

CALENDAR

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

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.

Dec. 15 - TOY CHRISTMAS BINGO. 12 noon-3 p.m., Lake-Lehman High School cafeteria. Children ages 3-12 can play bingo and win toys. Refreshments, holiday bake sale, photos with Santa. \$1 admission. Benefits the freshman class.

Dec. 16 - SHAVERTOWN U.M. CHURCH children's Christmas musical at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The program is titled "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies." Admission is free and a reception will follow. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Deborah Kelleher is the director. All are welcome.

Dec. 17 - MOZART CLUB of W-B will host its Junior Club in a program of Christmas music Monday at 8 p.m. "Celebrate Christmas with the Juniors" will feature vocal and instrumental selections performed by members of the Junior Mozart Club. The program is open to the public. No charge.

Dec. 22 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, American Legion, Dallas. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 12:30. For Back Mountain children up to age 10. Refreshments will be served.

GROUP

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 675-5790, 675-1696 or 675-3803.

Dec. 18 - ANTHRACITE SCENIC TRAILS ASSOCIATION Back Mountain Trail council meeting at 7 p.m. at Kingston Township, building 180 E. Center St., Shavertown. Open to the public and new members are welcome. Contact: 675-9016 or 696-3409 or visit bmt.edithispage.com

BLOOMINGDALE GRANGE regular meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays each month. Transportation available call 256-3264.

ACOA (Adult Children of Addictions) and other dysfunctional families support group meetings are held for one hour every Tues. at 8 p.m. and every Sat. at 6:30 p.m.

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 IT'S 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.

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.

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.

Ballet Northeast's 'Nutcracker' to include local dancers

A number of Bach Mountain residents will appear in Ballet Northeast's 18th annual full-length, traditional "Nutcracker" at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts with performances commencing at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 14-16. Artistic Director Krisin Degnan, a Lehman native, has also announced that scenic, lighting, and costume enhancements are planned for these performances.

Featured in this holiday classic's principal roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her cavalier will be guest artists Mary Beth Budd and William Prouty of New York City's Metropolitan Opera Company Ballet. Keith Brockett, formerly with the Washington Ballet will portray the enchanted Nutcracker Prince. In major supporting roles will be BNE's Dana Behlke and Genna Swerdon as Klara, with Amanda Simpson of Dallas and Jennifer Stanovich sharing the role of the Snow Queen. Victoria Birkenhead and Sara Smith will alternately portray the Dew Drop Fairy.

Kaitlyn Moody of Dallas will be a lead dancer in the Mirliton variation. Kristin Davison will share the role of the Pierrot, and Randa Shahin will essay the Russian advertisement with Kristina Baron and Andrew Sromovski. Kim Davidowitz of Trucksville, Jillian Natausky of Shavertown, and Virginia Reinert of Sweet Valley will also appear in supporting roles.

Lighting design will be by Jamie Kurtz. He will also



Amanda Simpson of Dallas will share the role of the Snow Queen in Ballet Northeast's "Nutcracker."

reprise the role of the mysterious Uncle Drosselmeier. Choreography by Artistic Director Kristin Degnan and her late husband Peter is faithful to the spirit of the original work by

Lev Ivanov, the renowned choreographer of Russia's Kirov Ballet.

Tickets, at \$12 and \$15, are available in a number of convenient local outlets, and they will

be available at the box office immediately prior to the commencement of each performance. They may also be reserved in advance by telephoning 287-5802 or 639-1303.

STAGE

'NUNCRACKERS - THE NUNSENSE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL' - Dec. 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.

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.

OUTDOORS

AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD TRIPS - The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will conduct annual bird counts during the holiday season in four areas in Luzerne, Wyoming, and Bradford counties. The count in Wyoming County will be Friday, Dec. 14 (for more info 829-4381); northern Luzerne County (centered around Dallas) Saturday,

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Dec. 15 (call 696-4925); in southern Bradford County on Saturday, Dec. 29 (call 836-2734); and the Nescopeck Mountain area Saturday, Jan. 5 (call 788-1425). Teams begin as early as 4 a.m. and work throughout the day to cover a prescribed area. Participants are invited; there is a nominal fee

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