

Dickens of a Christmas
2016 Schedule of Events
Wellsboro, Pennsylvania

Friday, December 2

All Day

Merchant Sales & Discounts

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Professional Dickens Portraits

Lobby, Deane Center

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Indoor Book Sale

Green Free Library

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Indoor Craft Show

United Methodist Church

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Indoor Craft Show, Food

Wellsboro Senior Center

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Dickens Eve House Tour

Check-in for tickets/information

Lobby, Deane Center

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dickens of a Dinner

Trinity Lutheran Church

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

VESTA Art and Craft Show & Sale

w/music & refreshments

Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center

7:00 p.m.

Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"

Arcadia Theatre

7:30 p.m.

HG Choirs

Dickens of a Concert

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Saturday, December 3

All Day

Area Merchants Sales & Discounts

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Dickens of a Breakfast

With Father Christmas

Trinity Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Indoor Craft Show, Food

Wellsboro Senior Center

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Indoor Craft Show

United Methodist Church

9:00 a.m.

Wellsboro High Dickens Choir

Arcadia Theatre

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Street Vendors & Performers

Outdoors on Downtown Streets

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Model Train Show, Cookie Sale

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Indoor Craft Show, Food

Wellsboro Firemen's Annex

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Professional Dickens Portraits

Lobby, Deane Center

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trolley Rides at 45-minute intervals for

Highland Chocolates Factory Tours

Parking Lot, First Citizens Bank

10:00 a.m.

Victorian Stroll

Outdoor Stage, Deane Center

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Alternative Christmas Fair

w/refreshments & music

First Presbyterian Church

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Open House w/refreshments

- Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lunch, Church Tours, Thrift Shop
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Open House w/refreshments
Tioga County Historical Society
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Live Music & Refreshments
United Methodist Church
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
VESTA Art and Craft Show & Sale
Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center
- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Indoor Book Sale
Green Free Library
- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Clara's Court story time & crafts
w/Nutcracker characters
Lobby, Deane Center
- 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Festival of Trees
Goodwill building
Wellsboro Plaza
- 10:30 a.m.
HG Productions
"A Christmas Carol"
Coolidge Theatre, Deane Center
- 11:00 a.m.
Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"
Arcadia Theatre
- 11:00 a.m.
HG Productions
"A Christmas Carol"
Warehouse Theatre, Deane Center
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Open House w/ refreshments
Green Free Library
- 11:00 a.m.
New Heights Dance Theater

“Nutcracker in Motion”
Main Street Window, Deane Center
12:00 p.m.
Best Dressed Contest Registration
Outdoor Stage, Deane Center
12:00 p.m.
New Heights Dance Theater
“Nutcracker in Motion”
Main Street Window, Deane Center
1:00 p.m.
Best Dressed Contest Judging
Outdoor Stage, Deane Center
1:00 p.m.
New Heights Dance Theater
“Nutcracker in Motion”
Main Street Window, Deane Center
1:00 p.m.
HG Productions
“A Christmas Carol”
Warehouse Theatre, Deane Center
1:30 p.m.
HG Productions
“A Christmas Carol”
Coolidge Theatre, Deane Center
1:45 p.m.
Movie: “It’s a Wonderful Life”
Arcadia Theatre
2:00 p.m.
Victorian Stroll
Outdoor Stage, Deane Center
2:00 p.m.
New Heights Dance Theater
“Nutcracker in Motion”
Main Street Window, Deane Center
3:00 p.m.
New Heights Dance Theater
“Nutcracker in Motion”
Main Street Window, Deane Center
3:00 p.m.
Wellsboro Men’s Chorus

- Arcadia Theatre
3:20 p.m.
Wellsboro Women's Chorus
Arcadia Theatre
- 3:30 p.m.
HG Productions
"A Christmas Carol"
Coolidge Theatre, Deane Center
- 3:40 p.m.
Combined Chorus Sing-a-long
Arcadia Theatre
- 4:00 p.m.
HG Productions
"A Christmas Carol"
Warehouse Theatre, Deane Center
- 4:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong Service
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 5:00 p.m.
Candlelight Walk for Peace
Packer Park to The Green
- 5:30 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony w/Santa
The Green
- 7:00 p.m.
Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"
Arcadia Theatre
- Sunday, December 4**
- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
VESTA Art and Craft Show & Sale
Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center
- 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Festival of Trees
Goodwill building
Wellsboro Plaza
- 1:45 p.m.
Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"
Arcadia Theatre
- 2:30 p.m.
HG Productions

“A Christmas Carol”
Warehouse Theatre, Deane Center

A finalized schedule & map of events, parking, ATMs, and restroom facilities will be available online at www.wellsboropa.com and at local restaurants, motels, and shops or call 570-724-1926.

