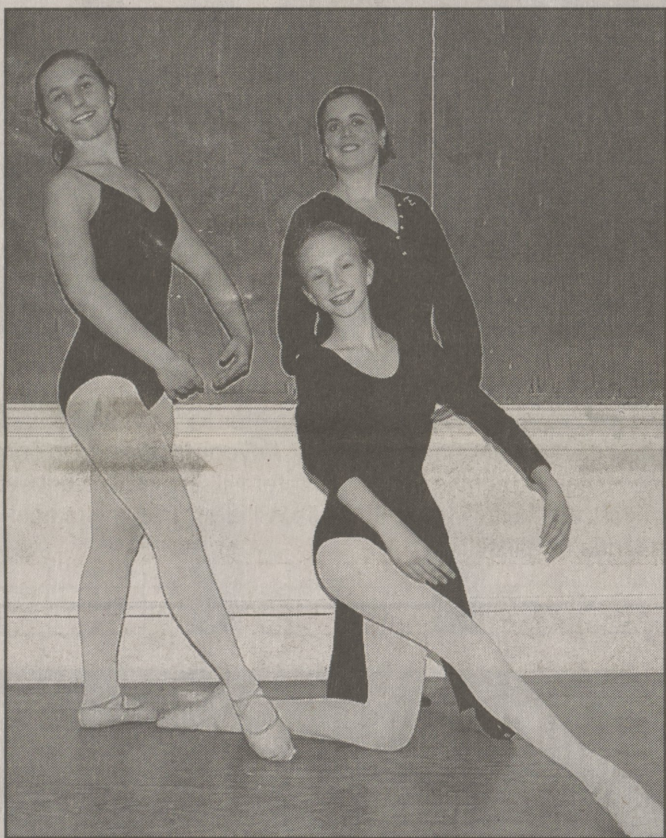
Locals will dance with Moscow Ballet

The Moscow Ballet will perform the classic Great Russian Nutcracker at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre as part of its 70 city international tour.

Set against Valentin Fedorov's spectacular hand-painted backdrops and life-sized dancing puppets, the Great Russian Nutcracker delights audiences with a visual tapestry rich in detail and whimsy. It is especially distinctive for its unique setting of Act II in the "Land of Peace and Harmony" and for the introduction of a new character, a Christmas Dove.

The production will feature local dancers in supporting roles. This past September, prima ballerina Nataliya Miroschnykh from the company visited the area and conducted auditions at the Harris Conservatory for the Arts. Eighty regional performers from six area schools were cast in a variety of parts, including party guests, snowflakes, mice, angels and many of the variations of the famed Tchaikovsky work.

Thirteen dancers from the Back Mountain communities were given roles in the Nutcracker. They include Brittany Brown, Dallas; Alyssa Dragon, Trucksville; Allyson Earl, Harding; Bridget Frame, Tunkhannock; Anna Giacometti,

