

CALENDAR

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COMMUNITY

DEC. 1, ST. THERESE'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY, meet in the social room, following vespers. Final plans for the annual Christmas dinner to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, will be discussed. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Crazy bingo will follow the meeting. SWEET VALLEY FIRE CO. LADIES AUX. CHRISTMAS COOKIES. \$3 per dozen cookies. Orders must be in by Dec. 10. Pickup at the Fire Hall, Main Road, Sweet Valley Dec. 17, 4-6:30 p.m. To order call 477-2176 or 477-5264. SLIGHTLY READ BOOKSHOP, Bk. Mt. Memorial Library, Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m., Sat., 10-5 p.m. Fiction, non-fiction, children, juvenile, classic, cookbooks, mystery, sci-fi, travel & others at great savings.

DEC. 3, ALL YOU CAN EAT SOUP AND SALAD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Zion Methodist Church on Mount Zion Road in Harding. Soup, salad, bread, beverages, and desserts will be served. Adults \$4.50, Children \$3. For more information, call Brenda at 388-2265 or Bob at 823-2484.

HEALTH

DEC. 4, SIBLING CLASS for children ages 3-10 who are awaiting the arrival of a new baby brother or sister. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. on first floor of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston. The class is designed to promote family bonding and decrease the anxiety siblings may feel with the arrival of a newborn. Pre-register, call 1-800-838-WELL.

DEC. 6, BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. in the Nesbitt Medical Arts Bldg., Kingston; 3rd floor lounge. Meetings are conducted in a relaxed, casual manner, allowing group participants to offer one another comfort, hope and support. Reservations are requested. In order to ensure adequate accommodations, only women who have had breast surgery or are currently fighting cancer are requested to register by calling 1-800-838-WELL.

EXHIBITS

THROUGH DEC. 11, CIDER PAINTERS OF AMERICA, miniature art, Waterlily, 103 E. Overbrook Road, Shavertown, Mon-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 675-5094. THROUGH DEC. 15, MANIFESTATIONS OF THE INDIGO SPIRIT: SHIBORI WORKS OF RICHARD FULLER, Sordani Art Gallery, Main Gallery, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. noon-4:30 p.m. 408-4325. MacDONALD ART GALLERY, College Misericordia, Dallas. Tues.-Thurs. noon to 5 p.m., and 6-8 p.m.; Fri., noon to 5 p.m.; Sat. Sun., 1-5 p.m. Free. 674-6250.

THROUGH DEC. 12, THE STILL LIFE, regional group show. SHARING OUR ART, annual members exhibition. Opens Jan. 30 with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. and continues through Feb. 25.

THROUGH DEC. 30, GRAYDON, MAYER, watercolors and collage, The Tudor Gallery, The Tudor Bookshop and Cafe, 651 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 288-9697.

WYOMING HISTORICAL & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 49 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Research library. Museum with permanent exhibit on the anthracite era and local American Indians. 822-1727. www.whgs.org

MUSIC

DEC. 7, CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 8 p.m., Misericordia Choral Society in the Walsh Auditorium, Titled "The Light of the World", the concert features music by Haydn, Thompson and Bach and is free and open to the public. For more info, call 674-6719.

Chicory House concerts held in the community room of St. Stephen's Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Public information 825-8772. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. www.chicoryhouse.org.

DEC. 3, CHERYL WHEELER, singer, songwriter. Wheeler is charismatic, poetic, a philosopher, and a story teller. Tickets: \$10, \$8 for supporting members.

WYOMING SEMINARY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES. Performances at the Bank Building, 228 Wyoming Ave. or the Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Ave., both in Kingston. 283-6090.



The Druckenmillers, in a photo from their album, "Til the Clouds Roll By"

Contra Dance brings 'Friends and Kin' together

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and the Folklore Society will feature the band "Friends and Kin" on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 8 p.m. at St. Therese's Catholic Church, Pioneer Ave., Shavertown.

No partner or previous dance experience is necessary. All dances are taught and called by Liz Bradley. She has been calling contras and family dances for six years in the Philadelphia area, and is known for clear teaching and beautifully flowing and high energy dances.

"Friends and Kin" consists of Tom, Betty, and son Nathan Druckenmillers, along with Dave Miller and his daughter Hannah. This is a newly formed band consisting of several very experienced musicians. The Druckenmillers

have played for dances in the Bethlehem area with the "WDIY All-Stars" for a number of years. Tom plays clawhammer style banjo, including gigs on his own program "In the Tradition" on radio station WDIY, 88.1 FM, the community public station for the Lehigh Valley.

Their first recording, "The Road Home," was released on Little Cat Records in May 1998. A review in "Bluegrass Unlimited" said the recording is "Like a musical evenings in the parlor...the recording has a relaxed informal quality that immediately makes the listener feel as welcome as a neighbor dropping in on such a gathering. An excellent release." The Druckenmillers have now released another CD, "Til the Clouds Roll By" which has received airplay on local public radio stations.