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS LEAD-IN:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016:

1. INDOOR BOOK SALE AT THE GREEN FREE LIBRARY AT 134

MAIN STREET: This indoor book sale began Monday, November 28 in the Green Free Library and will continue daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through this Thursday, December 1. This Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3 of Dickens weekend, the book sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gently used, gift-worthy books for Christmas will be available at the sale on Saturday, December 3 only.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016:

2. PROFESSIONAL DICKENS PORTRAITS IN THE LOBBY AT

THE DEANE CENTER, 104 MAIN STREET: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Thursday, December 1, Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, award-winning photographer Caleb Williams will create Victorian portraits of families or individuals wearing Dickens era garb, even those who have dressed for the day in modern clothes at his "limited edition" Dickens Portrait Studio in the lobby at the Deane Center for the Performing Arts at 104 Main Street in Wellsboro. His portraits become treasured family mementos. For those who want to have a Victorian portrait taken, Williams has racks of costumes sufficient to accommodate up to eight people, including men, women, boys and girls. The newest is a train conductor's costume for boys. On Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2, the photographer is offering a buy one, get one free Christmas card special. To schedule a Dickens portrait session on Thursday, Friday or Saturday and for information about pricing and portrait options, visit www.WellsboroHeritagePhoto.com.

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016:

3. "ART FOR HEARTH & HOME" VESTA ART AND CRAFT SHOW & SALE AT THE GMEINER ART AND CULTURAL CENTER, 134 MAIN STREET, WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 FROM 6-9 P.M.; SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 FROM 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 FROM 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE: From 6-9 p.m., Friday,

December 2, 2016, the “Art for Hearth & Home” Vesta Art and Craft Show & Sale will open with a gala reception that is free and open to the public. Visitors will be treated to sweets, hors d’oeuvres and beverages from wine and punch to coffee and tea. Creslyn Kilmer, age 14, will entertain on guitar and ukulele. On display will be one-of-a-kind fiber and wood arts, jewelry, photographic explorations of Pennsylvania, hand-woven scarves, original paintings, handcrafted handbags and purses made from cork and cotton fabrics, ceramics and willow baskets. Portrayals of the 11 Vesta artisans’ studios and the tools they use to do their work are also part of this show. The artists will be on hand to answer questions about their work.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 3, the 11 Vesta artists will be on hand to answer questions about their work. From 10 a.m. to noon, Vernal Pool, a Celtic trio, will perform.

Sunday, December 4, regular hours begin with the show and sale open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and staffed by the Gmeiner’s docents.

Regular hours continue as follows: from 2-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, December 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, December 10 & 11 and 17-18. The Gmeiner and the Vesta show and sale will close for the holidays December 24, 2016 through January 5, 2017 and reopen Friday, January 6, 2017 from 2-5 p.m. with the Vesta artisans bringing in new items. Regular hours for the show will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, January 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22 and 28 & 29 and from 2-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, January 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27.

4. “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE,” A HOLIDAY FILM CLASSIC, WILL BE SHOWN ALL THREE DAYS AT THE ARCADIA THEATRE AT 50 MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN WELLSBORO: This American Christmas fantasy drama film is based on the short story “The Greatest Gift.” An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

“It’s a Wonderful Life” showings will be:

Friday, December 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1:45 p.m.

DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 ONLY:

5. THE DICKENS EVE HOUSE TOUR OF FOUR HISTORIC HOMES IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 FROM 4-7 P.M. WITH THE TOUR STATION FOR TICKETS AND TOUR INFORMATION IN THE LOBBY AT THE DEANE CENTER FRIDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 2, 2016, 3:30-6:30 P.M.:

The Dickens Eve House Tour between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, December 2 will include tours of four historic homes in downtown Wellsboro. For advance reservations, call 570-787-7800, visit www.endlessmountain.net or stop in at Indigo Wireless at 64 Main Street in Wellsboro. The house tour ticket price for those who register in advance is \$15 per person. Tour tickets for \$20 each can be purchased on December 2 between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Dickens Eve House Tour Station in the lobby at the Deane Center for the Performing Arts at 104 Main Street. Those who have pre-registered and those who register Friday, the day of the tour, are required to check in at the house tour station. There, each person will receive a handout that will include the history of each home, the refreshment stop location and other information.

