

CALENDAR

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COMMUNITY

CHRISTIAN FAMILY ROLLER SKATING, The Noxen Bible Baptist Church and the Independent Bible Church of Durysa are sponsoring Christian Family Roller Skating at the Dallas Rollaway. Admission \$2 per person, \$5 per family. Skate rentals \$1. There will be preaching from God's Word from 7:45 to 8 p.m. For information call 298-2030. Dates are: Dec. 12 and will continue Tues., Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10, 2001.

NEWSPAPERS for blind and elderly read 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 Sunday night at the Shavertown Fire Hall, Main St., Shavertown, 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Paperbingo. Jackpot, Magic Number. Smoking and non-smoking available. Refreshments.

AT THE KIRBY

Kirby Center 71 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, 826-1100, or Ticketmaster, 693-4100 or www.kirbycenter.org.

NORTHEASTERN PA PHILHARMONIC Members of the Symphonic Chorus of The Choral Society of Northeast Pennsylvania will accompany the Philharmonic in a special holiday presentation of Handel's *Messiah*, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Center. Ticket prices range from \$16-\$48. Student tickets are 50% off. For additional information and to purchase tickets, please call the Philharmonic Ticket Hotline: 570-457-8301.

FOOTLOOSE, musical, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. \$50, \$40, \$20.

NUNCRACKERS, musical comedy, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. \$32.50, \$27.50.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL, performed by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. \$25, \$15.

DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER, performed by Ballet Northeast. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$12, 287-5802.

EXHIBITS

STUDIO III CULTURAL CENTER at 175 Main St., Luzerne. December's exhibit is Irish Impressions, featuring Jean Fader, Sue Lowcavage and Mary Lou Steinberg. The exhibit will run from Dec. 1 through 31. Gallery hours for this show are Tues. through Fri. 2 to 5 p.m., Wed. and Fri. evenings 6 to 8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sun. 2 to 4 p.m.

SORDONI ART GALLERY, 150 South River St., Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. Open daily noon to 4:30 p.m. For information call 408-4325.

'Neil Welliver: The Prints' through Dec. 17.

MACDONALD ART GALLERY, College Misericordia, Dallas. Tues. through Thur., noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Fri., noon to 5 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Call 674-6250 for information.

Photographs of Dr. Doug Brugge, through December 10. The exhibit entitled "Memories come to us in the Rain and in the Wind" includes over 50 black and white photos representing the plight of Navajo uranium miners and their families.

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

OUTDOORS

SUSQUEHANNA TRAILERS EVENTS. Unless otherwise noted, hikes meet at Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. Verify if weather is questionable. 654-3323.

YMCA HIKES. All hikes meet at the YMCA, Dunmore at 9:15 a.m. Bring water, food and sturdy footwear. \$5. For information, call 343-5144 or email info@HikingJane.com

Hansel & Gretel

Northeast Junior Players present an updated version of the classic holiday musical

The family musical "Hansel and Gretel" will be performed by the NE Junior Players at Wilkes University's Darte Center. Show times are Friday, Dec. 8 and Monday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. both days, and there will be a matinee on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale (all seats are reserved): \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, \$3.50 for school groups of 10 or more. Community group discounts are also available; call the box office for more information: 675-4333.



J.P. Lutchko plays Hansel and Dana Kinter of Lehman is Gretel in the NE Junior Players' new version of the Grimm fairy tale.

OUTDOORS

SUNDAY MORNING BIRDING AT KIRBY PARK, Meet at 8 a.m. on the north side of Market St., near the dike in Kingston. Birding field trips will be held the fourth Sunday of each month, and are free and open to the public.

FRANCES SLOCUM PARK, All children age 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult to any program. Unescorted children will be sent back to their campsites. Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at the Campground Amphitheater.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM, McDade Park, off Keyser Ave., in Scranton. Open all year-round Mon.-Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information call 963-4804.

SWETLAND HOMESTEAD, the recently renovated historic home reopens for tours. 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming. Thurs. and Fri., 1-4 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$3; children 12 and under, \$1. 823-9011.

