

COMMUNITY

Music Box Players prepare for 12th season of shows

The Music Box Players are preparing for their 12th season at The Music Box Dinner Playhouse in Swoyersville.

It will begin on January 10 with a children's show: "The Fabulous Fable Factory", a musical adaptation of Aesop's Fables. Throughout the season, the players will present six "mainstage" productions and four children's shows.

A complete list of "mainstage" shows and their dates are as follows:

Cabaret - the famous 1970 musical which made Joel Grey famous, Feb. 14-16, 20-23, 27-29 and March 1, and 5-7.

Gigi, the Lerner and Loewe musical based on the movie starring Leslie Caron, Louis Jordan and Maurice Chevalier, April 24-26, April 30, May 1-3, 7-10, and 14-16.

Guilt by Assassination, an original musical mystery whodunit, June 26-28, and July 9-11.

The Music Man, the Meredith Willson musical which starred Robert Preston on Broadway and in the movies, Aug. 7-9, 13-16, 20-23, and 27-29.

Love, Sex and The I.R.S., a wild comical farce, and the only show presented this season which is not a musical-Sept. 18-20, 24-27 and Oct. 1-3.

A Christmas Carol, the magical family musical returns, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 3-6, 10-13, 17-20.

The children's shows for 1992 are as follows:

The Fabulous Fable Factory, Jan. 10-12, 17-19, with a

schoolday performance on Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The Adventures of Peter Rabbit, Mar. 20-22, and 27-29. Schoolday performance, Mar. 27, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The Frog Princess, May 29-31, June 5-7. Schoolday performance: Oct. 23, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

All children's shows include a McDonald's Fun Meal as part of the admission price, \$6.50.

For Holiday gift-giving, the Players are now selling Season Tickets (\$130, a \$150 value, a savings of \$20). Also on sale are Little People's Passes (8 admissions to any of the 4 children's shows, \$45, a \$52 value). Gift Certificates are also available for Dinner/Show, Show-only and Children's shows. Group rates are available as well as Senior Citizen group rates.

At mainstage performances, the Music Box offers a sumptuous buffet, including entrees of roast beef, chicken, fish, pasta, served with rice pilaf, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter, a dessert bar, coffee and tea. A cash bar is open at all performances. Dinner and show is served in an intimate setting (the Playhouse seats no more than 130 people for its mainstage productions) and features some of the finest talent in NE Pa. performing in fully-staged musicals and plays.

For more information, or to make reservations, call the Playhouse Box Office at 283-2195. The Music Box Dinner Playhouse is located at 196 Hughes Street, Swoyersville.



Nesbitt Hospital's Shavertown Auxiliary holds holiday party

The Shavertown Branch of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary recently held a holiday party in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown. Members enjoyed a covered dish luncheon and participated in an upbeat holiday music program. The Shavertown Branch is active throughout the holidays and conducts a homemade cookie sale in the hospital lobby each holiday season to raise money for their hospital-assisting endeavors.

Seated in the first row, from left, Evelyn Eck, Shavertown; Evelyn Shales, Wyoming; Joan Emanuel, Wyoming; Ann Covert, Shavertown; Marion Stookey, Dallas; Esther Armitage, Trucksville; Ruth Shortz, Trucksville; Jessie Beckerman, Trucksville. Standing, Evelyn Daley, Dallas; Elma Price, Edwardsville; Marion Kunigonis, Dallas; Ruth Shotwell, Shavertown; Eleanor D'Amario, Shavertown; Sally Sieber, Shavertown; Pauline Clewell, Trucksville; June Bennett, Trucksville; Beth Kleiner, Dallas; and Bethia King, Harveys Lake.



March of Dimes Beautiful Baby Contest winners

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation of Northeastern Pennsylvania recently conducted its annual "Beautiful Baby" Contest at the Wyoming Valley Mall where the community voted for the Valley's "Most Beautiful Baby," and raised nearly \$400 to benefit the local organization. The event was co-sponsored by the mall and First Eastern Bank.

Winners are from left, Joyce Allen with Jacob, Wilkes-Barre, second place; Trudy Clemson with Nicole Elizabeth, Dallas, 3rd place; and Betsy Noonan with Erin Elizabeth, Wilkes-Barre, 1st place. Proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes "Campaign for Healthier Babies" dedicated to the fight against birth defects and infant death.

Hospice St. John offers grief workshops

Hospice Saint John, a division of Lutheran Welfare Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. will offer a six-week grief workshop for Wyoming Valley residents beginning January 15.

