



Some of the local dancers who will appear in the Moscow Ballet's production of The Great Russian Nutcracker at the F. M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre are, from left, first row, Janice Lisman, Dallas; Elizabeth DeMarco, Tunkhannock; Megan Keiser, Tunkhannock; Brianna Grow, Tunkhannock; Grace Nicolai, Dallas; Abigail Zellner, Tunkhannock; Emma Davies, Tunkhannock; Sophie Burke, Tunkhannock. Second row, Jessica Dymond, Tunkhannock; Sydney Williams, Tunkhannock; Kailley Davis, Tunkhannock; Mary Grow, Tunkhannock; Jordan Wilson, Dallas; Gabrielle Grzymiski, Dallas. Third row, Emily Grow, Tunkhannock; Alyssa Dragon, Dallas; Anna Giacometti, Dallas; Anna James, Jackson Township; Rachel Magnotta, Dallas; and Katie Greene, Tunkhannock.

Locals will dance in 'Nutcracker'

The internationally touring ballet company, The Moscow Ballet will stage the classic Great Russian Nutcracker on Monday, Dec. 3 at the F. M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre.

The show is part of the company's 70 city tour. Several local

dancers from the Back Mountain area will appear with the professional troupe.

The Moscow ballet the professional choreographer, Elisabeth Harris, from Dallas, will serve as the regional coordinator and trainer for the production. This

is the 12th year Ms. Harris has worked with the company. The Dallas resident has choreographed over 20 ballets and her students have performed with the Joffrey Ballet, the American Ballet Theater, the New York City Ballet and the Tampa Ballet.



Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School students who will appear in today's production of 'Annie Jr.' are Hannah Kasko, Aleah Ashton, Katelyn Sincavage, Stephanie Chaga, Paige Eiswerth, Marina Malcomb, Julia Bucholtz, Jessica Salus, Carly Trapani, Gabi Fitzgerald, Courtney Richards, Amanda May and Jace Garnick. Absent at the time of the photo was Keara Gallagher.

'Annie Jr.' at Lake-Lehman today

'Annie Jr.' will be presented at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 2 at Lake-Lehman High School.

Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating, \$7 for general admission and \$6 for students

through high school ages. Tickets may be obtained by calling 675-1761.

Lake-Lehman Theatre Sets are designed and built by professionals Pam Pearson and Lar-

ry Scott with assistance from Dave and Kris Hall, Raine Scott, students and parents. Chris May served as costume coordinator and choreography was created by Bryn Harvey.

With help from second and third generations, light display returns

Well over 20 years ago, Tom and June Kukuchkas in Tunkhannock enjoyed creating a large display of holiday lights with the help of their three young boys, Kevin, Eric and Jeff.

This was no ordinary display. A large train of lights built by homemade construction and also a Peace on Earth sign were two of the largest features. Lights in every tree and on every shrub were a must. This display was always a community favorite and easily viewed by a then much more lightly traveled Route 29 just outside downtown Tunkhannock.

After many memorable years, the boys went off to college, got married, started and joined family businesses, moved away, had

children of their own - and their commitment to the project proved very difficult to keep. Mom and Dad were sad to see it go, but over the years reluctantly reduced the display to an average showing.

Still, the passion for the elaborate displays of the old days burned in the hearts of these now young men.

The talks began a year ago and the light display has been reignited.

The large front field previously used by the family for the display is now home to the family business, Creekside Gardens and the gardens are alive with lights. With extra help from 8-year-old Grayson Kukuchka and the garden center staff, the old

team is on fire with renewed vigor, bigger ideas and over 40,000 lights.

The Four Firs is a quartet of singing lights performing nightly that are sure to delight. New versions of the old stand-bys are also featured and lights are in all the trees. Several staff members who remember the old displays as the grand finale of the family light tour are now excited to be a part of it themselves.

The display will be lit nightly from dusk to 10 p.m.

Anyone wishing to get more details on the new display or the history behind the tradition is encouraged to call Kevin Kukuchka at 836-3595 or email him at creeksidegardens@epix.net.

CHURCH BRIEFS

HUMC will sell Country Cookbook

The Huntsville United Methodist Church will sell a Country Cookbook in time

for the holidays. Do you want to know how to make ice cream out of snow it's in there. How about making homemade jelly? It's in there.

The book will feature new

and old ideas and will be filled with over 280 recipes. Cost is \$15.

To reserve a copy, email HUMC1877@gmail.com or call 477-3748.

