

CALENDAR

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COMMUNITY

Sat. Dec. 14 - BAKED HAM/ROAST TURKEY HOLIDAY DINNER 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Loyalville U.M. Church. \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for Children 12 and under. Home made pie or cake included in price of dinner. Takeouts available. Please call ahead for takeouts 477-3521.

Sat. Dec. 21 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 12-2 p.m. sponsored by the Trucksville Vol Fire Co. Fire hall is located on 11 Carverton Rd. in Trucksville. Santa will arrive on a fire truck with bags full of goodies. Trucksville Ladies Auxiliary will host snacks and beverages. Fire safety material will be distributed to the children and their families. Door prizes will be awarded.

Dec. 22 - CANDLELIGHT VESPER SERVICE will be held at the Lehman U.M. Church at 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Broin Parker, District Superintendent will be guest speaker. The choir under the direction of Linda Pinenio will present special music.

STAGE

Through Dec. 15 - A CHRISTMAS CAROL, presented by the Music Box Players, Dec. 5-8, and 12-15, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swyersville. Performance times: Thursdays thru Saturdays: bar opens: 6 p.m., buffet dinner: 6:30 p.m., curtain: 8 p.m. Sunday matinees: Bar opens: 1:15 p.m., Buffet at 1:45 p.m., Curtain: 8 p.m. Tickets on sale for dinner/show and show only. For more info, 283-2195 or 800-698-PLAY.

Tim Harrison to Appear at Chicory House

Tim Harrison, one of the finest songwriters on the folk and acoustic music landscape today, will perform at Wilkes-Barre's Chicory House on Friday, December 13. The concert begins at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7:30. Admission to the concert is \$12, or \$9 for supporting members of Chicory House. Chicory House concerts are held in the Community Room at St. Stephen's Church, 35 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, across from Boscov's parking lot. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 825-8772. Harrison is a consummate songwriter and performer known for his compelling style, poetic lyrics and masterful guitar playing. His delightful wit and uncanny knack for storytelling make him an audience favorite.



MUSIC

Dec. 15 - CONCERT OF SEASONAL MUSIC, Wyoming Seminary Chorale and Madrigal Singers, 7 p.m. in the Great Hall, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. The 100-voice Chorale and the 28-member select Madrigal Singers will perform Part I of Handel's "Messiah." The Madrigals also will present several short seasonal musical selections. Free and open to the public. Info, 270-2190.

THE FOLLOWING CONCERTS will be taking place at the Lake-Lehman High School Auditorium:

Sun. Dec. 15 - Jr./Sr. High Chorus Concert 3 p.m., at Lake-Lehman High School. Includes audience sing along.

Wed. Dec. 18 - Jr./Sr. High Band Concert 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation for both events are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Sun. Dec. 15 - ROBERT DALE CHORALE 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas R.C. Church in Wilkes-Barre. The program will feature a tasteful and enjoyable blend of musical styles, featuring both sacred and secular pieces in tune with the holiday season. \$14 general admission, \$12 for seniors and WVIA members, and \$7 for students.

Tues. Dec. 17 - CHORAL FESTIVAL to benefit the Back Mountain Food Bank. Schools participating: Lake-Lehman, Dallas and Northwest. Starts 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at Wilkes University. Donations accepted: Food and cash.



Ballet Northeast's "Nutcracker" will include Back Mountain dancers.

Ballet Northeast to present 'The Nutcracker'

A number of Back Mountain residents will appear in Ballet Northeast's 19th annual full-length, traditional "Nutcracker" at the Wilkes University's Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, December 13-15. Artistic Director Kristin Degnan, herself a Lehman native, has also announced that scenic, lighting, and costume enhancements are planned for these performances.

Featured in the holiday classic's principal roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her cavalier will be guest artists Dianna Warren and Edwin Silfa of New York City's Metropolitan Opera Company Ballet. Scranton's Raphael Cooper, BNE artist in residence, will portray the enchanted Nutcracker Prince. In major supporting roles will Kaitlyn Moody of Dallas and Gena Swerdon of White Haven as Klara, with Meredith Benjamin of Wilkes-Barre and Kristin Wempa of Nanticoke sharing the role of the Snow Queen. Victoria Birkenhead of Wilkes-Barre and artist in residence Sara Smith of Plains will alternate as the Dew Drop Fairy. Amy Puffenberger of Dallas will share the Mirlitons role with Lauren Wasilewski of Kingston and Danielle Carr of Wyoming, who will also essay the lead in the Chinese divertissement. Kristin Davison of Dallas will alternate with Hazleton's Alicia Andras the lead in the Spanish variation. Jillian Nataupsky of Shavertown will share with Kingston's Brianne Dougherty the roles of the energetic marching doll. Kim Davidowitz of Trucksville and Virginia Reinert of Sweet Valley will also appear in supporting roles.

Tickets at \$15 may be secured at the Darte box office immediately prior to each performance.

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EXHIBITS

Through Dec. 15 - COLLECTING AT CENTURY'S END: SELECTIONS FROM THE MASLOW COLLECTION. The Sordoni Art Gallery, 150 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre. Info, call 408-4325.

Through Dec. 29 - "CIDER PAINTERS OF AMERICA", an international Miniature Artists Organization 19th Annual Exhibit and sale. Waterlily Gallery, 103 East Overbrook Road in Shavertown. An Opening will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sun. Nov. 10. Public invited. Gallery hours are Mon-Fri. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Info, 675-7778.

OUTDOORS

Dec. 14 - GREATER WYOMING VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY Christmas Birds Counts. Contact Jim Hoyson at 696-4925 or e-mail, birdder@aol.com, for further information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 16 - The Endless Mountains Council of the Arts will host their annual Christmas party at the Prince Hotel in Tunkhannock. The public is invited to attend, EMCA members will be called for reservations. Social hour begins at 6pm with dinner scheduled for 7pm. Tickets are \$18.00. Call 570-836-3622 or 570-833-4107 for more info.

GROUP

Thu. Dec. 19 - FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP to hold a Christmas Party from 12:30-3 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet, 26 East End Center, W-B. All family caregivers are welcome to join. For those who wish, one dollar gifts will also be exchanged. For reservations and more info, call 824-5994, 675-6495 or 824-2093.

GOH Christmas program

Gate of Heaven School will hold its annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The public is invited to attend. The preschoolers of The Gate House Early Development Center will start the production of the ever popular holiday songs "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells."

The kindergarten classes will perform "Holiday Zoobilee," a musical to rekindle the Christmas spirit. The musical reminds everyone that the winter holidays are about the true love of giving.

In the production, animals in a zoo realize they each have a special gift to give their zoo keeper.

Throughout the GOH Christmas Program, the Gate Singers will sing a holiday medley of favorite songs and carols.

First grade students, will conclude the show with the Christmas musical entitled Shepherds, Stars, and a Savior.

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