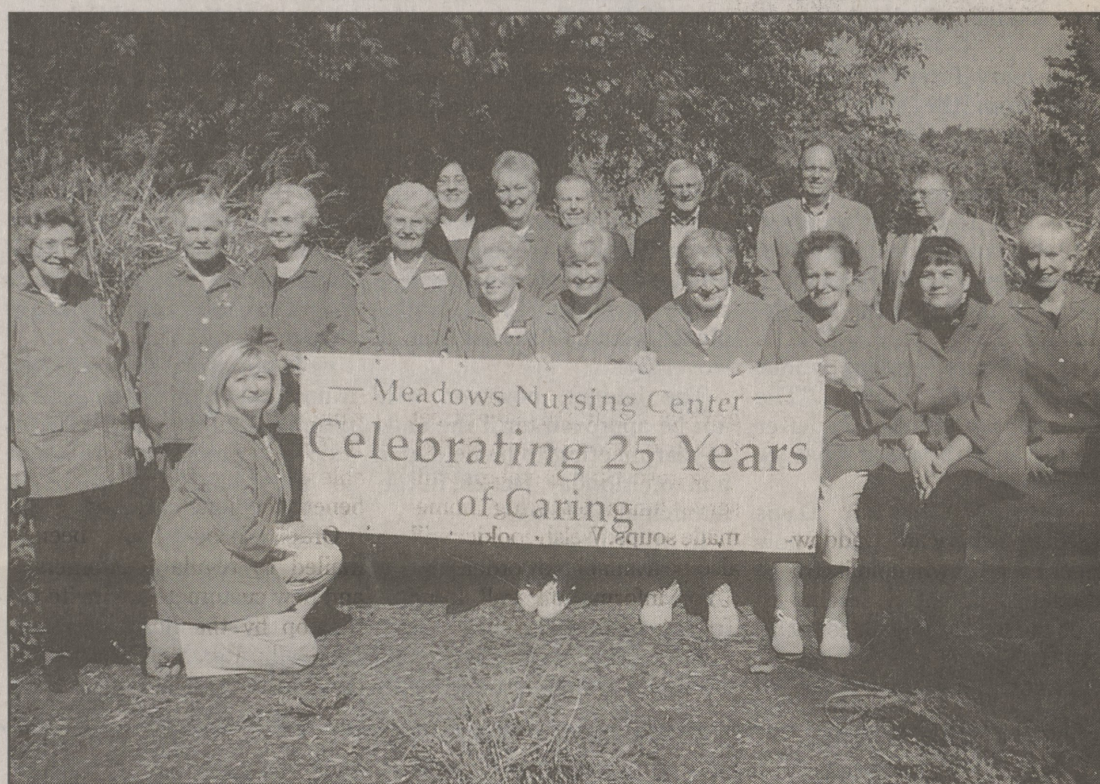


Preparing to perform in the Great Russian Nutcracker with the Moscow Ballet are, from left, Anna James, Jackson Township; Katelyn Reinert, Trucksville; and Elisabeth Harris, Dallas.

Dallas; Gabrielle Grzymiski, Shavertown; Anna James, Jackson Township; Christina Kasper, Dallas; Janice Lisman, Shavertown; Ruby Mattson, Wyoming; Katelyn Reinert, Trucksville; Lauren Slavoski, Shavertown; Angelina White, Dallas.

The Moscow ballet hired Dallas resident Elisabeth Harris to serve as the regional coordinator and trainer for the production, marking the 10th year Harris has worked with the company.

For more information, call 826-1100.



Members of the Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dallas preparing for an Open House at the center are, from left, first row, Irene Transue, Bernie Hill, Louise Montigny, Leona Walter, Gert Hoyes, Donna McCall, Hilda Healy, Cynthia Scott, Heidi Marr and Marilyn Gregorski. Second row, Cristina Tarbox, Meadows administrator; Maryan Daily, Robert Law, Pete Klein, Lloyd Ryman and Nelson Ashburner.

Meadows Auxiliary plans Open House

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dallas, invites the community to an Open House from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15, at the center.

The event will celebrate the auxiliary's 25 years of volunteer service to Meadows residents. Tours of the facility will be given and refreshments will be available.

Auxiliary members have donated over 288,000 hours of service to residents and have raised over \$240,000 to meet special needs of the residents and social events.

CELLULAR CONNECTION OPENS IN DALLAS



The Cellular Connection, located at 3168 Memorial Hwy. in Dallas, celebrated its grand opening recently with a ribbon cutting and reception recently. From left, are Hildy Ide, Hilton Garden Inn; Clayton Karembeles, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber Ambassadors; Fran Pantuso, Magic 93; Judith Ellis, Misericordia University, chairperson of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber Board; Sean Morgan, Jason Bauman, store manager; Fred Johnson, as-

sistant store manager; and Donna Sedor, Executive Vice President of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber.

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PEOPLE BRIEFS

Bessmer completes basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Collin G. Bessmer has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is the son of Edward M. and Elizabeth A.

Bessmer, of Harris Hill Road, Trucksville, and a 2009 graduate of Triboro Christian Academy, Old Forge.

Shannon graduates from Fort Sill

Army National Guard Pvt. Ryan A. Shannon has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

A 2009 graduate of Dallas High School, he is the son of Heather Sheehan of Huntsville Road, Dallas.

MU students receive first place

Diana Thomas, of Shavertown, and Autumn Ferris, of Tunkhannock, medical imaging students at Misericordia University, were part of a team that earned first place with their entry, "PET/CT," at the Seventh Annual Penn State/Hershey Radiography Student Day in October.

The two Back Mountain residents teamed up with fellow student Brian Glowatski of Lafayette, N.J., to earn the award.

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