SPECIAL EVENTS

STAR-GAZING, Friedman Observatory at Penn. State Wilkes-Barre, begins 8 p.m. on clear Wed. and Fri. nights. Sessions are free and open to the public. Groups of 10 or more are asked to call for reservations. For more information, call 675-9278; or leave a message at the Observatory at 675-9149.

HEALTH

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY of the Wyoming Valley's Nurturing Committee will sponsor a series of general interest courses on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. All courses are open to the public.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meeting in the Back Mountain: **Tuesday**, 7:30 p.m. (OD) at the Lehman Fire Hall, Lehman **Wednesday**, 7:30 p.m. (OD) at Loyallville Methodist Church. **Friday**, 8 p.m. (OD) at St. Therese's Church Rectory, Pioneer and Davis St., Shavertown.

EATING DISORDERS: Persons interested in forming an eating disorder support group in the Back Mountain, please call 696-3688 and ask for Barbara.

HEALTH

THE GREATER PITTSSTON YMCA will hold a recreational, warm-water exercise program led by Patty Toole, certified instructor. Classes are held Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Tue., and Thur., from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Free to members, \$3 per class for nonmembers. Call 655-2255.

MUSIC

THE CULTURE CLUB meets Monday and/or Tuesday evenings at Evans Falls, Route 29. Piano, poetry and choral concerts. Admission is free, all are welcome. For information and reservations phone 298-2191.

'THE MESSIAH', Northeastern PA Philharmonic, Dec. 9, 8 p.m., F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre. \$50, \$43, \$36, \$25, \$17. 457-8301.

JIMMY STURR ORCHESTRA, polka band. Dec. 10, 3 p.m., F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre. \$32, \$28, \$16.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the Wilkes-Barre SPEBSQSA Chapter chorus and quartets at First United Methodist Church, West Pittston, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Special guests: The Chancel Choir and Gospel Quartet. Adults: \$4, children \$2. Tickets available from members and at door. For more info. call 287-2476.

MUSIC

NORTHEAST PA DOO-WOPP SOCIETY seeks new members. Meeting/social hour at Lippi's Lounge, Fox Hill Road, Plains Twp. first Tues. of every month, 7 p.m. For details call 842-0730 or 696-4325 nights.

STAGE

MUSIC BOX DINNER PLAYHOUSE Swoyersville. Thurs., Fri., and Sat., dinner at 6:30 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m.; Sunday, buffet at 1:45 p.m., curtain at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$22 for children. Show only: \$17 adults, \$15 students, \$13 children. For more information call 283-2195 or 1-800-698-7529 or www.musicbox.org.

ANNIE, musical. Nov. 25-Dec. 17.

RENT, the award-winning musical at the Scranton Cultural Center Dec. 12-17. Show times: Tues.-Thurs., 7:30 p.m.; Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat. 2 & 8 p.m. and Sun., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Group sales: 342-7784. Tickets: \$55, \$47 and \$35, on sale at the Cultural Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations (including Boscov's and Gallery of Sound), by phone: 570-693-4100, on-line: www.ticketmaster.com.

KIDSTUFF

HANSEL AND GRETEL, a family holiday musical performed by the Northeast Players at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Wilkes-Barre. Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children. School shows are Dec. 8 and 11, tickets are \$3.50. Call 675-4333 for tickets and information.

CROSSWORD CORNER

ACROSS

1 Not quite closed
5 Doris Day refrain
9 Junket
13 Significant
19 Prepare a pear
20 Author Murdoch
21 Run the show
22 Five iron
23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
26 Shorthand inventor
27 Periwinkle, e.g.
28 Primal upheaval
29 See
31 Mil. policy
32 Lassie's mother
34 Puzzled
37 Word with song or dive
38 Question for a tardy electrician?
44 Figure
46 Nice time of year
47 Genesis name
48 Wordy Webster
50 Eloquent equine
52 Boa, but not cobra

55 Raven maven?
56 Dandy
58 Quick snacks
60 Rolket
62 Apparel
66 Alaric, for one
68 Buddies
70 South Seas novel
71 Marie Saint
72 TV's "Haw"
73 Part of USSR
76 Electrician's theme song?
80 "Parking" (44 film)
81 Gil's address subject?
82 down (destroy)
83 Melodious McEntire
84 Galba's garment
86 First state
89 Paradise
90 Sleeve type
94 nose
95 Cen. segments
97 "Tiki"
100 Clear the windshield
101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"

