

ROSS TOWNSHIP

Proposed budget has no changes

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Supervisors are expected to pass a \$404,327 proposed budget for 2010 at the end of the month. The proposed budget boasts of no major changes and secretary Terry Davis said the mill rate is estimated to be .23. The mill rate is \$1 for every \$1,000 assessed tax value.

Chairman Stanford Davis said the township does not have a per capita tax, but the half a percent tax on earned income will remain.

The budget proposal allocates \$41,000 for a possible equipment purchase; however, the exact piece of equipment to be replaced has not yet been determined. Davis said depending on how brutal the

winter is on the snow removing equipment, the money could be used to purchase a new roller or to replace the 1939 tractor used to mow the ball field.

Road projects are being planned for a budgeted \$140,000; however, Davis said it is difficult to determine which roads will be resurfaced.

"We will have to wait and see what roads take the winter the hardest," he said.

The proposed 2010 budget is available in the municipal building for public review.

In other news, supervisors are looking into joining a landowners group to protect well water and other property rights from being violated by Marcellus shale gas companies.

Davis said a landowners group is a group of concerned residents offering protection of property rights and well water from gas companies through a well defined lease.

"Several gas companies have been spotted within the township," Davis said.

Supervisors have received paperwork from some landowners groups but have not made a decision as to which one to join.

Supervisors have set the following future meeting dates: End-of-year meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28, re-organization meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4 and the regular meeting 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

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'Nutcracker, the Musical' will be performed at Lemmond Theatre

NE Youth Theatre Ensemble will present "Nutcracker, the Musical" at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13, and at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at Misericordia's Lemmond Theatre, Dallas.

"Nutcracker, the Musical" is a live stage production based on the original book by ET Hoffman, containing classic Tchaikovsky songs adapted for singers and actors.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for teens and \$6 for children under 12 years of age. School groups may obtain tickets for daytime performances at \$5 for school groups.

"Nutcracker, the Musical" marks the 50th mainstage production of NE Youth Theatre which has provided live educational theatre for families and schools in the Wyoming Valley since 1994.

Principal actors in the production are Josh Henry, of Dallas, as Marie's father; Allyson Sebolka, of Dallas, as Marie; Jenna Morgan, of Dallas, as Marie's mother; Cate Metz, of Dallas, as Godfather Drosselmeier; and Madison Woods, of Kingston, as Rudi the Mouse.



Preparing for the NE Youth Theatre Ensemble's production of "Nutcracker, the Musical" are, from left, Josh Henry, Allyson Sebolka, Jenna Morgan, Cate Metz and Madison Woods.

Kingston Township Recreation Commission is sponsoring Holiday House Contest for residents, judging starts Dec. 6

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission is sponsoring a Holiday House Contest for all Kingston Township residents.

Judging will take place be-

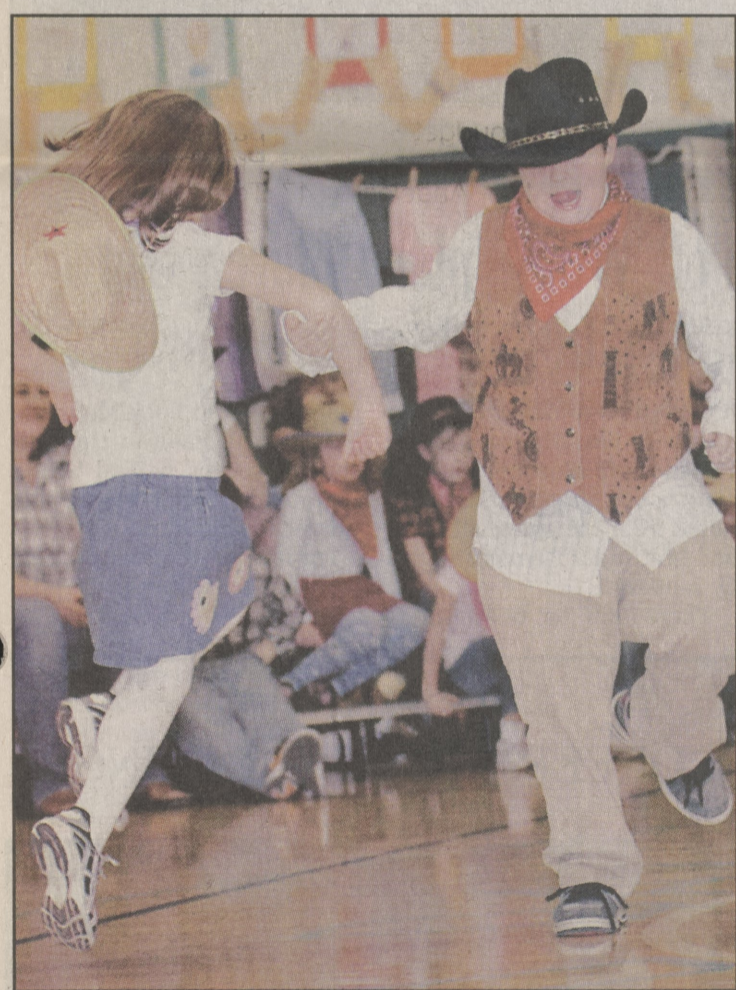
tween December 6 and December 19 and there will be prizes awarded to the four winning houses.

