

CALENDAR

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MUSIC

Jan. 4 - CONTRA DANCE, music by Warrington Family Band. St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Ave. at Davis St., Trucksville. Call 333-4007 for info.

Jan. 9 - F.M. KIRBY CENTER, Olivia Newton-John, pop singer, 8 p.m. \$69.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. Public Square. 826-1100 or kirbycenter.org

Jan. 11 - WILKES UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS, 18-member group performing sacred music, madrigals, chansons and contemporary works, 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Cathedral, 35 S. Franklin St., W-B; and Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, 408-4434.

Jan. 13 - ETHOS Percussion Group, from New York City, 8 p.m. in Wyoming Seminary's Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Ave., Kingston. Free and open to the public. For info, 270-2190.

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Jan. 17 - Les Sampou, acoustic blues, 8 p.m. \$12 supporting members. Chicory House, Community Room, St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, 35 S. Franklin St., W-B. 825-8722 or chicoryhouse.org

Jan. 17 - FM., KIRBY CENTER, Doo Wop Stars with Emil Stuchio & the Classics, the Toys and Charlie Thomas' Drifters. 8 p.m. \$42.50, \$27.50.

Jan. 19 - WINTER INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, 3 p.m. in the Great Hall, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, and the Buckingham Performing Arts Center on the Wyoming Seminary Upper School campus, North Sprague Avenue, Kingston. Featuring the Wyoming Seminary Orchestra, the Jazz Band and several instrumental chamber ensembles performing a variety of classical and contemporary works. Free and open to the public. For info, 270-2190.

EXHIBITS

MACDONALD ART GALLERY, College Misericordia, 301 Lake St., Dallas. Tuesday through Thursday, 1-8 p.m.; Friday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. 674-6250.

"From Within III," artwork created by College Misericordia faculty and staff. Opens Jan. 19 with a reception 2-5 p.m. continues through Feb. 21

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM, McDade Park, off Keyser Ave., Scranton. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 963-4804.

"THE ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE OF 1902", archival photographs and artifacts. Through autumn 2003.

STAGE

JAN. 17 & 1 - MUSIC BOX DINNER PLAYHOUSE presents "SHIRLEY VALENTINE", comedy by Willy Russell, starring Agnes Cummings. 8 p.m.; Jan. 19 3:15 p.m. Dinner served 90 minutes before showtime. \$14, \$25 with dinner. 196 Hughes St., Swovyersville. 283-2195 or musicbox.org

SHOWCASE THEATRE to present "The Rocky Horror Show," the bizarre cult classic. Jan. 10-11, 17-18 at 8 p.m.; Jan. 19, 2 p.m.. 54 Tunkhannock Ave., Exeter. 654-2555.

Jan. 22 - "UNsinkable WOMEN." new, one-woman play about the women who survived the sinking of the Titanic, 8 p.m. in Wyoming Seminary's Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Ave.. Presented in conjunction with Wilkes University. Free and open to the public. For info, 270-2190.

COMMUNITY

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.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVES

Wed. Jan. 15 - MEADOWS NURSING CENTER, 22 West Center Hill Road, Dallas. Sponsored by the Back Mountain Blood Council, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 24 - ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Route 118, Dallas.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 31 - DIAMOND DROP COMMUNITY NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION, Downtown W-B. Events include: Battle of the Bands on Public Square 6 p.m.; alcohol-free dinner dance at the Salvation Army Citadel, Pennsylvania Ave. 6:30 p.m.; Gospel Music Festival at First U.M. Church, 47 N. Franklin St., 8 p.m.; Golden Oldies Casino at Provincial Towers; polka music and children's storytelling at the F.M. Kirby Center, an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous; a Diamond Drop and fireworks at midnight. 822-6817 or 822-1864.

Jan. 3-Mar 2 - The Endless Mtns. Council of the Arts Center, 302 W. Tioga St. and the Wyoming County Courthouse Gallery, Tunkhannock will showcase the finest visual art Northern Pennsylvania has to offer. For the seventh year this exhibit of the work of regional artists will be on view and for sale. A gala reception on Jan. 3 at both locations will begin at 8 p.m. with presentation of awards.

Jan 4 & 5 - FAMILY ICE CARVING FESTIVAL 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Next to the Lodge at Montage Mountain Ski Resort, scranton. Free 800-229-3526.

WINTER FILM SERIES, F.M. Kirby Center, Public Square, W-B. 826-1100 or kirbycenter.org. "8 Women," eight of France's finest actresses in an amusing Agatha Christie-style whodunit. Subtitled. Jan 8 at 1 p.m. \$4, and 7:30 p.m. \$6.