102 Cuban currency
105 Ladies of the sea
107 Hosp. areas
108 "Ugo"
111 Electrician's teatime treats?
115 Wading bird
117 '65 Righteous Brothers hit
119 Capote, on stage
120 "Unforgettable"
121 Born name
122 "Gay"
126 One of the Titans
130 Fleet
133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
137 Tidy up (destroy)
138 Relate
139 "So - You" (77 song)
140 -friendly
141 Borgnine or Gallo
142 Award for
101 Across
143 Chore
144 Work in the lab

DOWN

1 Feigns
2 Dear fellow?

3 Surface measurement
4 Dwell
5 "vous plait"
6 Skater
7 Heiden
7 Loaded
8 Sailing
9 Wagner
10 Capek
11 Unwell
12 Italian specialty
13 Mischievous
14 With 29
15 Across, rum cocktail
15 Washington hrs.
16 Words on an electrician's sampler?
17 Lasso
18 Mortise's mate
24 With work
25 Aim
30 Burro
33 Herd word
35 From - Z
36 Page
37 Bit of parsley
38 Singer
39 Dottie
39 Craving
40 Parent
41 Diamond authority?

42 - Paulo, Brazil
43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
45 Both: prefix
49 Humble house
51 Prevent
53 Torn or Taylor
54 Defect
57 Perform a pirouette
59 "a Lady" (71 hit)
61 Andes animal
63 Donizetti's "Lelisir d"
64 Got a galley going
65 Fancy dessert
67 Ralish
69 Bedtime reading
73 Mean
74 Marquis
74 Removes the cork
75 Poet turned electrician?
77 Nebbish
78 Marie or Mattingly
79 "My word!"
84 Generation
87 La Scala songs
88 Moistens
91 Pride papa
92 Lot size

93 Stack role
96 Splinter group
98 Hold the deed
99 Safely -
103 "generis"
104 Hospital worker
106 Fast way to the UK
109 Lodger
110 Lincoln or Lyman
112 Betting setting
113 Learn fast?
114 End
115 Cockamamie
116 Less adorned
118 Ms. Midler
123 Leave out
124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
125 Hill dwellers
127 - majesty
128 Belligerent deity
129 Spanish artist
131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
132 - Plaines, IL
134 Clear one's throat
135 Common street name
136 NASA affirmative

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ACROSS

1 Mandible
4 Stage item
8 Float gently
12 Be delinquent
13 Avis' adjective
14 Revlon rival
15 "July's People" author
17 Libretto
18 Sordidness
19 Gorilla
21 Buddhist sect
22 She'll give you a stony look
26 Expectations
29 Bagel enhancer
30 George's brother
31 Saharan
32 It'll get you moving
33 Applaud
34 Born
35 Half a dozen
36 Shucks
37 Gotham City police commissioner
39 Evergreen
40 Give the heave-ho
41 Confidential info
45 Hardly hirsute
48 Not merely pretty
50 In the thick of
51 Narthex neighbor
52 Astaire specialty
53 Unclear
54 "Consum it all!"
55 Khan

DOWN

1 Runs for exercise
2 MP's quarry
3 "off to see ..."
4 Game-show loot
5 Oriental noodles
6 Raw rock
7 Ideal
8 Tend the houseplants
9 Thoroughfare (abbr.)
10 "Back to the Future" star
11 Stick with a kick
16 Stunned
20 Plague
23 Breathing organ
24 Examination format
25 Entries on baby's agenda
26 Put up, maybe
27 Sandwich treat
28 Harbor structure
29 Remiss
32 Dressing ingredient
33 Talk a blue streak?
35 Hose
36 Carpentry hardware
38 Pop
39 Earliest
42 Minimal amount
43 Two-way
44 Catch sight of
45 "Humbug!"
46 Doc's org.
47 Violet-eyed actress
49 Locka, FL

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