CALENDAR

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COMMUNITY

DEC. 10, WYOMING VALLEY LIT-**ERACY VOLUNTEERS** will hold its Dutch treat holiday luncheon, at 12:30 p.m. at Perugino's Restaurant in Luzerne. Tutors, spouses and students and anyone else interested in adult literacy are all invited to attend. Please call the Literacy Office, at 287-2013 by Dec. 1, to make a reservation.

DEC. 13, LAKE SILKWORTH AREA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY for children of area communities at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Hall, 1 to 3 p.m. Santa will distribute toys to all, children, refreshments will be served. Lion Stanley Wojciechowski is program chair-

DEC. 14, HUNTSVILLE U.M. WOMEN will meet 3 p.m. At 5 p.m. there will be a Christmas family style dinner for churchmembers and their families. Birthdays for Dec. Cindy Evans, Dec. 31.

DEC. 14, SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, "The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels" will be presented in the Church Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the program

DEC. 20, CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Trucksville fire hall, 11 Carverton Rd., 12 noon-2p.m. Santa will arrive on a fire truck. Snacks and beverages, door prizes.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS for blind and elderly daily on WRKC-FM 88.5, 10 a.m.-noon. Call Tom Carten at 826-5811 for information

FRIDAYS-BACK MOUNTAIN FREE MEDICAL CLINIC, at St. Therese's Church, lower level, corner of Pioneer and Davis St., Shavertown, welcomes all who are in need of medical care by competent doctors, nurses and staff. If uninsured or underinsured, we care to help. 6:30 p.m. Confidentiality assured.

BINGO every Thursday night at the Kunkle Fire Hall, Rte. 309, Kunkle. Jackpot, Early Birds, 5:45 p.m. regular games 7:15 p.m.

BINGO every Sunday night at the Shavertown Fire Hall, Main St., Shavertown, 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Paper bingo. Jackpot, Magic Number. Smoking and non-smoking available. Refreshments.

SPECIAL

EVENTS

STAR-GAZING, Friedman Observatory at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, begins 8 p.m. on Fri. and Sun. nights, weather permitting. Sessions are free and open to the public. Groups of 10 or more are asked to call for reservations. For more information, call 675-2171; or leave a message at the Observatory at 675-9149.

ATTHE KIRBY

DEC. 12, 13 HOME FOR THE HOLI-DAYS, Northeastern Pa. Philharmonic, 8 p.m. Fri., 2 p.m., Sat.

DEC. 16, MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, musical with Santa on trial. \$25, \$20. Presented by the Kirby Center

DEC. 17-18, DREAMS & NIGHT-MARES, David Copperfield, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets available at the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office at 826-1100 and TicketMaster all locations. Tickets \$45 amd \$35. (Service charges may apply). Presented by Magicworks Entertain-

STAGE

THROUGH-DEC. 14, IT'S A WON-DERFUL LIFE, musical, The Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. 8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat.; 3:15 p.m. Sun. 283-2195 or 1-800-698-7529.

DEC. 12-14, THE NUTCRACKER, Ballet Northeast 1997-98 season. \$10. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Wilkes-Barre.

SIERRA CLUB

DEC. 14, HIKE. Meet at Scranton Ramada Inn at 9:30 a.m. or K-Mart, Route 309, Wilkes-Barre. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water and snack. Public invited. 941-

DEC. 21, WALK AROUND LAKE SCRANTON, Easy 1 hr. 3.5 mile walk. Meet at Lake Scranton Water Co. Parking Lot, route 307. 1/4 mi. past the dam at 12:30 p.m. Public invited. For info, call Roslyn,

sensation

Contra Dance at Chickory House Dec. 13

The Chicory House and the Folklore Society will host the Harrisburg area band "Medicinal Purpose" for a New England Contra Dance on Sat., Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. The dance is held at the Wyoming Seminary Lower School, 1560 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort (Rt. 11).

Medicinal Purpose is a Harrisburg based band that has been playing together The band includes Ryck Kaiser, on

fiddle; Jamie Williams, guitar; Carol Whitfield, banjo and concertina; and Henry Koretzky on mandolin and hammered dulcimer. Their first recording: "Uncorked!" has been widely praised by prominent folk music publications and radio show hosts. Dirty Linen magazine asserted in a music review "This is darn good contra dance music played with an uncommon sense of arrangements and instrumentation." Dancers will know that as soon as the music starts with a widely varied mix of reel, jigs, waltzes

Calling the dance is Bob Nicholson, who is widely traveled in Pennsylvania. He has frequently called for the local contra dance, as well as for dances all along the Atlantic coast. He has a relaxed approach to calling, and is well known for quickly involv-

MUSIC

DEC. 12, CHRISTMAS WITH THE BURNS SISTERS, folk-rock copuntry band. Chicory House Community Room of St. Stephen's Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. 8 p.m. 825-8772.