Jan. 8-12 - ISNEY ON ICE: JUNGLE ADVENTURE, combining the best of "The Jungle Book," "Tarzan, and "The Lion King." First union Arena, Highland Park Boulevard, W-B. Jan. 8-10, 7 p.m.; Jan. 11 at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m.; Jan. 12 at 1 and 5 p.m. \$19, \$16, \$13. 970-7600.

Jan. 14 - CHAMPIONS ON ICE, 7 p.m. the 25th anniversary Winter Tour with Olympic skaters Dorothy Hamill, Nancy Kerrigan, Nicole Boback, Victor Petrenko and others. First Union Arena, Highland Park Boulevard, W-B. \$41 to \$56. 693-4100.

Jan.19 - "Rock On Ice", 1- 3:30 pm. Endless Mtns. Council of the Arts 4th annual winter festival. Riverside Park Ice Rink, Rt 29, Tunkhannock. Skate to DJ entertainment, compete in games and races! Skate rentals available. Hot and cold drinks served.

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.

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The Warrington family band. From left; Ian, Jean, Lucy, Ben and Peter.

Contra Dance features Warrington family band

The Chicory House and the Folklore Society will host a New England Contra Dance Saturday, January 4 at 8 p.m. The dance is held at the St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Avenue at Davis street in Shavertown. No partner or previous experience is necessary, and all dances are taught and called. Contra dancing is a multi generational community dance that is aerobic, fun, and sociable. Lightweight clothing is recommended.

The five-member Warrington family band features a wonderful combination of American, Celtic and English Country dance tunes. Ian and Lucy play fiddle, while their brother Ben plays keyboard. Mother, Jean, also plays keyboard, and adds rhythm acoustic guitar, and father, Peter, will provide bass rhythm.

The Warrington family has been featured at previous contra dances and the junior members of the band performed at the Swetland Homestead and the Nathan Denison Historical House. Caller Bob Nicholson of Syracuse has often teamed up with the group in other

dance appearances. Newcomers are warmly welcomed. It's best for newcomers to join in the very first dance of the evening with an experienced partner (if possible).

In Contra dancing, each couple performs a short routine with another couple before progressing onto the next couple and repeating the sequence. A different routine is taught before each dance by a caller who has everyone "walk through" the dance while explaining it. Caller Bob Nicholson is noted for quickly involving newcomers and often interacting with the dancers on the floor rather than from the stage.

The Chicory house is an all-volunteer nonprofit coffeehouse, sponsoring folk music and dance in the Wyoming Valley. Admission to the dance is \$6 for adults and \$15 for families. Dancers are asked to wear soft-soled shoes and may bring a snack to share at intermission. Further information is available at 333-4007.

OUTDOORS

Jan. 5 - FRANCES SLOCUM STATE PARK HIKE, four easy-to-moderate miles on the Campground Trail. Meet at 10:45 a.m. at the Kirby Health Center, 71 N. Franklin St., W-B. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Trailers. 693-3248.

Jan 5 - SKI FOR LUPUS DAY, benefit for the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania with a celebrity ski race and raffles. Elk Mountain Ski Resort, Union Dale. Held during the afternoon and evening ski sessions. \$20. 945-5118.

Jan. 12 - RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK HIKE, six easy-to-moderate miles to the Grandview Fire Tower. meet 11:45 at Sheldon's Diner, Route 118, Sweet Valley. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Trailers. 655-4979.

GROUP

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. at Clearbrook Bldg. Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY a bible based addiction recovery group every Monday night from 7:30-9 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 100 West Dorrance St., Kingston. Please enter through the side door off parking lot. For info 287-2033.

Ch.ADD OF LUZERNE COUNTY (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders) are meeting the last Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the John Heinz Institute Staff Conference Room (Main Inpatient Building) Mundy St. W-B. For more info call Terry Searfoss 822-6264.

Arthritis self-help course

The Arthritis Foundation will conduct an Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Course (ASHC) beginning Thursday, January 9 at the Kirby Health Center Building located at 71 North Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre. The course will run through mid February, and consists of a two-hour class each week, from 2-4 p.m.

The ASHC course that was designed by the Stanford Arthritis Center and funded by the National Institutes of Health, will address all the necessary components needed to have a better quality of life while dealing with a chronic illness. Topics to be covered in the course will be diet, exercise, medications, alternative therapies, physiological aspects of living with a chronic illness, preventative measures to take for joint preservation, etc.

A \$25 donation is requested to help defray the cost of course materials. Financial Scholarships are available. To register, contact Barbara Debellis at 823-2888, or email the Arthritis Foundation at bdebells@arthritisfoundation-epa.org

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