

CALENDAR

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

Dec. 6 & 7 - "FROSTY THE SNOWMAN." Open to the public Thursday, and Friday, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Santa will be there to hear Christmas wishes after the performance. Trucksville Nursery School is located on Church Rd. in Trucksville. Any questions, call 696-3899.

Dec. 8 - 41ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, sponsored by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 672, at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. For all tickets from any member or at the Post. For info call 675-6542.

Sun. - Dec. 9 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL Fairmount Springs U.M. Church 2:30 p.m. Come early for a good seat. For info call 864-3618.

Sun. Dec. 9 - "WYOMING VALLEY BARBERSHIP HARMONY CHORUS will present "A Beautiful Christmas" concert at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Wyoming Ave., West Pittston. Chorus and quartets will be featured. Tickets are \$4 for adults (\$2 for children) available from both groups and at the door or call: 655-2180, 287-2476.

Dec. 12 - THE WOMEN OF TRINITY will hold their annual Christmas Party at the church Wed., Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited. For additional information or reservations, call 675-3131.

Dec. 14-16 - "THE GIFT" live nativity @ BMT Harvest Assembly Fri. and Sun. 7 p.m. / Sat. 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dec. 15 - TRUCKSVILLE VOL. FIRE CO. will hold its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday. The party will take place from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY

MEADOWS NURSING CENTER is looking for volunteers to help in the beauty shop. Duties include escorting residents to and from beauty shop. Contact Betty Sorchik for further info., 675-8600, ext. 138.

MEADOWS NURSING CENTER has openings for student volunteers who need to complete community service hours or working on special projects. Various positions available, such as activity assistant, escort for a variety of functions, office duties and visiting. Contact Betty Sorchik for further info., 675-8600, ext. 138.

EXHIBITS

Thru Dec. 31 - STUDIO III CULTURAL CENTRE, 175 Main St. Luzerne exhibit for the month of December is Ghostowns of the Southwest. A photographic exhibit by John Levandoski. Reception for Artist will be held Sunday, Dec. 9th from 2-5 p.m. Public invited.

Thru Dec. 24 - "TUNKHANNOCK AND ITS NEIGHBORS," and exhibit of over 30 recent watercolors by Dallas artist Sue Hand. Wyoming County Courthouse, Tunkhannock. The majority of the exhibit is scenery from Wyoming County; a few paintings are landscapes from the neighboring counties of Susquehanna and Luzerne.

LUZERNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S new exhibit, "Luzerne County Through The Ages"; features over 300 items from the society's collections. The museum at 69 S. Franklin St., W-B, is open Tues. thru Fri. from noon-4 p.m. and Sat. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more info. call 823-6244.

SORDONI ART GALLERY, 150 S. River St., Wilkes University, W-B. Open daily noon to 4:30 p.m. For info. call 408-4325.

MACDONALD ART GALLERY, College Misericordia, Dallas. Original prints of the Southwest exhibit. Tues.-Thur., noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.; Fri. noon to 5 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. Free admission. Call 674-6250 for info.

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

COMMUNITY

Sat. Dec. 8 - LOYALVILLE U.M. CHURCH baked ham & roast turkey dinner/bake sale. Serving 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 12 and under \$3.25. Home made pie included in price of dinner. Call ahead for takeouts 477-3521. Church located 1/2 mile off 29 South, Loyalville Rd., off Route 118, turn onto Loyalville Rd. (approx. 3 miles).

NOXEN CLOTHES CLOSET, sponsored by United Methodist Community Development Corporation of Noxen, Kunkle and Ruggles, at the Old Noxen School Tues., 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Browse, shop or drop off donations. Call Pastor Keith Benjamin for further info. at 298-2503.



Cast members of "The Toys Saved Christmas," from left, foreground: Olivia Sod, Dallas; Allison Considine, Dallas; Nicole Clonau, Shavertown. Rear: Michael Tonart, Dallas; Dana Kinter, Lehman.