MOZART CLUB of WILKES-BARRE. The club meets the third Monday of the month at Church of Christ Uniting, Market St., Kingston with a concert following each meeting at 8 p.m. and sponsors a Junior Club for students. For more info. call 287-7820 or 655-3184. Concerts open to the public.



for several years. Syracuse caller Bob Nicholson performing at the Chicory House

ing newcomers to the dance. In contra dancing the caller teaches each dance before it is actually done to the music. This gives everyone an idea of what to expect so the movements can be easily executed. The caller leads the dances while they are being done to music, so dancers are able to perform each movement to the music. Once the dancers appear to have mastered a particular dance, the caller may stop calling, leaving the dancers to enjoy the movement with music alone.

People of all ages and lifestyles, including children, are welcome. Contra dances are a place where people from many walks of life come together to dance and so-

The event is promised to be "cure-all" for those who find themselves so rushed during the holiday period that they don't seem to have time to enjoy the special

CLUBS/GROUPS

IDETOWN UM CHURCH COUPLES **CLUB** meets every third Saturday of each month Jan. through June and Sept. through Dec. New members are always welcome.

S.P.A.W.N. (Society of Poets and Writers of the Northeast) meeting. Third Sat. of each month. Call Steve at 639-2320 for more infor-

HARVEYS LAKE CRIME WATCH ASSN. meets the last Wed. of every month at the borough hall, 7 p.m. For more information call the borough office at 639-2113.

atmosphere that is part of the holiday season. Contra dancing is a community dance, and individual dancers quickly realize that as they are involved in the cooperative effort that contra dancing represents. According to David Martin, one of the dance organizers, "contra dancing allows

you to focus

attnetion on flowing with the music, while feeling a sense of moving in unity within a commu-

No partner or previous experience is necessary. Contra dancing is a sociable and multigenerational dance form. It is a moderately aerobic dance form, so dancers are encouraged to dress in light weight, casual clothing. A few waltzes and square dances are also usually part of any evening of contra dancing.

Dancers are asked to enter the school cafeteria from the Murray Street side.

Dancers are requested to bring a plate of refreshments to share during the intermission. The dances are co-sponsored by the Chicory House (a non-profit coffeehouse) and the Folklore Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. For information, call 333-

CLUBS/GROUPS

2ND MON. EACH MONTH THE NUR-TURING COMMITTEE OF WYO-MING VALLEY HABITAT FOR **HUMANITY** will sponsor a series of general interest courses, 7-9 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. All courses are open to the public.

50 SINGLES CLUB meets 1st & 3rd Tues. of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Diamond Post 395 American Legion, 386 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. For information, call 696-4209. 283-5614.

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DEC. 1214, THE GIFT OF THE MAGI, followed by a reading of the "The Night Before Christmas" presented by Showcase Theatre, Tunkhannock Ave., Exeter. Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 1 and 4 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m. \$4 at door or by calling 654-

DEC. 13-14, CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY REVUE, presented by Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkes-Barre. 2 p.m. \$2. Can of food or nonperishable item for child's admission. 823-1875.

EXHIBITS

THROUGH DEC. 12, NEW WORKS: RECONSTRUCTED MIXED ME-PAINTINGS CALLIGRAFORMS, MacDonald Art Gallery. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours, Tes., Wed. Thurs., 12-5, 6-8 p.m.; Fri., 12-5 p.m. Sat. Sun., 1-5 p.m. Closed Mon. For information 674-6250.

THROUGH DEC. 13, 14TH ANNUAL INTL. MINIATURE ART EXHIBIT, CIDER PAINTERS OF AMERICA held at The Waterlily Florest-Art Gallery, 4 South Main St., Shavertown. Open Mon.-Fri. 9-5; Sat. 9-4; Sun. closed unless a special request. The Cider Painters exhibit beautiful paintings and anyone who sees the show will love it.

THROUGH DEC. 21, RICHARD FLORSHEIM: THE ARTIST IN HIS TIME, Sordoni Art Gallery, Wilkes University. 831-4325.

HEALTH

WEDNESDAYS - TOPS (take off pounds sensibly), new chapter, meets at the Lehman United Methodist Church, between 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. Stop by on your way home from work. For more info call, 675-7505 or 675-1682 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Chapter 1360 meets every Thursday at the Shavertown Methodist Church, Shavertown. Weigh-ins 5-6 p.m. followed by a brief informative meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to join as a guest for the first meeting. Call Crys Jennings 675-4336 or Margie Hislop 696-

RECOVERY INC.: Self-Help Mental Health Since 1937, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Shavertown U.M. Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. This is a self-help group for people who suffer from anxiety, fear, panic attacks, depression, obsessions and other nervous symptoms. For more information, 331-2422.

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