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JAZZING UP CHRISTMAS

Advanced company group dancers at the Move Dance Centre, Ashlyn Lockyer, Jessica Thomson, Nicole Shoepf and Dani Bell practiced new jazz steps Monday in preparation for entertaining at local Christmas parties. The Move Dance Centre Society is hosting a Christmas auction fundraiser Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Lido Theatre. Tickets are \$25 each and include dessert, a glass of wine and an auction card. Tickets are available at the Move Dance Centre and Cosmic Grounds. There are over 300 items for live and silent auction. There will also be other activities such as a rose draw and bucket draws.



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GRACEFUL GIRLS

The Grade 5 ballet class at the Move Dance Centre practices the upcoming ballet exams which start this in Prince George this weekend. The Move Dance Society is hosting the 10th annual Ladies Day Out Fair this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pomeroy Hotel. Over 40 home-based vendors will be on location with unique products to help start up the Christmas shopping season.



TINY DANCERS

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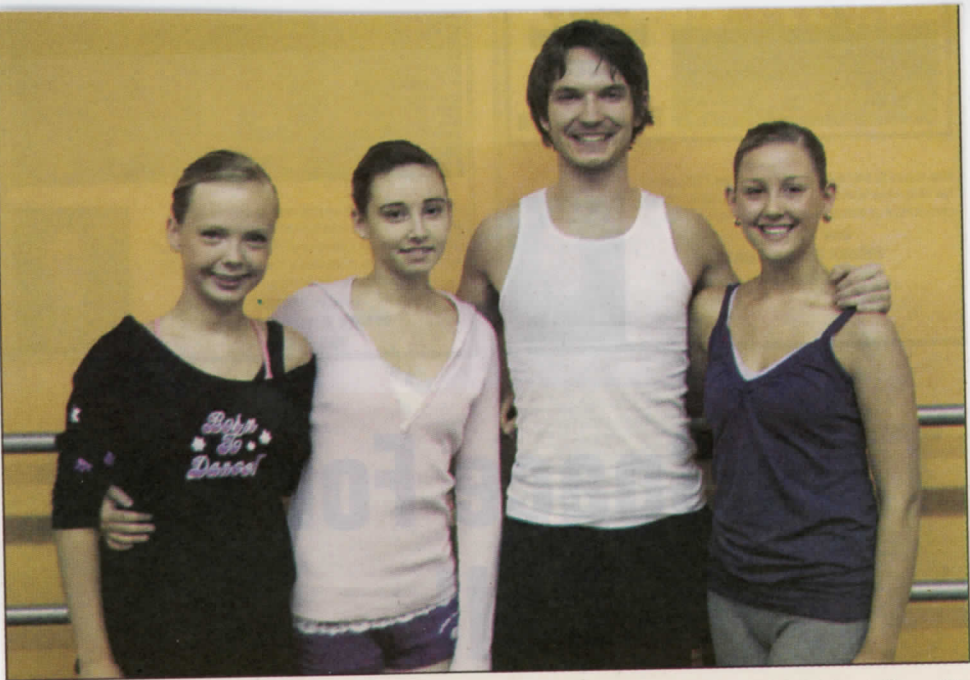
(From Left) Gail Wagner, Drew Torries and Arika Wheat do some stretches to warm up for their five and six year old recreational jazz class at the Move Dance Centre.



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ON THEIR TOES

Ballerinas in the Grade 1 Royal Academy of Dance class at the Move Dance Centre practice their steps Monday. Although classes have already begun, there are still some spots available in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, pointe and lyrical dancing. For more information call 250-787-7754.



The Move Dance Centre Company Dancers welcomed the guest dance instructors LJ & Erin Jellison, Stephen Agisilaou and Jean-Daniel Bouchard to Fort St. John for their annual Summer School. The dancers learned various strengthening dance techniques in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Musical Theatre and Hip-Hop and are looking forward to the dance season starting.



The Move Dance Centre Society would like to thank the community of Fort St. John for supporting all of their fundraising events during this past dance season; The donations of bottle and cans for our bottle drives was much appreciated.

