

CALENDAR

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COMMUNITY

CHRISTIAN FAMILY ROLLER SKATING, The Noxen Bible Baptist Church and the Independent Bible Church of Duryea 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: 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 Carlen 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.

CLUBS/GROUPS

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 information.

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 Loyalville Methodist Church.

Friday, 8 p.m. (OD) at St. Therese's Church Rectory, Pioneer and Davis St., Shavertown. OD: Open discussion; OS, Open speakers.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS, for ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) and other dysfunctional families are held every Sun., 8 p.m. Blue doors of Mercy Center at College Misericordia, Dallas. For more information, call the Help Line at 829-1341.

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Mercy Hospice Family & Friends Grief Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Prayer Room on the first floor of Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre. Beginning with the Jan. 3, 2001 meeting date, the group will meet from 7-8 p.m.; previous meeting time was 3-4 p.m. For more information, call Millie Lloyd at 826-0102.

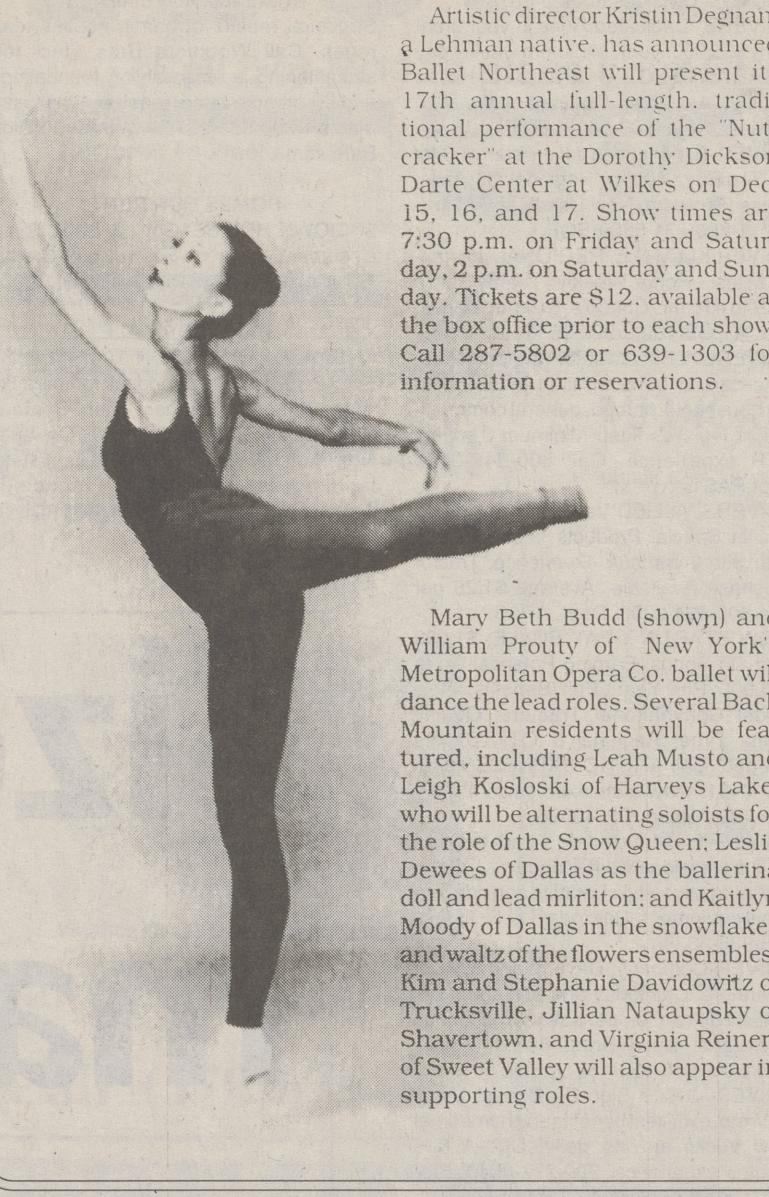
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ACOA (Adult Children of Addictions) and other dysfunctional families Support Group meetings are held for one hour every Tuesday at 8 p.m. and every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Clearbrook Bldg, Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort. Attendees should park and enter from rear of building.

