

Swetland Homestead to host Christmas open house Dec. 6

The Wyoming Historical and Geological Society is hosting its annual Christmas open house at the Swetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1-5 p.m. Admission to the open house is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. A family of four or more can be admitted for \$10.

From 1-2 p.m. the Wyoming Valley High School Singers will entertain the visitors with memorable Christmas carols. Two sessions of a family story time will take place from 2-2:40 p.m. and from 3-3:40 p.m. During these sessions Mary Baker will lead the group in sing-alongs as well as tell timeless Tales of Winter. Between 3:30 and 5 p.m., visitors will be entertained by a sibling trio. Ian, Ben and Lucy Warrington will delight the crowd with 18 and 19

century music on the cello and violin.

For those interested in crafts, Carol and Bill Kelly will be demonstrating homemade candle-dipping in the kitchen. Also, members of the 81st PVI reenacting group will be on hand in Victorian dress. The ground floor of the homestead will be open and decorated with guides in the rooms to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

Nighttime candlelight tours will also be given at the Swetland Homestead Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 8-11, from 6-9 p.m. These tours are by reservation only. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

For more information or to make reservations for the candlelight tours, please call the Historical Society's office at 823-6244.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse for the weeks of Nov. 13 - 26:

Dorothea P. Thoms, to John E. Mainzer, et ux, Orchard W. 413, 430, 431, Dallas Borough, \$124,000.
 Michael A. Podskoch, et ux, to Daniel K. Palmer, et ux, Lot 258 Fairview, Dallas Borough, \$84,900.
 Coates Reprographics, Inc. to Paul B. Clem, et ux, 1.5 ac. Dallas Twp., \$45,000.
 Simon Becker, et ux, to Richard S. Takacs, et al, Lots 30, 32 Glenview Terr. Dallas Twp., \$126,500.
 Laurel E. Martin, to William T. Martin, et ux, 7.7475 ac., Dallas Twp., \$80,000.
 Senate Construction Co. to Gerald R. Fisher, Lots 33A-37A Oval Drive, Dallas Twp., \$30,000.
 Wayne K. Smith, et ux, to Douglas G. Shrader, .50 ac., Harveys Lake Bor., \$8,000.
 Anthony G. Toluba, et ux, to Andrew J. Perkins, et ux, 5.306 ac, Lot 1, Jackson Twp., \$117,000.

J. A. Moreck Construction Inc., to James Gattuso, et ux, Lot 18 Maple Crest, Kingston Twp., \$47,000.
 John M. Logoski, ux al, to David C., Bartos, et ux, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$60,000.
 Gerald R. Fisher, et al, to William Capaldi, et ux, Lot 8 Meadowcrest Terr., Kingston Twp., \$24,500.
 Gerald R. Fisher, et al, to Glen H. Siglin, III, et ux, .371 ac. Meadowcrest Terr., Kingston Twp., \$24,500.
 Stanley C. Wills, to Lauren Kaiser, et al, 144 Hillcrest Ave., Kingston Twp., \$56,000.
 Raymond F. Klingerman, to Christopher M. McCorkendale, et ux, 9.54 ac. see deed, Lake Twp., \$157,000.
 Aileen R. Maye, estate al, to Jamie J. Spener, et ux, 8.367 ac., Lake Twp., \$137,500.
 Richard T. Baskin, et ux, to Arena Sandler Jenkins, 2 parcels, Lehman Twp., \$145,000.
 Edmund Castellani, et ux, to Gary F. Masters, et al, 2.44 ac Lot 5 Buck Run, Ross Twp., \$250.



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Holiday program at Gate of Heaven

Gate of Heaven Church will present a program of Sacred music and scripture titled "Lessons and Carols" Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. The program features both adult and children's choirs and is intended to prepare for the coming season. Church members and the public are invited. Above, Alex Gionta, an altar server, lit an Advent candle.

Misericordia to hold Madrigal Dinner

The festive Madrigal Dinner will be held at College Misericordia on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. The Madrigal Dinner, now its 29th year, celebrates Christmas in traditional Elizabethan fashion which includes a dinner, singers, dancers and jesters. The dinner will be held in the Redwood Room in Merrick Hall. Reservations and tickets are required. For reservations or additional information call 674-6719.

Bake sale to benefit S.V. Fire Company

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Sweet Valley Fire Co. are baking Christmas cookies again this year. One dozen assorted cookies cost \$2.50. To order, please call 477-5323 or 477-2176 or any Auxiliary member no later than December 4. Pick up will be at the Fire Hall, Main Rd., Sweet Valley on Dec. 18 from 5-7 p.m.

Gifts From Above to hold Christmas party

Gifts From Above in Dallas, would like to welcome children of all ages to a Candy Cane Christmas party to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1-3 p.m. There will be storytelling, crafts, games and refreshments. Registration is preferred by not required. You can call them at 675-0354.

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OBITUARIES

EDGAR GRIFFITHS

Edgar (Griff) Griffiths, 77, of the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre, died Nov. 26, 1998, at the Mercy Center, Dallas.

Born June 9, 1921, in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Bert and Lillian Doe Griffiths.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines. In 1978, after 30 years of service, he retired from the Wilkes-Barre city Police Force. He was also employed by Acme as a store manager.

He was past commander of American Legion Post 132 and treasurer of the Home Association for Post 132.

He was a member of the First Welsh Presbyterian Church, corner of South Meade and East Northampton Streets.

He and his wife, Harriet Ponting Griffiths celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on June 9.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Dylis and Lillian and brother, Louis.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons, Dr. Gilbert, Dallas; Thomas, MN; daughter, Ruth Ann Pintchuck, Plymouth; grandchildren, Barry, Thomas, Raymond and Julia; nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, Trucksville, Kingston Twp.

MARY SCROBOLA

Mary Cooney Scrobola, 95 formerly of Shavertown, Kingston Township and Lyndwood, Hanover Township, died Nov. 22, 1998 at the Kingston Healthcare Services.

Born Oct. 13, 1903, in Plymouth, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Ann LaBedda Cooney.

She was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; grandsons, Dr. Robert C. Garrett and John Scrobola; sisters, Ann Jarosak, Helen Cooney Hosey and Madaline Cooney Scott.

Surviving are her daughter, Jean Garrett, West Chester; son Dr. Charles C., Wyoming; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Nicholas Cemetery, Shavertown, Kingston Township.

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