'The Gift' returns

Back Mountain Harvest Assembly presents its annual outdoor Christmas musical, "The Gift," at 6 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 15; and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the church, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

Live animals, such as camels, horses, sheep and goats will all be part of the show which features new choreography and original music this year.

Free play at Sweet Valley church

A free Christmas drama, entitled "3 Guys Write a Christmas Play" will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 15 at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Road.

A nursery and refreshments will be provided. The church is handicapped accessible.

For more information, call 477-2320.

New library books

The following new books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, for the month of November 2012:

EXPRESS

"Poseidon's Arrow" by Clive Cussler, "Notorious Nineteen" by Janet Evanovich, "A Wanted Man" by Lee Child, "The Last Man" by Vince Flynn, "The Buzzard Table" by Margaret Maron, "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly, "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci

FICTION

"The Perfect Hope" by Nora Roberts, "The Prodigal Son" by Colleen McCullough, "Notorious Nineteen" by Janet Evanovich, "A Wanted Man" by Lee Child, "The Last Man" by Vince Flynn, "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly, "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci, "Back to Blood" by Tom Wolfe, "The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton, "The Cutting Season" by Attica Locke, "The Marseille Caper" by Peter Mayl, "The Fun Stuff, and Other Essays" by James Wood, "The House at Tyneford" by Natasha Solomons, "Devil's Thrill" by Gerald Elias, "Porch Lights" by Dorothea Benton Frank

NONFICTION

"Show Dog" by Josh Dean, "Bipolar Disorder" by Janell

M. Caponigro, "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain, "The World Atlas of Beer" by Tim Webb and Stephen Beaumont, "The Joy of X" by Steven H. Strogatz

MYSTERY

"The Buzzard Table" by Margaret Maron, "A Christmas Garland" by Anne Perry, "The Corpse on the Court" by Simon Brett

BOOKS ON CD

"Poseidon's Arrow" by Clive Cussler, "Dear Life" by Alice Munro, "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly, "A Christmas Home" by Greg Kincaid, "Notorious Nineteen" by Janet Evanovich, "Mad River" by John Sandford, "Live by Night" by Dennis Lehane, "Angels at the Table" by Debbie Macomber, "The Perfect Hope" by Nora Roberts, "Live by Night" by Dennis Lehane, "Angels at the Table" by Debbie Macomber, "The Perfect Hope" by Nora Roberts, "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly, "Severe Clear" by Stuart Woods

LARGE PRINT FICTION

"The Twelve" by Justin Cronin
"A Winter Dream" by Richard Paul Evans
"A Winter Wonderland" by Fern Michaels...[et al.]

Rehearsing for a live radio show full of holiday cheer at the Dietrich Theatre are, from left, Joe Barone, Owen Frazier, Pam Frazier, Ian Frazier, Carol Broll and Hoyt Keiser.

Live radio holiday show at Dietrich

Whether you remember crowding around a radio with your family to hear the latest radio drama or if you are among the younger set who cannot remember life without CD players or iPods, the Dietrich Radio Players invite you to join them for an evening that celebrates those golden days of radio.

Eleven radio thespians will present a live show full of holiday cheer and comedy at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Dietrich Theater.

Under the direction of radio personality Hoyt Keiser and master of sound effects Esther Harmatz, the group will perform Fibber McGee and Molly - "Fibber Paints a Christmas Tree White" which originally aired on Dec. 18, 1945 and My

Friend Irma - "Irma Wants Extra Money for Christmas" which debuted on Dec. 16, 1952. The show will close with The Abbott and Costello Program - "Lou Prepares for a Big Party" which hit the airwaves on Dec. 24, 1942.

Admission to the show is free and tickets are available at the Dietrich's ticket booth or by calling 996-1500.

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SENIOR CENTER MENU

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program.

The following is the menu for the week of Dec. 2:

MONDAY: BBQ beef brisket, corn, roasted red potatoes, wheat dinner roll, ice cream sandwich, margarine, milk and coffee.

TUESDAY: Baked macaroni and cheese with ham,

green beans, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, fruited Jello with banana slices, margarine, milk and coffee.

WEDNESDAY: Stuffed pepper, mashed potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, whole wheat bread, crackers, grapes and apricots, margarine, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Baked fish with crumb topping on

side, broccoli/cauliflower gratin, wild rice, whole wheat bread, ketchup, tartar sauce, peaches and "cream," margarine, milk and coffee.

FRIDAY: Honey glazed turkey, steamed green beans, baked butternut squash, whole wheat dinner roll, pumpkin pudding parfait with gingersnaps, margarine, milk and coffee.

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