Christmas play for kids at Miseri

Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia will play host to performances of NE JR PLAYERS "The Toys Saved Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are on sale now, all reserved seating, \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and school seating is \$3 per seat for school groups of 10 or more. Community Groups can also receive a \$1 per ticket discount for groups of 10 or more. Box office: 675-4333. Santa will pose for photos after the performance with children who have obtained a photo coupon before the main curtain on Sunday. Santa will also be part of the dismissal line for school groups, all day, all shows on Monday.

The family musical "The Toys Saved Christmas" tells the tale of toys who learn the true meaning of love and giving, just in time to take over the nasty toymaker and save Christmas! It is told through the eyes of one little child's odd nightmare, and can help children understand the need to not be afraid-but to think through their fear, master it, and overcome it.

NE JR PLAYERS is the Wyoming Valley's non-profit youth theatre company, serving the area since 1994. To date the company has produced over 20 musical theatre events, and presented at several area venues as well as traveling shows to area schools, festivals, and corporate events. NE JR PLAYERS is a company for youth aged 7 to 18, providing quality family theatre going opportunities, and hands on experience for young artists.

Each cast member has undergone the entire theatre process from audition to fundraising, total script-character-costume preparation, and approximately three months of rehearsal. The company produces with a professional staff of Directors, crew, and Lighting/Set Designers, assisted by a strong volunteer parents organization, resulting in a dynamic educational and entertaining theatre experience for the audience and the actors!

Auditions will be held in late January for the spring production of "The Jungle Book." Call 675-4333 for information after the new year begins.

MUSIC

Dec. 4 and 9 - MISERICORDIA CHORAL SOCIETY Concert. Tues. at 7:30 p.m., Walsh Auditorium at College Misericordia. Sun. at 3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 35 S. Franklin St., W-B. Misericordia's Cultural Events Box Office at 674-6719.

GROUP

Dec. 8 - BLOOMINGDALE GRANGE CHRISTMAS SUPPER PARTY. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish.

Dec. 13 (Second Thursday) - WYOMING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion, Route 415, Dallas. Special guest speaker is Dr. Brian Bower, "84th Pa. Regiment. For more info. call 675-6790, 675-1696 or 675-3803.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

SWETLAND HOMESTEAD, at 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming. Open Thurs.-Fri., 1-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission \$3; children 12 and under, \$1. For more info. call 823-9011.

REUNION

LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957's - 45th Reunion will be at Stax & Co. on July 6, 2002. For info. call June Littleford at 822-2751 or Mike Parsons at 675-4486.

STAGE

'NUNCRACKERS - THE NUNSENSE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL' - Dec. 16-9, and 13-16. Admission: \$20 includes show and dinner. Dinner/show and show-only tickets available. For info and reservations: call: 283-2195 or 1-800-698-PLAY.

Dec. 14 - BROADWAY THEATRE PRESENTS 'TITANIC' at the Scranton Cultural Theatre. Tickets are available by calling 342-7784.

THROUGH DEC. 21 - THRESHOLD SPIRIT THEATRE presents 'The Final Houdini S'ance,' at the Scranton Cultural Center. Due to the intensity of this production, participants must be 18 years or older. Tickets are \$35. Call the box office at 344-1111 or at (888) 669-8966 for available dates and times.

HEALTH

Wed. Dec. 12 - WYOMING VALLEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM'S Heart-to-Heart Support Group and Holiday Party at 6 p.m. in the Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion auditorium, 468 Northampton St, Edwardsville. For reservations or moreinfo. call Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at 552-2611.

STAR FITNESS, a service of Wyoming Valley Health Care System, offers classes for adults age 65 and older Mondays through Fridays at 10:15 a.m. in the Thomas P. Saxton Medical Pavilion Group Exercise Studio, 468 Northampton St. Edwardsville. Fee per class is \$5. For more info call 552-4550.

TOPS CHAPTER PA 1396, Dallas, meets at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on Wed., evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group. Contact Barb at 639-5464.

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