Contra dancing is energetic and involves mixing with the other dancers as each couple performs a short routine with another couple before progressing onto the next couple and repeating the sequence. A different routine is taught before each dance by a caller who has everyone "walk through" the dance while explaining it. The dancing is moderately aerobic, but all figures can be accomplished with a walking step. Callers encourage dancers to try dancing with a different partner after each dance, and experienced dancers are quick to invite beginners into the lines.

Admission to the dance is \$6 for adults and \$15 for families.

Lightweight clothing is recommended. Dancers may bring a snack to share at intermission.

For information, call 333-4007.

MUSIC

DEC. 10-11, THE LYRIC CONSORT, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 3 p.m., "A Renaissance Christmas," sacred music of the 16th and 17th centuries in Europe at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre. \$10 adults, \$7 students and seniors.

DEC. 11-12, YULETIDE CELEBRATION, Scranton Cultural Center, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

WILKES UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPT., Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, W. River St., Wilkes-Barre. 408-4540.

DEC. 2, JAZZ BAND CONCERT, 8 p.m.

DEC. 4, CHORUS CONCERT, 8 p.m.

DEC. 5, CHAMBER ENSEMBLE CONCERT, 3 p.m.

DEC. 7, WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT, 8 p.m. Visiting professor Charles Turner will serve as conductor and Anita Thesin, will be the flue soloist.

DEC. 12, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL at Fairmount Springs United Methodist Church, 2:30 p.m. Organ selections by Jill Klamovich at 2 p.m. Everyone invited.

DEC. 3-4, MADRIGAL DINNER. Elizabethan Christmas banquet with entertainment by singers, dancers and jesters. Banks Student Life Center, College Misericordia, Dallas. 7 p.m. \$35. 674-6719.

OUTDOORS

DEC. 4, BACKYARD BIRD-FEEDING, nature talk at the Susquehanna Riverlands, Route 11, Berwick, 10 a.m., 542-2306.

DEC. 5, GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS, storytelling and Christmas crafts for ages 3 to 5 at 2 p.m. at the Visitor Center, Frances Slocum State Park, 565 Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming. 696-9015.

KIDSTUFF

DEC. 10-12 AND 18-19, "UNHAPPILY EVER AFTER" children's musical at the Showcase Theater, 54 Tunkhannock Ave., Exeter. 654-2555.

BLOODMOBILE

DEC. 6, LAKE NOXEN ELEM. SCHOOL, West Point Ave., Harveys Lake, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

DEC. 16, DALLAS UM CHURCH, Parsonage St., Dallas, 12:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEC. 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, musical version. Tickets are now on sale, for dinner/show and show-only. Call 283-2195 or 1-800-698-PLAY for reservations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DEC. 3-5, HOLIDAY FAIR, international holiday exhibits, music and dance, craft workshops, Luzerne County Courthouse, North River St., Wilkes-Barre. Fri., 6-9 p.m.; Sat., Sun., 1-5 p.m. Free.

