

Chorale to perform holiday concert benefit

LEOMINSTER — The Montachusett Chorale will perform a holiday concert, to benefit the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Leominster City Hall, Tata Auditorium, 25 West St., Leominster. Tickets are \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door (children under 18 free). For tickets, please call (978) 534-9187 or (978) 840-9500.

Performing Arts Center presents 'A Child's Christmas in Wales'

FITCHBURG — Experience magical dreams of Christmas past at Phillip's Hall, First Parish Church, on Fitchburg's Upper Common, beginning Thursday, Nov. 19, when Cornerstone Performing Arts Center brings Dylan Thomas' poem, "A Child's Christmas in Wales", as adapted by Jeremy Brooks and Adrian Mitchell, to the stage. Co-directed by Cornerstone's Artistic Director Jennifer Potts, and Associate Artistic Director Ellen Guglietti, the production will continue through Dec. 13.

This playful stage adaptation of Thomas' renowned poem will take audience members of all ages on a journey into the magical world of a child's imagination where characters are larger than life, where child's play has no boundaries, and where music, poetry and laughter come to life. Bring the entire family for an afternoon or evening of magic, music, and extraordinary entertainment.

"A Child's Christmas in Wales" features Will Bouvier, Casey Preston, Sarah Worrest, Lia Wright and Jimi Stanton playing the role of Dylan Thomas. This production also features actors-in-training and alumni from Fitchburg State College, Daniel Marcum, Jordan McCormack, Charles Amaral, Jillian Sauvageau, and Sara Cormier as well as Mount Wachusett Community College student Jillian Reid. Also performing in the cast are Louise Thomas and Thomas Vaillette of Fitchburg.

Performances are at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m., depending on the date of the performance. Ticket prices for most performances are \$15 for students/seniors; \$18 for adults. Discount ticket prices are available on Pay What You Can Day on Saturday, Nov. 28. A detailed performance schedule and ticket information are posted at www.cpacfitchburg.org and are available by calling (978) 345-2915.

Art Museum to host Holly Berry Faire

FITCHBURG — The Third Annual Holly Berry Craft Faire will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Fitchburg Art Museum, 185 Elm St., Fitchburg. Enjoy a selection of crafters, each booth overflowing with one-of-a-kind gifts for the discerning people on your shopping list. Music and tempting treats available throughout the Faire. Admission is free for members; \$7 for non-members, and \$5 for seniors and students. For information, call (978) 345-4207.

Historical Society plans holiday events for the family

RUTLAND — The Rutland Historical Society is excited to kick off the Holiday Season with its eighth annual Festival of Trees and more with activities continuing throughout the weekend of Dec. 4 through Dec. 6.

The Festival begins on Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. with a holiday concert by the Merrimack Valley Ringers followed by a Brownie Sundae Social at the Congregational Church (\$5 suggested donation).

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the spectacular Festival of Trees and More opens at 4 p.m. in the town's library. Decorated trees, wreaths, and so much more will put you in the spirit. Also at 4 p.m. Santa's Magic House will open at the Old Fire Barn. Bring the camera and visit with Santa. A Friendship Supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church (\$5 donation/ children 6 and under free). At 6:30 p.m. the 19th annual Lighting of Rutland's Tercentenary Tree will be held followed by a program in St. Patrick's Church.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, the festivities continue from 1 to 4 p.m. with The Festival of Trees at the Library and Santa in his Magic House at the Old Fire Barn. Also during this time there will be rides on an antique fire truck at the Old Fire Barn and horse and wagon rides in front of the Library.

For more information or to participate in these activities, please visit rutlandmahistorical.org or call (508) 886-6668.

Celebrate the Season at Stone Zoo's ZooLights 2009

STONEHAM — This winter wonderland attracts thousands of visitors each year who get into the holiday spirit by strolling along tree-lined paths lit by thousands of twinkling



FILE PHOTO

Town to sparkle with annual tree lighting

WESTMINSTER - The town of Westminster will celebrate their annual Holiday Tree Lighting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at Academy Hill. The community is invited to enjoy refreshments, caroling, and a visit from Santa.

lights. Upon entering the Stone Zoo, guests will visit Yukon Creek, which not only features dazzling holiday lights but is also home to bald eagles, porcupines, lynx, a gray fox and reindeer. Children will want to make sure they visit with Santa, who awaits their arrival in Santa's Castle. Jolly Old St. Nick will be available for photos through

Dec. 23. After visiting with Santa, enter a magical holiday world filled with fairy tale characters and dancing plush animals.

ZooLights is open from 5 to 9 p.m. daily through Wednesday, Dec. 30 (closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25) at the Stone Zoo, 149 Pond St. For information on ticket pricing visit stonezoo.org.

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