Special thanks to FSJ Rotary, Hub Barton Insurance, Baytex Energy Trust, Kamber Nitrogen Services, The McLeod Family, 1-0-9 Wireline, Cascade Steaming, Pimm Productions and Pizza Hut.

Congratulations to all The Move Company Dancers,
be proud of all your achievements and keep dancing with your heart.

“Thank You” for supporting the Move Dance Centre Society's 1st Annual Christmas Auction Fundraiser.

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A special “Thank You” to auctioneer Aaron Lowen , the Lido Theatre, Eagle Vision and all the Move Dance Centre Society Members who supported this amazing fundraiser.

Thank you!

THE MOVE DANCE SOCIETY



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The Move Dance Society.

December an exciting season for dance

RHONDA GRIMES
THE MOVE DANCE CENTRE

At The Move Dance Centre, December finds us entering into the middle of an exciting and eventful dance season. In the last 3 months, dancers have been hard at work learning new dance steps, strengthening technique, preparing for ballet exams and putting together new choreography for the upcoming festival and competition season.

While the teachers at The Move work diligently and patiently with the dancers, there are a group of parents who are also working hard.

The Move Dance Centre Society is a group of parents who put in countless hours and dedicate great efforts to raise funds for 39 company dancers. These funds are used to help cover costs that are accumulated in a dance season. Some of the costs include, costuming, competition entry fees and fees for workshops and summer school that enables the dancers to further their training.

The fundraising that The Move Dance Centre Society has accomplished so far this season, is a bottle drive, Mega Lottery tickets, the first annual Christmas Auction and the wonderfully put together and very

tasty Christmas baskets. Something else new that they have started up is the "Shop and Support" program that enables the Society to receive a percentage of money by purchasing gift cards from a very extended list of businesses. So, of course with all of these excellent fundraisers comes the leg work and paper work that can be added to the list.

Along with the school, the Society enjoys participating within the community. The dancers have been performing at numerous Company Christmas parties. They also enjoy performing at the senior homes, Canada Day celebrations and year end recitals where they are very proud to perform their routines that they have worked so hard on during the season. The Move Dance Centre Society is also a member of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council.

Dance gives children and adults a wonderful opportunity for self expression, self confidence, discipline and of course exercise. The Move Dance Centre Society is a group of parents who are passionate about supporting dance in our community. The Move Dance Centre is located at 10615 - 101st Avenue. For more information, please call (250) 787-7754.

Local dancers heading to Burnaby

KELLY LAPOINTE

ALASKA HIGHWAY NEWS

While most North Peace Secondary School girls will be getting ready for prom this weekend, Heather Nicoll from the Move Dance Center will be in Burnaby preparing for provincials.

Nicoll, who is competing in the Intermediate 3 Stage, was one of eight first-place dancers from the Peace River North Festival of Arts chosen to compete in Burnaby from May 25-29.

"I am sad to miss my own prom, but it's worth it," she said. "Prom is one night and provincials is a whole week long. I get to dance. I get to learn from people who are in the industry and I get to dance against girls that I've probably never even seen perform."

Nicoll will be competing against the other first-place winners in her category from performing arts festivals across the province. Nicoll said she realizes the competition will be a big change from what she is accustomed to.

"They're there from competitions



Heather Nicoll

Tristen Jackman

where they get first out of 300 girls, and I go down there and I get first out of 20 girls," she said.

The performing arts provincials are the culmination of a season filled with practices and competitions, including trips to Edmonton and Prince George.

Fourteen-year-old Tristen Jackman, also from the Move Dance Center, is going to Burnaby to compete in ballet level two.

"I'm excited but I'm nervous at the same time," she said. "There were so many people competing for the same spot and you just feel honoured that you were chosen."

Jackman's mother, Arla, said some

of the dancers qualified for both the ballet and stage competitions at provincials, but the adjudicators at the festival chose who would represent the three levels of ballet, the three levels of stage and the two levels for modern dance.