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.

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

The Nutcracker



Artistic director Kristin Degnan, a Lehman native, has announced Ballet Northeast will present its 17th annual full-length, traditional performance of the "Nutcracker" at the Dorothy Dickson, Darte Center at Wilkes on Dec. 15, 16, and 17. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$12, available at the box office prior to each show. Call 287-5802 or 639-1303 for information or reservations.

Mary Beth Budd (shown) and William Prouty of New York's Metropolitan Opera Co. ballet will dance the lead roles. Several Back Mountain residents will be featured, including Leah Musto and Leigh Kosloski of Harveys Lake, who will be alternating soloists for the role of the Snow Queen; Leslie Dewees of Dallas as the ballerina doll and lead mirliton; and Kaitlyn Moody of Dallas in the snowflakes and waltz of the flowers ensembles. Kim and Stephanie Davidowitz of Trucksville, Jillian Nataupsky of Shavertown, and Virginia Reinert of Sweet Valley will also appear in supporting roles.

HEALTH

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, call 331-2422.

THE GREATER PITTSBURGH 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

CHICORY HOUSE concerts held in the community room of St. Stephen's Church, 35 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre. For information 825-8772. www.chicoryhouse.org.

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.

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.

MUSIC

JOHN McDERMOTT, Irish tenor. Dec. 16, 3 p.m., F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre. \$24.50, \$15.

MOZART CLUB of Wilkes-Barre will present its Junior Club in concert at 8 p.m. on Dec. 18 at the Church of Christ Uniting. The Junior Mozart Club, sponsored by the Senior Club, will be joined by harpist Laura Lewis, Senior Club member. Junior musicians will perform vocal, violin, and piano solos and duets. There is no admission for monthly concerts offered by the club. For more information please call Lorraine Portelli at 654-2162.

CONSERVATORY CLASSICS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA Monday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. "Miracle on 34th Street" and "It's A Wonderful Life" will be presented in their original 16 mm format, thanks to a donation by the Pearsall family. There will also be a performance by an a cappella group and refreshments. Santa Claus will be present to pose for photographs with children (a small fee will apply). For more information, contact the Wilkes Community Conservatory School of the Arts at 408-4426.

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.

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.

EXHIBITS

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

STAGE

MUSIC BOX DINNER PLAYHOUSE, Swoversonville. 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.

AT THE KIRBY

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

SESAME STREET LIVE Feb. 27-Mar. 4. Tickets on sale now.

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

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

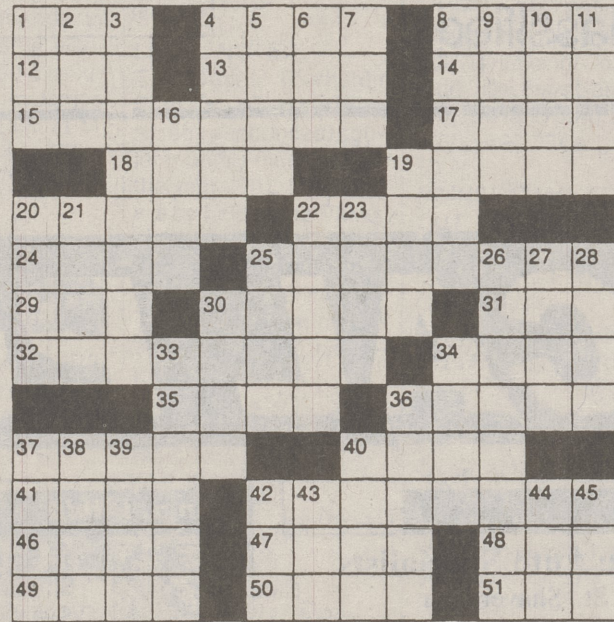
A CHRISTMAS CAROL, performed by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. \$25, \$15.