Anyone interested in entering their house or nominating

another resident's home should call the Kingston Township municipal office at 696-3809 with the name and address of the resident before noon on Friday, Dec. 18.

It's doe-si-doe time for first-graders at Wycallis Elementary

Second-graders at Wycallis Elementary School presented their annual Hoedown for friends and family members at the school. There were cowboy hats, horses and doe-si-does, all in the interest of creating a western theme.

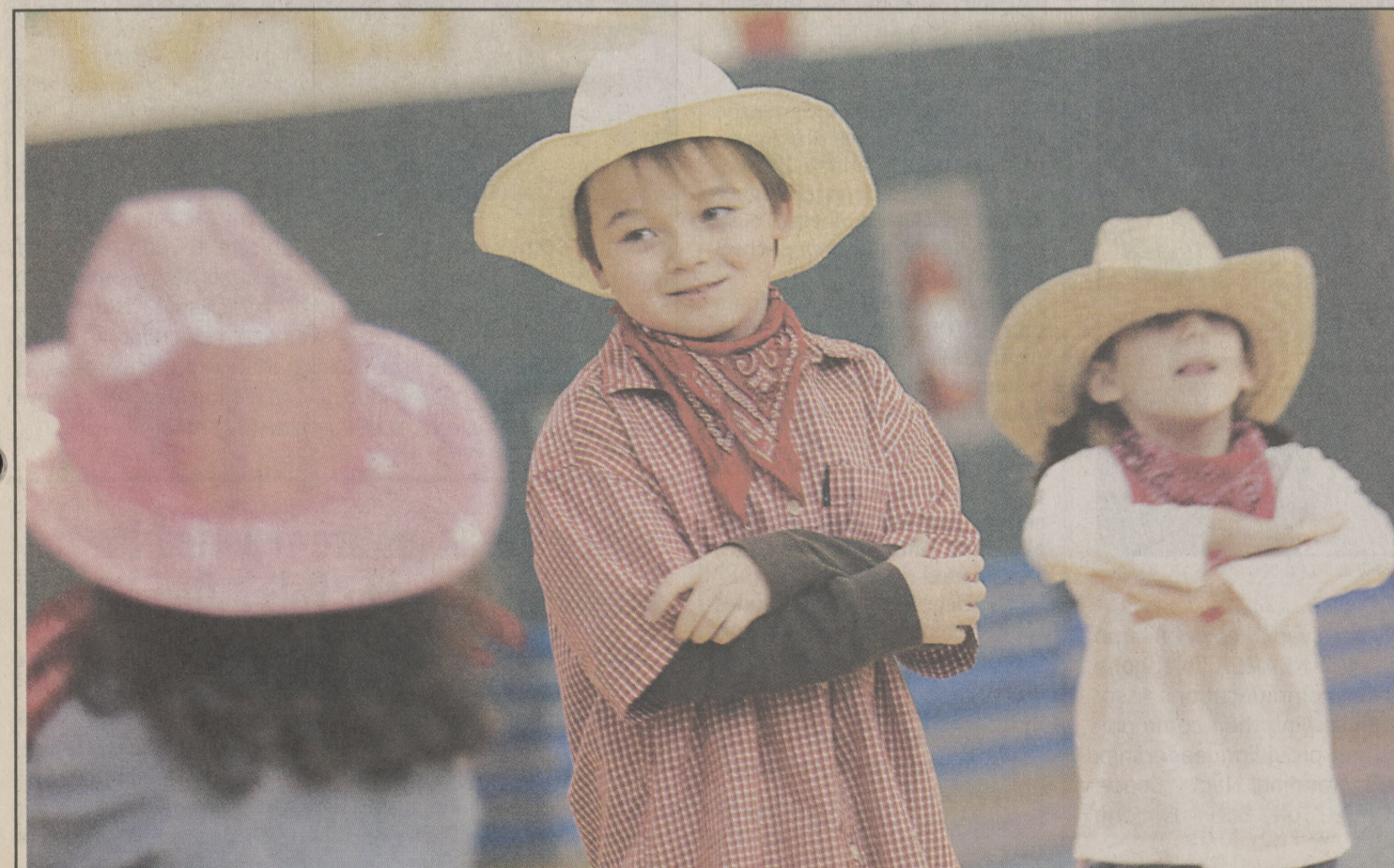


Nathan Spare swings his partner Shannon O'Donnell during the annual Wycallis Elementary School Hoe Down.



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Second-graders dancing during the annual Wycallis Elementary School Hoe Down are, from left, Gwyn Cruz, Brandon Schultz, Robbie Laur and Shannon O'Donnell. The event is held at the Back Mountain elementary school annually and provides performances by the students for their friends and members of their families.



Derek Cook, left, and Sydney Penloff enjoy their doe-si-does at the annual Wycallis Elementary School Hoe Down.