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CROSSWORD CORNER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1 Winning, 6 In the know, 11 Ingot, 14 Nursery furniture, 18 Hook's mate, 20 Corday's prey, 21 Flamenco dancer's shout, 22 Mandlikova of tennis, 23 "Sunrise Sunset" musical, 26 Writer Hunter, 27 Southern constellation, 28 New Mexico resort, 29 Med. test, 30 Statistical focus, 31 Unruffle, 32 Reposes, 36 Michael of "Little Voice", 37 Noxious atmosphere, 39 Dock, 40 Unburdens oneself, 42 Ostentation, 43 Alistair MacLean bestseller, 48 On the — (defenseless), 50 Soft cheese, 51 Schoenberg's "Moses und —", 52 —Magnon or File, 53 Benjamin of The Cars, 54 "Salome" character, 56 Elbows, 58 Implied, 60 Like a bairn, 61 Persia, 62 Augur, 63 Stratos or Slich-, 64 Hitchcock opus, 69 Newspaper circular, 71 Deride, 72 Starting at 73 Gumshoe, 77 Dirties, 78 Imposed, 79 Propeller part, 80 Actress Thurman, 81 Part of USNA, 82 Small businessman?, 83 Fluctuate, 84 Dais, 86 Kidlie-lit classic (defenseless), 91 Envelope abbr., 92 — apso, 93 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia, 94 Rubble or File, 97 Bobbin, 99 Kyoto companion, 101 Jai —, 102 Thought-provoking, 103 Our omega, 104 Sacred image, 105 Air-quality org., 108 Hasty, 109 Old folk song, 115 Kitchen addition?, 116 Clay, later, 117 Pale purple, 118 Combat mission, 119 Carries out, 120 Regret, 121 Grind one's teeth, 122 Mike of "Austin Powers", 7 Pallid, 8 Cunning, 9 Stadium shout, 10 Nice, 11 Where to find romance, 12 Easy as falling off —, 13 Part pugilists, 14 '66 Association hit, 15 Glossy black, 16 Pointless, 17 Simple ring, 19 Domain, 24 Downey of "Touched by an Angel", 25 Sgt., 30 Lauder powder, 31 Promontory, 32 Cuttlefish kin, 33 Valez of "Mexican Spitfire", 34 "Annabel Lee" monogram, 35 Pupil's place, 36 Tribe, 37 Opera's Grace, 38 Striking, 41 Cain's nephew, 42 Freighter front, 43 Pitchfork part, 44 Spoken for, 45 Stress, 46 Author Murdoch, 47 "— creature was stirring...", 49 Prepares eggs, 50 Grain husk, 55 Part of Q.E.D., 56 Emulated, 57 Scent, 58 — up (united) ring, 59 "Exodus" protagonist, 62 Submachine gun, 63 Walked, 65 — Aviv, 66 VCR button, 67 Black piano key, 68 Hors d'oeuvre holder, 69 "It — Right" ('56 song) away, 70 First zookeeper?, 74 TV's "— Nest", 75 Columnist Herb, 77 Geometry term, 78 Williams' was glass, 79 Botswana bigwig, 82 List ender, 83 Asian title, 85 Asian title, 87 Duds, 88 Crow's-nest cry, 89 — polloi, 90 Printer's measures, 94 Cantata composer, 95 Fugard's "A Lesson from —", 96 Liberation, 97 Cold-war assn, 98 Ersatz emerald, 100 Cartoon cry, 102 Hoarse horse?, 103 South African native, 104 Craving key, 105 "Harpers' Bazaar" artist, 106 Brace, 107 Blows away, 109 Gob, 110 Actress Taina, 111 Chinese principle, 112 Stevedores' grp., 113 Advisory org., 114 Go for it, 26 mecca, 34 Key, in Calais, 35 Spotted, 36 Whined, 37 One known by the company he doesn't keep?, 39 — de deux, 40 Circle segment, 41 Botanical bristle, 45 Continuous change, 48 Discoverer of Uranus, 50 Burt's ex, 51 Ticklish cutie, 52 "All the Things You —", 53 One, on a one, 54 Meg or Irene, 55 Baker's, 26 Linger in 1996, 27 Loser in 1996, 28 Basin accessory, 29 Churchillian, 32 Masked man, 33 Score, 35 Round Table address, 36 Minister, 38 Aphorism, 39 Cheesy city?, 42 Fraud, 43 Actress Garr, 44 Haley or Karras, 45 Not merely a cold, 46 Mr. Chaney, 47 Name in Burma's history, 49 Nevada city

Answers to Crossword, Challenger on page 14

Challenger crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1 Grain spike, 4 Throe, 8 "— Dick" (novel), 12 Figure head?, 13 Vicinity, 14 La Scala solo, 15 A famous laborer?, 17 Satchmo's style, 18 Threatening clause, 19 "Eureka!", 21 Yet, in verse, 22 Saul Bel-low novel, 26 Inventors' inspirations, 29 Crafty one, 30 Psyche component, 31 Burg, 32 Animation frame, 33 Shoppers', 34 mecca, 34 Key, in Calais, 35 Spotted, 36 Whined, 37 One known by the company he doesn't keep?, 39 — de deux, 40 Circle segment, 41 Botanical bristle, 45 Continuous change, 48 Discoverer of Uranus, 50 Burt's ex, 51 Ticklish cutie, 52 "All the Things You —", 53 One, on a one, 54 Meg or Irene, 55 Baker's, shortcut, 1 Return call?, 2 Mimic, 3 Exceptional, 4 Lingers, 5 "Stormy Weather" composer, 6 Born, 7 Hybrid fuel, 8 Primary course of study, 9 Man-mouse link, 10 Occupation, 11 Red Sox legend, to fans, 16 Spick-and-span, 20 Whammy, 23 Great fervor, 24 Look lecherously, 25 Sutter's Mill find, 26 Linger in 1996, 27 Loser in 1996, 28 Basin accessory, 29 Churchillian, 32 Masked man, 33 Score, 35 Round Table address, 36 Minister, 38 Aphorism, 39 Cheesy city?, 42 Fraud, 43 Actress Garr, 44 Haley or Karras, 45 Not merely a cold, 46 Mr. Chaney, 47 Name in Burma's history, 49 Nevada city

CHRISTMAS GOLF TOURNAMENT at Four Seasons Golf Club • Exeter Sunday, Dec. 12th with Tee times starting at 9:00 a.m. \$30 Per Person Incl. 18 holes, meal, beverages & a wrapped present under the Christmas tree for all players. Santa will be visiting all players on his refreshment sleigh (cart). Call 655-8869 to register your foursome "Capt. & Crew Format" www.usnetway.com/fourseasons-golf

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challenger THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME DIRECTIONS Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to totals on right. Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right. THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION Today's Challenge Time 9 Minutes 48 Seconds Your Working Time Minutes Seconds