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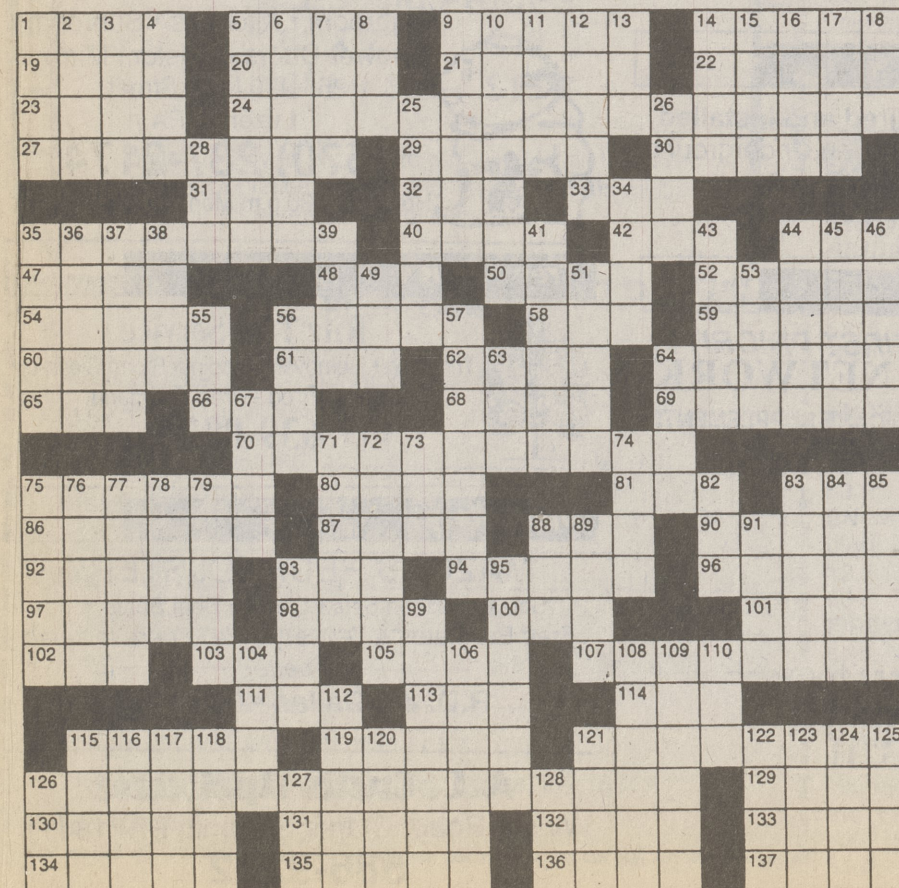
HANSEL AND GRETEL, a family holiday musical performed by the Northeast Players at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children. School shows are Dec. 8 and 11, tickets are \$3.50. Call 675-4333 for tickets and information.

