



Sharon and Melissa Sorber, of Sweet Valley, decorate a Giving Tree sponsored by Sweet Valley Well-Drilling at Grotto Pizza.

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Trees are giving

Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake kicked off the Thirteenth Annual Parade of Trees on Tuesday, Nov. 25, with a decorating party for participating businesses and charities.

The 2008 Parade of Trees features dozens of holiday trees sponsored by businesses that support local charities.

Decorating teams from those businesses as well as representatives from the benefiting charities were on hand at the decorating party.

Businesses sponsor a tree and then decorate that tree, usually with trimmings that reflect either the business or the charity being sponsored.

Visitors to Grotto Pizza's Harveys Lake location then "vote" for the tree they feel is best decorated by making monetary donations.

The trees that raise the most money "win" and share an additional bonus from the pool of entry fees.

Since its inception at Grotto Pizza, the annual Parade of Trees event has raised more than \$50,000 for regional charities.



Melissa and Eric Smith decorate a Giving Tree at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. The tree is sponsored by Rice's Food Equipment, of Dallas.



Paul and Jane Girtman, of Dallas, help decorate a tree sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation at Grotto Pizza.

'Christmas Schooner' is coming

"The Christmas Schooner" will be presented by the Wyoming County Players at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13.

The Friday evening performance will be held at the Whipple Performing Arts Studio, Route 29S, Tunkhannock while the Saturday evening performance will be at the Wyalusing Chamber of Commerce Building, Main Street, Wyalusing.

"The Christmas Schooner" is the story of the Stossel family living in the late 1800s in the Great Lake's coastal town of Manistique.

A letter from a relative in Chicago prompts Peter Stossel to take the Tannenbaum or Christmas tree to the German immigrants in that city.

Alma Stossel, Peter's wife, insists the crossing of the winter lake could be too risky, however, the support of Gustav and Karl, Peter's father and son, ignites his passion



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for giving.

Based on a true story, audience members will come to love the songs and stories of

this annual holiday musical.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased by calling 836-6986.

BECCAINA'S AIDS FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER



Beccaina's Café and Catering on Memorial Highway in Dallas recently held a fund-raiser to benefit the fight against breast cancer. All proceeds from the receipts of October 25 were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. From left, are Michalene Torbik, John Burrows, Rebecca Jannerich, owner; Max Roth and Lauren Henry.



The Joan Harris Dancers will present "A Holly Jolly Christmas" at 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the E. L. Meyers High School auditorium, Wilkes-Barre. Back Mountain residents involved in the production are, from left, Emily Collins, Dallas; Nicole Slavoski, Shavertown; Rebecca Schnabel, Dallas; Aubrianna Tolomello, Dallas; Kelsey Sincavage, Dallas; Mary Gittens, Dallas; Lauren Slavoski, Shavertown; and Anna Giacometti, Dallas.

Harris Dancers present Christmas program next weekend

The Joan Harris Dancers will present "A Holly Jolly Christmas" at 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the E. L. Meyers High School auditorium, Wilkes-Barre.

Traditional dances, inspirational lyrical pieces, narrative story telling and good old-fashioned song and dance routines will be staged to

seasonal classics.

"Rockette-style" production numbers compliment routines staged to both long-established favorites and fashionable renditions of the music that defines this most joyful time of the year. Vocalists and pianists from the Harris Conservatory will join the dancers to produce a holiday fair. Pianists from

the Harris Conservatory will play holiday classics as pre-show entertainment.

Tickets for "A Holly Jolly Christmas" are \$9 in advance and \$11 at the door and are available at the Joan Harris Centre's located in the Harris Conservatory for the Arts. For more information, call 287-7977.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

McAndrew accepts teaching position

Megan McAndrew, of Dallas, has joined the faculty at Pocono Mountain School District as a secondary learning support teacher.

McAndrew earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in psychology from Wilkes University in 2004 where she also completed her certification in special education.

Prior to her appointment at Pocono Mountain, she was a substitute teacher in the Dallas School District. She is currently pursuing graduate studies.

MU professor is published

Brenda Hage, Ph.D., C.R.N.P., associate professor of nursing and director of graduate nursing programs at Misericordia University, recently had a contribution accepted as part of the European Silver Paper Commentary.

Dr. Hage is a family nurse practitioner whose areas of

expertise include adult/geriatric health, rehabilitation, and health care informatics.

Her primary teaching responsibilities include adult health, medical/surgical nursing, advanced pharmacology, and diagnostic reasoning.

She has completed research and been published in the areas of health literacy, technology and aging, and rehabilitation.

She is board certified in Family Practice by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, as an Adult Health Nurse Practitioner and in Informatics Nursing by the American Nurses

Credentialing Corporation.

Wallace honored by King's College

James, Wallace, of Trucks-ville, a professor of English, was recently honored by the King's College Community for 20 years of service.

The college celebrated Patron's Day, the Vigil of the Feast of Christ the King and, on that day, the College traditionally honors employees for their years of service to King's.

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