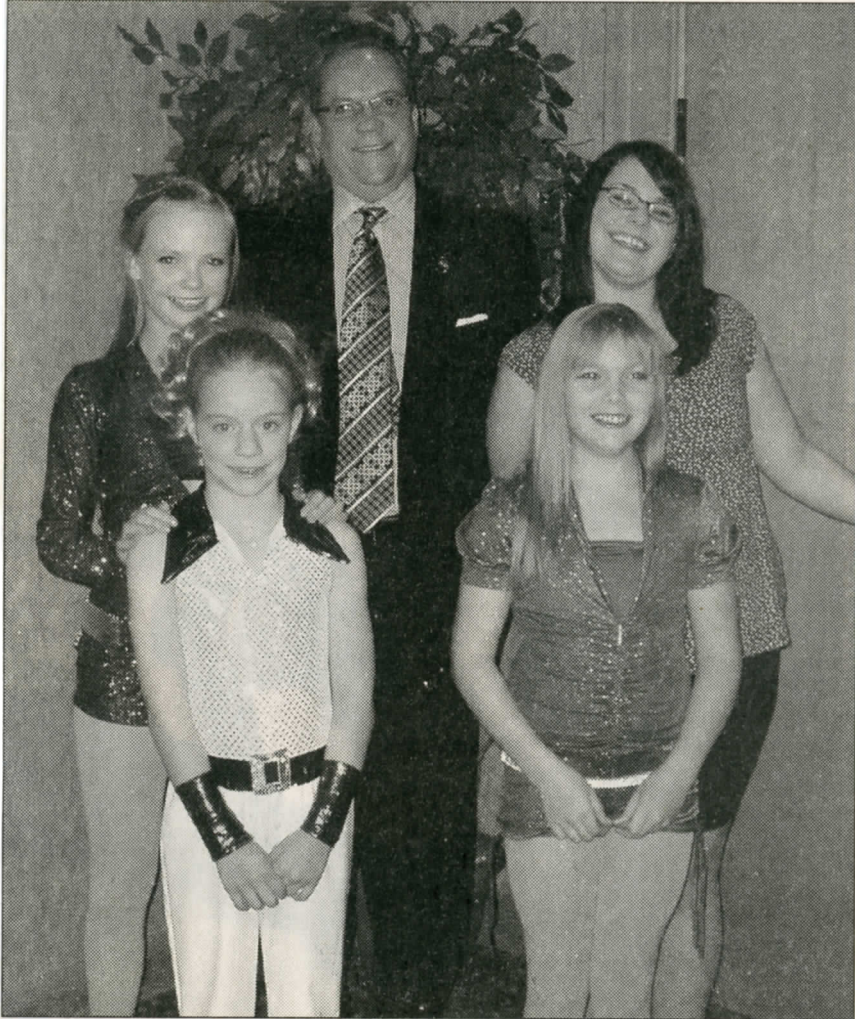
"They're very excited and they're proud, really proud, of their accomplishments," she said.

"They worked really hard and it paid off."

The other first place winners from the Peace River North Festival of Arts chosen to compete in provincials are Becca Chmelyk, Shianne Fairley, Shiau Shan Kao Phan, Garrette Smith, Karleigh Smith and Jessica Thomson.

At the competition there will also be competitions from first place winners in voice, choral, musical theatre, pianoforte, strings, guitar, brass, woodwinds, chamber music, and Speech Arts.

As the season draws to a close, some Fort St. John dancers are heading to the Okanagan Summer Dance Intensive program, affiliated with the Kelowna Ballet, from June 30-Aug. 2.



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Dancers from the Move Dance Center Society performed some of their dances at a recent Hubinternational Barton Insurance party in Fort St. John. The girls received a \$1,000 donation to their non-profit society from Jim Barton. (L-R back) Tristen Jackman, Jim Barton and Siobhan Brenton, (front) Hannah Stanley and Shanice Thomas. The dancers and parents also took part in another bottle drive this year.