The workshop is open to the public, free of charge, and will be limited to 30 participants. Early registration is advised.

The workshop is designed to

assist people through the process of grieving after the loss of a loved one.

The grief workshop comprises a series of two-hour meetings one afternoon a week for six weeks. The meetings will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 15, and will continue on Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, and 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 813 Wyoming

Avenue, Kingston. This is a non-smoking building.

The workshop is offered three times a year, at different times of the day. Morning and late afternoon workshops will be held later this year.

To register, call Hospice Saint John's Wilkes-Barre office at 823-2114.

League of Women Voters will meet with legislators January 18

The League of Women Voters of the Wilkes-Barre area will hold its annual legislative breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The breakfast is open to non-League members.

Seven area legislators have been invited to participate in the event which includes open discussion with constituents during breakfast and an interview on four policy issues designated by the League.

Invited to attend are State Senators Charles Lemmond, R-Dallas and Raphael Musto, D-Pittston, and State Representatives Kevin Blaum, D-Wilkes-Barre; George Hasay, R-Shickshinny; Stanley Jarolin, D-Nanticoke; Phyllis Mundy, D-Kingston; and Thomas Tighe, D-Hughestown. Last year all area legislators attended the breakfast.

The state legislators will be quizzed on their positions on tuition vouchers for non-public and public schools, use of ground water resources, direct and indirect citizen initiative and referendum, and 'motor voter' and other voter registration reform. The officials will also be quizzed on their top legislative priorities for the 1992 session.

According to Jane Elmes-Crahall, moderator of the interview, "Direct constituent-representative interaction is a matter of accountability." The League of Women Voters is "very interested in reactions of area legislators to issues raised during the debate over the recently defeated tuition voucher bill," said Elmes-Crahall of Larksville.

The responses of area legislators to direct citizen initiative and referendum will become part of a two year, state-wide study by the League.

According to Louise Wasserott, President of the local League, "Almost 40% of the eligible voters in Pennsylvania, or 3.5 million people, are not registered to vote. The proposed 'motor voter' legislation would allow individuals to register to vote when they apply for, or renew, their driver's licenses."

The legislative breakfast is open to non-League members and groups interested in the issues to be discussed. Advanced reservations are required. For further information and reservations, call the League at 283-2070 or 287-7684. Deadline for phone reservations are January 14.

Back Mountain briefs

Arts at Hayfield will meet January 22

The general membership meeting of Arts at Hayfield will be held on January 22, at 6 p.m. in Hayfield House on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman. The group, formed to promote cultural activities and events, is currently planning the Hayfield Poetry Festival to be held on April 11. The day-long program will include workshops and readings by two widely recognized poets.

Following the general membership a pot-luck supper will be held. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. All interested persons are invited to attend and further information can be obtained by calling Mary Reddy, secretary, at 675-3967.

Irem Women will meet Jan. 9

Irem Women's Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, Jan. 9, at Irem Temple Mosque at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. Russell Elias, president, presiding.

Mrs. David Watkins, hostess chairperson appointed Mrs. Louise James and Mrs. William J. Ruck, hostesses for the day.

Mrs. James Henderson appointed Mrs. Jacob Cannon and Mrs. Daniel Ligus sentinels for the day.

Mrs. Loren Jones will be in charge of special games. Plans for the February card party will be presented by Mrs. Betty Smith, second vice president, chairperson.

The Executive Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. in "The Bull Pen" to the rear of the cabaret room.

IM Women will hold officers training session

The Wilkes-Barre District United Methodist Women will hold a training session for the 1992 offices of all local units. The program will be held at Shavertown U.M. Church, corner of Pioneer and West Center Street, Shavertown, on January 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All 1992 officers of the Wilkes-Barre District United Methodist Women are urged to attend and receive this training.

Religious services

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - 196 N. Main St., Shavertown. 75-3859. Pastor Harold R. Baer, Jr. Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month. Church School 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Tuesday Bible Study 9 a.m.

DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 4 Parsonage St., Dallas. 75-0122. Rev. Michael A. Bealla, Pastor. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sun. School 9:00 a.m.

SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. 675-3616. Pastors, Rev. James A. Wert, Rev. Harriet Santos. Music Director, Rosento E. Santos. SATURDAY: 5:30 p.m., Chapel Service. SUNDAY: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services.

Volunteers needed

Several volunteers are needed to fill positions at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. A surgical waiting room receptionist is needed for 8 a.m.-1 p.m. shifts on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also, several escort service personnel are needed for various shifts Monday through Friday.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for a position or receive more information can contact Art Owens, manager of volunteer services at 826-3638.

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