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THIS WEEK

COMMUNITY

Dec. 12-13 - LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING, Christmas musical by adults of the Sweet Valley Church of Christ. 7 p.m. each night, nursery provided, refreshments after the performance. Info, 477-2320.

KIDSTUFF

Dec. 9 - MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS), moms and children (infant-6 years) Childcare provided. A speaker will discuss family traditions, and the creative activity will be treated in a jar recipe mixes. High Point Church, 1919 Mountain Road, Larksville. Info, directions, 288-6481 or e-mail loribalt814@aol.com

KIDSTUFF

Dec. 13 - MAKE AND TAKE CRAFT session for young adults age of 12 to 18, Back Mt. Library, 10 a.m. Participants will complete two holiday projects. Registration is required, \$3 fee for supplies. Info, registration, 675-1182.

MUSIC

Dec. 7 - A GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Wyoming Valley Barbershop Harmony Chorus, 7 p.m., Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Special guests will be the Chancel and Bell choirs, Shavertown United Methodist Church, Deborah Kelleher, Director of music and organist. The "Harmony Chorus" will be directed by Ray Patsko, Wilkes-Barre, and assistant directors Phil Brown, Shavertown and Jack Muchler, Wilkes-Barre. Tickets available from members of both organizations, adults \$5, students \$2, or by calling 675-3616 or 287-7095.

Dec. 7 - CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT, Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers and Chorale, 3 p.m. in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. The program, conducted by John Vaida, will feature J. S. Bach's "Magnificat in D Ma-

ior" with soloists and orchestral accompaniment by Sem students. Free and open to the public. Info, 270-2190.

Dec. 14 - WYOMING SEMINARY/PAI CIVIC SYMPHONY CONCERT, 8 p.m. Sunday in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. The program, conducted by Jerome Campbell, will feature music by Handel, Bizet and Dvorak. Free and open to the public. Info, 270-2190.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 11-20 - CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS, Sweetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming. Thursdays-Saturdays, 6-9 p.m. Music and refreshments. Info, 823-9011.

Dec. 12 - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, Noon-4 p.m., Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Recipes and homemade food to share. Info, 823-7161, ext. 324.

Dec. 12-13 - FRUIT AND CHEESECAKE PICKUP, Back Mt. Library, Friday 4 to 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cheesecakes should be picked up on Friday for optimum quality.

STAGE

Dec. 12 - A CHRISTMAS CAROL, by Box of Light Theater. Two performances, at 5 and 7 p.m. Free. Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock.

Dec. 13 - HOLIDAY WORKSHOP, for all ages, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Holiday crafts, cookie decorating, Sing-along with Bill Frye. Free. Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock.

Dec. 7, 11, 14 - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, musical based on the Frank Capra film. Music Box Dinner Playhouse, Swoyersville. Sundays, bar oens at 1:15 p.m., curtain at 3:15; Thursday bar opens at 6 p.m., curtain at 8 p.m. Info, reservations, 283-2195.

A different 'Christmas Carol' at Dietrich

"A Christmas Carol," which opens for two free performances at 5 and 7 p.m. on Friday, December 12 at the Dietrich Theater, 60 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, is not your traditional production of Dickens' timeless story.

The words and story are pure Dickens. It's the way the story is told that's a bit different. This show, produced by Box of Light Theatre and presented by the Wyoming County Cultural Center, uses a few live actors, a few digital ones and scenery created on computer and projected onto the stage.

"This is definitely not your father's Christmas Carol," says Rand Whipple, who conceived of the production and handled the computer programming necessary for the show. "The words are completely Dickens' own words and the images the audience sees are from Dickens' London. What is different is how we used the computer to animate the world and characters of Dickens' story."

The production is not a modernization of what for many is a Christmas tradition. "We're very respectful of the story.



The presentation of "A Christmas Carol" at the Dietrich Theater will include the use of digital images projected on the screen.

What we've tried to do is create on stage what Dickens creates on the page." "Usually, in a production of A Christmas Carol, when the

scene changes, a set piece has to roll away or a table has to be struck. Our production is very cinematic. We are really able to take our audience on the

dreamlike journey that Dickens' describes."

The actors on stage are not the only ones in the production. "Some characters are projected onto the large screen that comprises the set and other characters are audience members who all of a sudden find themselves in the play" says Whipple.

Whipple says the show requires a lot of the actors as well. "We each perform 10 or 20 characters, some only for a line or two. We perform whole parts of some scenes to choreographed sound effects and without any words at all. At another time, we may be in the audience, conducting them in ghostly howls for Marley."

"The computer animation is new and the story is old. I think that our audience will enjoy a production that reaches into the past and presents it a modern edge."

The performance is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Tunkhannock and Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts. For information, call 996-1500.

UPCOMING

KIDSTUFF

December 29-31 - HOLIDAY CAMP, for ages 6 to 12, 9-10:30 a.m. Matisse collages, Rodin sculptures, O'Keefe paintings studied and used as inspiration for projects. \$15 for all three sessions. Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock.

MUSIC

Dec. 16 - LYRIC CONSORT CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10. Sacred and secular a capella Christmas music. Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock.

Dec. 30 - MIKE ANTOSH AND FRIENDS REUNION CON-

CERT, original acoustic music of local musicians. Surprise performers are back in town! 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec. 16-17 - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, Back Mt. Memorial Library, 1-5 p.m. each day. Wednesday, Dallas Middle School Select Chorus, under the direction of Choral Director Jill Antall, will perform a selection of seasonal music. Everyone is welcome.

Dec. 20 - MRS. CLAUS GIFT SHOP, Noxen School, School St., 1-4 p.m. New and like-new items for chil-

dren and adults, children's crafts, gift wrapping available. Proceeds benefit the Noxen School Project. Info, 298-2052.

Dec. 20 - HOLIDAY TEA, Sweetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming. Tea and savories, scones and pastries. Prizes awarded and a momento for all. Adults \$8, children \$3, reserve by Dec. 20. Info, 823-9011.

STAGE

Dec. 18 - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, classic holiday film at 3 and 7 pm. Free. Dietrich Theater, Tunkhannock.

ONGOING

COMMUNITY

EVENING PUBLIC SWIM, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sundays 2-5 p.m. Dallas Middle School pool is open to the public for lap and recreational swimming. No one under 18 admitted without a parent or guardian. Proof of residence and a \$2 daily fee.

EXHIBITS

Through Dec. 12 - ARCHITECTURAL ETCHINGS, by 18th and 19th-century Italian lithographers, Luigi Rossini (1790-1857) and Giovanni Battista Piranesi (1720-1778). MacDonald Art Gallery, College Misericordia, Dallas. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Friday,

Saturday, Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Info, 674-6250.

Through Dec. 14 - THE GIFT OF ART, 30th anniversary exhibit of the Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University, showcasing works donated to the permanent collection since 1973. Runs until Dec. 14. Daily noon-4 p.m. Free. 150 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre. Info, 408-4325

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