

Dancer returns home to teach

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Cotter started dancing when she was 4, studied every day from the

time she was 11, won her first scholarship when she was 12 and suspects the lessons "will go on forever." She

spent her summer learning to teach the techniques of the Russian ballet for the child as well as the adult.

"It's a wonderful discipline for the adults to keep in shape and learn an appreciation for ballet. I highly recommend it over any other form of aerobicing," she said. "It's a thorough workout of routines that makes for a mental as well as physical workout."

As for the children's classes, she says, "I will try to keep some semblance of age brackets. I will respect the talent, but I will also deal with the child's mentality and what they can comprehend."

GLORIA MOORE took her daughter to her first dance lesson when a doctor recommended finding "something to help wear off the energy" of her hyperactive child.

"I have the heart, the love and appreciation for it. With good fortune, there is no reason why I can't dance the rest of my life," she said.

Through all of the traveling and the shows and the tours Cotter found some time to do a little teaching along the way.

"I was understudy for both Ann Miller and Ann Jillian but every once in a while I'd get the opportunity to teach a class and I loved the teaching," she said.

"I worked with some of the best dancers in the world. I covered every facet of the business. I met a lot of celebrities, and everywhere the cast was invited we got the red carpet treatment. Being a teacher now is the nicest way I know how to give back."

The new telephone number for Miss Carole's School of Ballet is 474-2521.



LAUREN DORFMAN

Winners all

North Farmington High School varsity, junior varsity and freshman cheerleaders all finished first in the final competition at cheerleading camp on the Michigan State University campus. Varsity squad members Kerie Dwyer, Amber Davis and Kim Medbury (above) are shown performing their winning dance routine. At right, freshmen Jenny Web, Shelley Bacom and Kim Goodwin wait in the stands to hear the judges' decisions.



Ritalin battle rages

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his classmates. Shortly thereafter, he was diagnosed with the disorder and started on the drug.

"It has helped tremendously with his school work and he doesn't fight with his sister nearly as much," she said. "And he's not in a stupor either. He's much happier with himself now. Before he had few successes, but now he's living a much happier life. For the first time he's thinking before he's acting."

Margules said one of his biggest complaints with ADHD diagnosis and the use of Ritalin is the fact that many times a teacher is the one to bring it up first — "to control the classroom better," as he put it.

"I'VE HAD many parents call and

tell me they were told by a teacher 'Put your kid on Ritalin or else,' he said.

While many opponents feel a child can't escape a diagnosis of ADHD once a teacher has decided there is a problem, Brenner said there are too many safeguards to prevent that. At his clinic, he said, excessive measures are taken to insure a proper diagnosis, including consulting with physicians and psychologists and other specialized professionals.

"If it turns out the child needs medication, he is monitored constantly, and he undergoes counseling at the same time," he said. "Is the drug misused? Probably. Many doctors are. But to take it off the market would be a great disservice to these kids who really need it."

Meals-On-Wheels expands to holiday with first benefit

The first Holiday Meals-On-Wheels fund-raiser will be in Jimmy Schmidt's Rattanakke Club Oct. 1. The Area Agency on Aging, Region 1-B (AAA 1-B), which serves Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw county older adults, is sponsoring the gala.

"Holiday Meals-On-Wheels is patterned after New York City Meals-On-Wheels," said Sandra Reminga, executive director of AAA 1-B. "Jimmy Schmidt was involved with its highly successful fund-raising efforts and is committed to a similar program in our area. He plans to make this an annual event."

The black-tie gala includes cocktails, dinner and dancing to the music of Mot Ball & Colours. Tickets for the evening are \$125 per person. Corporations wishing to buy 10 or more tickets will be identified as sponsors. Tickets for the dessert and dancing afterward are \$50 per person.

"Over the past two years, contributions for Holiday Meals-On-Wheels have been received from individuals, organizations and corporations," said Free Press columnist

Jim Fitzgerald, honorary Holiday Meals chairman of the gala. "In order to include every holiday, and especially weekends, the support and partnership of all will be required."

In 1986, AAA 1-B launched the program ensuring delivery of a special Christmas or Hanukkah meal. The following year, the program was expanded to include three holidays. With increased donations, the program continues to expand in order to supplement government-funded, Monday-Friday home-delivered meals.

The meals are delivered by volunteers who give up part of their holiday so that homebound older adults can enjoy not only a festive meal, but a friendly greeting from someone who cares.

To preserve the dignity and independence of older people and to keep individuals in their own homes are two priorities of AAA 1-B. Both are addressed through this program.

For an invitation to the gala, call Betty Paine at 569-0333, or write: Area Agency on Aging 1-B, 29508 Southfield Rd., Southfield 48076.

club circuit

LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S "Six Hours for Life" telethon raised more than \$6 million, some \$60,000 of that sum in Michigan. Among the local hosts for the event was Melanie Churella, newscaster from WXON, a Farmington Hills resident and Miss Michigan 1987.

Money raised will support the fight against leukemia, the lymphomas, Hodgkin's disease and multiple myeloma. Currently \$433,000 has been granted to researchers at University of Michigan.

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a dance party Friday in Roma's of Livonia. Schoolcraft service drive, west of Inkster Road. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. for singles over the age of 21. Admission is \$4 at the door.

MOONDUSTERS meet for a dance party from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday in Livonia Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Admission is \$3.75 for singles over the age of 40.

CHILDREN'S LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN begins a support group for adults with leukemia, lymphoma and other cancers at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, in the office at 19022 Ten Mile, Southfield. The group is jointly sponsored by Sinai Hospital of Detroit.

Inquiries are taken by calling the foundation office, 353-8222.

B'NAI B'RITH, Metropolitan Detroit Council, meets for all the pizza and salad one can eat at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, in Buddy's Pizzeria in Farmington Hills. Members who

bring a prospective member receive a discount from the \$10 cost. Reservations are requested by calling the B'nai B'rith Council office, 552-8177.

Camp Fire calls leaders

Camp Fire needs volunteer leaders to share their experience and skills with children in small group situations. Camp Fire boys and girls, from kindergarten through high school, are active, alert young people involved in a variety of non-competitive activities including self-reliance courses, camping, community service and crafts.

Cleola Spates-Burt, Camp Fire field director, said, "We train all Camp Fire leaders to become more comfortable leading a group of children. We don't expect our leaders to know everything when they start. We can help them apply what they know to working with kids."

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Spates-Burt at 559-5840. Camp Fire Detroit Area Council is a Porch Drive Agency. It receives a portion of its funding from the United Foundation.

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