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## Abby's a cover girl, too

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years, Abby has had some impressive accomplishments.

Every dance instructor will see her posing on the cover of the 2012 edition of "A Wish Come True," a dancewear magazine, when browsing or purchasing dancewear for their teams.

Karla says an email was sent out to dance parents by Mason, of PAA, informing them of the modeling audition for the magazine. After a couple photos were taken of Abby, Karla was told she would be contacted in two weeks. But it was only five days later that Abby's mother was contacted with the news that Abby had been selected.

Since October 2010, Abby has made four trips to Bristol for photo shoots for the magazine. In May, Karla was emailed to see if Abby would be available for a possible cover shoot for the magazine. Abby was one of four girls the magazine worked with for the possible cover shoot. Karla says she kept checking the website to see which girl had been chosen for the cover, and when she saw the preview she was saddened to inform Abby of the bad news.

Karla told her daughter, "I'm sorry Abby you didn't make it, they selected the 18-year-old." Abby replied, "Mom, that's me."

And the entire household erupted in tears.

Abby also appears on the PAA's website.

Another highlight in

Abby's dancing career took place in sunny Florida. Last Christmas, Abby performed in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando.

"That was pretty exciting," Karla says.

Abby performed on the 50-yard line and was given the nickname Abby Nugget from Pa. by Choreographer Rob Shultz, due to Abby's petite size.

Abby says the movements that they do were the best part of dancing.

"Oh, and the music," she adds.

Abby's dad, John Traxler, says dancing has engulfed the whole family, including 3-year old Jacob Traxler.

Jacob puts on Abby's tap shoes and wants to tap.

Abby, at 10 years old, can already put modeling, dancing and flutist on her resume, and she's ready to add pageants to the list.

Karla says she doesn't know where Abby gets the ability to dance from, but participating in pageants, well, she may get that from her mom.

Karla was Miss Tri-County in 1987, and Miss Greater Reading in 1989.

"I was horrible in the opening numbers," she chuckles.

Abby, too young to participate in pageants just yet, is anticipating her 13th birthday.

"She's already knows the designer for the gown she wants," Karla says.

Karla says it's hard to tell her to wait and that she has

time, because Abby is so driven. John nods in agreement.

When asked what she aspires to be when she grows up, Abby says she wants to do it all.

"We were talking about it this morning — Broadway, modeling, pageants or ballerina," Abby says.

"Hopefully, I'll decide."

The ballerina slips on her pointe cushions, then her tights and last her satin pink pointe shoes to show her latest learned technique.

"I really love these," Abby says, as she completes a four-ette turn, which begins with an extension of the leg, closes to a passe, and extends once more as the dancer completes one of many revolutions.



Abby Traxler, 10, of Lewistown, is featured on the cover of the 2012 edition of 'A Wish Come True,' a dancewear magazine, and can be seen on the home page of the company's website at <http://www.awishcometrue.com/>.

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