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"Ossipee Valley News"

Hi folks, as the holidays progress, the season just stays busy here our six-town area. Check it out below!

After hours

Don't forget the Dec. 11 after hours event at Red Barn Marketplace in Chocorua this coming Tuesday. It will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and a great time!

A Christmas Carol

After a two-year hiatus, Advice To The Players is bringing Charles Dickens' beloved "A Christmas Carol" back to The Barnstormers Theatre on Dec. 13-16. Come see this wonderful troupe of local and regional actors bring back the timeless message embodied in Dickens' story. Tickets are now on sale at the Tamworth Other Store, the Sandwich General Store, at the door, or by calling 677-2739.

Storytelling at the Corner House Inn

Take a break from holiday shopping madness and join Michael Harris at the Corner House Inn on Thursday, Dec. 13th. Storytelling dinners are held every Thursday evening beginning at 6:30 pm, and the cost is \$16.95 per person. For more information and reservations contact the Corner House in Center Sandwich at 284-6219, or online at info@cornerhouseinn.com.

Michael Harris of Southern New Hampshire University blends laughter, song, and story in a narrative that the whole family will enjoy. A resident of Gilmanton, Dr. Harris will present a thought-provoking look at seasonal holiday celebrations throughout history and across cultures; weaving together lore about the origins and evolution of traditional Christmas celebrations, holiday observations of Dickens, Longfellow and others, wonderful winter weather and wildlife tales, and the universalism of seasonal celebrations in a variety of cultures.

'Twas the Night before Christmas and a Mitten Tree

Chocorua Public Library will be having its Holiday Open House on Mon., Dec. 10, during its regular hours from 5-8 p.m. Kent Schneider and his marionette King Horton will tell legends and stories, including "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Nutcrackers from the Schneiders' collection will be on display. Children and adults are invited. Refreshments will be available. Please join us.

Also, the "Mitten Tree" is up at Chocorua Public Library. Please drop off new mittens and gloves for Tamworth children and teens. For more information, contact Gail Troseth, Assistant Librarian at 323-8610 or at chocorualibrary@roadrunner.com.

Arts Council performance

The December performance of the Arts Council of Tamworth is titled "Gifts: An evening of storytelling for the holidays" and will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8 starting at 7:30 p.m. Featuring seasonal tales from nationally-acclaimed storyteller **Judith Black**, along with local favorites **Marion Posner**, **Matt Krug** and **Andy Davis**, interspersed with lively holiday music, this is just the ticket for a bit of magical entertainment for young, old and everyone in between. The event is sponsored by Ski Works, with co-sponsors: Eastern Propane, Elan Publishing, and Miller Auto. More information is available by calling 323-8104 or visiting

www.artstamworth.org.

Helping out the animals

Little Hooves Tack Shop is now working with SCR (Second Chance Ranch for Equine Rescue) with offices in East Longmeadow, MA and a barn in East Granby, CT. Saturday, Dec. 1st, 2007 Cyndi Phelan, owner, along with Allen Seguin, Santa's Elf for the day, drove down to the barn in East Granby, CT with over a \$3,000 donation for the 14 horses currently on the waiting list of abused and homeless horses, looking for new homes.

Each horse was given there own personalized Christmas socking filled with brushes, combs, hoof pics, treats and a new halter, all to go with them when they find a new home. Santa brought many bags full of blankets, buckets, first aid products, saddles, bridles, brushes and much much more to be used by the farm for the horses. Cyndi and Allen met with board members, Shannon and Amy, who personally donate there time and efforts each day to care, feed and train these horses. " It was a wonderful experience to give something back to these beautiful animals, who never asked to be put in these situations," said Cyndi Phelan. Please check out there website to help these horses, www.scrrescue.org

Holiday happenings

Still haven't got your holiday party figured out? There are many restaurants in the area that are looking for holiday bookings, including the restaurants at both Province Lake Golf Course and Indian Mound Golf Course (River's Edge Tavern and Grille). These are not venues you would normally think of, but they have both decided this year to be available for holiday parties. The Province Lake Golf Course can be reached at 207-793-4904 and Indian Mound can be reached at 603-539-2901. Visit www.ossipeevalley.org/members.htm for an updated list of other chamber members who might also be available to host holiday parties.

And if the stress is getting to be too much, visit Celine at A Nice Touch Massage Therapy in Center Ossipee (on Route 25 by Abbott and Staples) for a break from the holiday stress. Call 539-6565 for more information.

Christmas trees and wreaths are available at The Mountain Greenery if you still haven't gotten your tree yet. Call 539-4943 for more information.

At Grammy Gordon's, there is a great selection of affordable, re-usable, decorative cloth gift bags that make wrapping a cinch all awhile lending a hand to help the environment - we're pretty sure it'll get you to humming a happy tune! The bags range in size from 6" x 6" to 20" x 28". Other affordable items available are Christmas cards, kid totes w/ bubble bath, red tapered candles, funny handmade signs, friendship bags, senior blocks and cocoa/tea magnets, and much more. Over the next few days, Jen will be adding great gift baskets some blending vintage and new, others will be completely edible, handmade nature centerpieces, etc...Of course she said she always has beautiful antiques & yummy baked goods! For more information, call Jen at 323-2005.

Donna Briden of Stonehouse Country wanted to remind Chamber members that during the week of Sunday, December 16th through December 22nd - Stone House Country will have their Christmas Countdown week. Everything in the store will be marked down from 10% - 50% off . If you are a chamber member she will take an additional 20% off one item of your choice (even if it is on sale) !!! Stonehouse Country will also be open the week of Dec. 16th - Dec. 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - for your shopping convenience with refreshments. So come and join them for some last minute shopping!!!!

Look forward to...

Christmas in Ossipee on Saturday, Dec. 15...more to come next week!

The first of many happy holidays greetings!

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