CROSSWORD CORNER

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| ACROSS | 1 Meat cut | 50 New York university | 96 "Salome" character | DOWN | 1 Speech problem | 41 Remote | 83 "Thanks, Robespierre!" |
| 2 "You Babe" ('65 song) | 52 "Butterfield 8" author | 97 Like some paper | 98 Covenant | 2 Neighbor of Molokai | 44 Strauss | 43 Nick of 'I Love Trouble' | 84 Idolize |
| 3 Skimmer material | 56 Singer Payne | 100 Opie's aunt | 101 Unit of area | 3 Violinist Oistrakh | 45 Common contraction | 85 Surrenders item | 88 In-your-face |
| 14 Chauvinist | 58 Plant disease | 102 Archaic preposition | 103 Conductor | 4 Playwright Coward | 46 Chutney ingredient | 89 Guinness or Baldwin | 91 Sport |
| 19 Othello's ensign | 59 Partner | 104 Queller | 105 Snake sound | 5 Spectrum shade | 49 Minuscule | 93 Does Little work | 95 Preoccupy name |
| 20 — contender | 61 Islands instrument | 107 Part 4 of remark | 111 Slalom curve | 6 Discuss | 51 Reindeer | 99 Most | 104 Jacket feature |
| 21 What the nose knows | 62 Baby — Michaels | 64 Like Hercules | 65 "Malcolm X" director | 7 Auto pioneer | 53 Israeli dance | 55 Tolkien creation | 106 Hardly hyper |
| 22 Greene or Smith | 66 — Mahal | 68 Widespread | 114 Limit | 8 Petite pooch | 57 Rubbed the wrong way | 108 Small shrub | 109 Foam |
| 23 Be a blacksmith | 69 Shed | 70 Part 3 of remark | 115 Sink | 9 Prepares onions | 63 Garage supply | 110 Choose, carry "for" | 112 Face lift? |
| 24 Start of a remark by James Dent | 71 Periodicists' org. | 83 Bud | 130 Soviet cooperative | 10 — baby on the — | 64 Runners | 111 Crooked | 113 Bara of the silents |
| 27 Appropriates Dutch artist | 87 Highlands tongue | 88 Nobelist Octavio | 132 Buffalo waterfont | 11 Emulate Sinbad | 67 Crooked | 114 Face lift? | 118 Concerning WWI |
| 30 Let up | 90 Man from Malmo | 92 Hersey setting | 134 Director Sergio | 12 Improve game? | 72 Judd of "George & Leo" | 120 Handel's — and Galatea | 121 Spottless "Cat" ('77 hit) |
| 32 Speak easy patron | 93 They may be personal | 94 Ornamental mat | 136 Equipment | 13 Violent card | 73 — a Rebel ('62 hit) | 122 — of the | 123 Reduce, with "down" |
| 33 Hoover, for one | 95 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 14 Hunk of gunk | 74 Unclear | 124 — Spumante | 125 Poverty |
| 35 Part 2 of remark | 96 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 15 Pindaric character | 75 It'll give you a weigh | 126 Baseball's Ripken | 127 Witty one |
| 40 Beginning on | 97 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 16 Pluck | 76 Lowest point | 128 Foster or Tilly | |
| 42 '72 Michael Jackson smash | 98 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 17 Fairy-tale start | 77 Absurd | | |
| 44 Impact sound | 99 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 18 Goller's gadget | 78 Sheet of stamps | | |
| 47 Downey of "Touched by an Angel" | 100 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 25 Disney rabbit | 79 Carve a canyon | | |
| 48 Woodworking tool | 101 — (39 film) | 137 Actor Wallace | 137 Actor Wallace | 26 Tom, Dick, or Harry | 82 Furniture wood | | |



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| ACROSS | 1 Blonde shade | 4 Creche figure | 8 Pleased | 12 LXVII | 13 Rose's love | 14 "Interview With the Vampire" author | 15 Field event | 17 Pacific island | 18 Owl's remark | 19 Noxious vapors | 20 Like | 22 Misstep | 24 In the thick of | 25 Enterprise, e.g. | 29 Tyler or Ullmann | 30 Monopoly |
| 2 Bot. or phys. | 3 Congratulatory slap | 4 Captain's superior | 5 Touch | 6 Edge | 7 "Uh-huh" | 8 Teams | 9 Actor Neeson | 10 Rue the run | 11 — ex machina | 16 Bentley's bonnet | 19 Pink-slip | 20 Guys' companions | 21 Skip over | 22 Den | 23 Glaswegian girl | 25 Do mailroom work |
| 26 Cooper classic | 27 Between assignments | 28 Haiku, e.g. | 30 It takes pluck | 33 He takes orders | 34 Stench | 36 Pal of D'Artagnan | 37 Natural bandage? | 38 One of Hamlet's choices | 39 Characterization | 40 Breakfast food | 42 ... served with this? | 43 Dander | 44 Knock one's socks off | 45 Morning moisture | | |
- DOWN**
- 1 Essen expletive



Crossword answers on page 14

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