6. DICKENS OF A DINNER IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016 FROM 4:30-7:30 P.M.:

Dickens of a Dinner on Friday, December 2 is being served between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church's Family Life Center, located on Luther Lane behind the church, which is at 53 West Avenue in Wellsboro. Included will be ham with raisin sauce, parsley potatoes, cranberry relish, winter vegetables, roll and butter, homemade dessert and beverages. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens over 60, \$6 for children ages 5 to 12 and free for children under age 5. For tickets, call Trinity Lutheran at 570-724-7723.

7. DICKENS OF A CONCERT IS IN ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 38 CENTRAL AVENUE FRIDAY ONLY, DECEMBER

2, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.: Fifty-seven second through twelfth graders in Hamilton-Gibson's four choirs will sing about people with familiar and strange names. Each song title includes the name of an historical or fictitious person. Among the songs to be presented are "Ave Maria," "As Joseph Was a Walking," "Good King Wenceslas," and "Santa Sings the Blues."

Each choir will sing individual numbers and conclude the concert with "Light One Candle for the Maccabee children." Sung by Peter, Paul and Mary, it was written by Peter Yarrow, a member of this group. The lyrics begin with the incident from which the holiday Hanukkah was born, but encompass all beliefs and faiths. It is a plea for each person to light one candle for social justice and peace. Joining the choirs in performing the song will be Drowsy Maggie, who will also play and sing several other selections during the concert.

Members of Drowsy Maggie are: Danny Shipe on guitar, Bruce Smith on bass, octave mandolin and guitar; Carl Conn, fiddle, flute and Irish whistle; and Daria Lin-Guelig, hammered dulcimer and concertina.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the door for \$8 per adult and \$4 for children and full-time students of any age. For information call Hamilton-Gibson at 570-724-2079 or email hamgib@gmail.com.

**DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS EVENTS:
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2016:**

8. THE WELLSBORO SENIOR CENTER TWO-DAY INDOOR ART AND CRAFT SHOW AND FOOD IS AT 3 QUEEN STREET FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016, 3 P.M. TO 8 P.M. AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.: The Wellsboro Senior Center at 3 Queen Street is presenting a two-day art and craft show featuring the work of nine artisans.

Available will be hand painted original Wellsboro ornaments, including a special one for Dickens; quilted products; baked goods such as soup in a jar, breads, rag rugs and bags, hand painted porcelain, acrylic paintings of realistic scenes of nature and illustrated children's books by an award-winning artist and author, crocheted

toys, including dolls, recycled mittens, and goat milk soap and lotions.

Among the culinary treats for sale both days will be homemade pound cake, venison chili, halushka (cabbage and noodles), homemade macaroni and cheese, and gourmet hot dogs with all kinds of toppings available, from Asian coleslaw and Mexican salsa and cheese to Italian sauce and pepperoni. Beverages available will include: water, juice boxes, hot cocoa and coffee.

9. THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TWO-DAY INDOOR CRAFT SHOW IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016, 3-8 P.M. AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.: The United Methodist Church of Wellsboro at 36 Main Street is hosting a two-day indoor craft show from 3-8 p.m. Friday, December 2 and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 3 in Epworth Hall. The entrance to Epworth Hall is off Queen Street at the rear of the church.

Featured will be 27 artists and craftsmen with items such as wooden shelves, coasters and key holders, alpaca products, pottery dip chillers and dip mixes, polymer clay and wooden Christmas ornaments, custom-made lampshades, different types of jewelry from fused dichroic glass to beaded and embroidered, jewelry gems and fossils, machine embroidered gifts, handcrafted wooden snowmen and reindeer ornaments, measuring snow sticks, a variety of baskets, including ones that light, gift baskets, Santa wall hangings, Christmas trees, wreaths, arrangements cards and calendars, hand-painted, primitive folk art, watercolors, photographs, ceramics, handmade soaps and lotions, candles, including Smelly Jellies and Melties, loose leaf tea with tea pots, handmade fabric items, mittens, totes, wallets, dish cloths and hot pads, knitted scarves, maple and hickory syrup, honey, jams and chocolate candy.

**DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS EVENTS:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 ONLY:**

10. DICKENS OF A BREAKFAST WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS IS SATURDAY ONLY ON DECEMBER 3, 2016, 8 A.M. TO 10 A.M.: Dickens of a Breakfast with Father Christmas on Saturday,

December 3 is being served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church's Family Life Center, located on Luther Lane behind the church at 53 West Avenue in Wellsboro. Breakfast includes: a waffle bar, pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast, hash browns and a beverage. Photographs of those attending will be taken with Father Christmas. There will be a model train display and a craft activity for youngsters. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. For tickets, call Trinity Lutheran at 570-724-7723.

11. DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS ON-THE-STREET CRAFT AND FOOD VENDORS AND ENTERTAINERS ON SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.: On Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wellsboro will step back into Victorian times. Closed to motorized traffic on Saturday only, Main, Waln and Crafton streets will be transformed into an early Victorian marketplace featuring more than 150 food and craft vendors with delectable wares to eat and drink and colorful and skillfully crafted items to give as gifts or keep.

The town crier will greet everyone with the ringing of his bell and announcements of the day. Street performers and vendors will be dressed in Dickens-era garb.

Musicians, singers and dancers will perform as visitors meander the streets to shop and chat. In front of the Arcadia Theatre a variety of groups will be featured beginning at 9 a.m. with the Wellsboro High School Dickens Choir and ending between 3 and 4 p.m. with the Wellsboro Men's Chorus, the Wellsboro Women's Chorus and beginning at 3:40 p.m. a combined chorus sing-along.

Throughout the day, the Fezziwigs will host outdoor skits and entertainment, such as a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with audience participation.

Restaurants and street vendors will tickle the taste buds and warm tummies with hot chocolate, chili, macaroni and cheese, homemade soups and chowders, bread pudding, homemade cookies, pies and candies, hot roast beef sandwiches, crab cakes, fresh roasted peanuts, hot cider and coffee, sausage sandwiches, whoopee pies,

peanut brittle, kettle corn and apple dumplings.

Craft vendors will offer hand carved Christmas trees, hand-painted Christmas ornaments, handmade pottery, furniture, jewelry, specialty candles, hats and scarves, pet treats, heirloom Santa clauses, stuffed animals and dolls, hand-turned wrought iron and wooden pieces. Fresh wreaths, garlands, swags, centerpieces and greens will be available.

For information, call the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce at 570-724-1926.

12. ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS OFFERING SIX DIFFERENT DICKENS EVENTS ON SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.: During the day, the church's thrift shop will be open and there will be a free Model Train Show, the Great Cookie Sale, lunch, tours of the church and the special Choral Evensong service sung by the church choir.

Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, the free Model N Gauge Train Show, hosted by members of the Twin Tiers N-Trak Club, will be in St. Paul's Parish Hall. Dennis Oberholtzer will also be running his S gauge trains. The entrance to the Parish Hall is on Walnut Street, across from Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital in Wellsboro.

St. Paul's Great Cookie Sale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall or until the cookies are gone. Being sold by the pound will be all types of cookies from chocolate chip to date pinwheels to sugar cookies. There will also be other treats like white chocolate-covered popcorn.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is a great place to find a needed umbrella, sweater or hat or to create a Dickens outfit. The entrance is on Charles Street.

Lunch will be available in St. Paul's Parish Hall from 10 a.m. until everything is gone. For \$3, eat a Texas hot or sauerkraut dog, plus chips and pickle. For \$2, have a bowl of homemade chicken noodle,

ham and bean or vegetable beef soup. A beverage - soda, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, lemonade or water - is \$1.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., free tours of historic St. Paul's will be given. Louis Comfort Tiffany designed the church's stained glass windows and the mosaics that are found around the altar and baptismal font.

At 4 p.m., the public is invited to attend the 40-minute Choral Evensong service in the church. Historically accurate, this service is conducted as it was by the Church of England in the Victorian-era in which Charles Dickens lived. Included are hymns, readings and Anglican chants and anthems sung by the choir. The Church entrance is on Pearl Street, directly across from The Green.

13. WELLSBORO FIREMEN'S ANNEX CRAFT SHOW AND FOOD INDOORS AND OUTDOORS ARE SATURDAY ONLY ON

DECEMBER 3, 2016, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.: More than 35 vendors will be indoors and outdoors at the Wellsboro Firemen's Annex at 21 East Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

Among the items available will be blankets, towels, knives, jewelry, baked goods, paintings, decorative shelves, yard ornaments, clothing, handmade scarves, mittens, jalapeño jelly, candles, wooden baskets, Alpaca items, made-to-order decals. LuLaRoe women's clothing, house and garden flags, wooden yard ornaments and maple syrup.

Soups, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, desserts and beverages will be available indoors at the annex. Outdoors, the Archer's Café food truck from Troy will serve gluten-free foods.

14. CHRISTINE A. MOORE MILLINERY FROM NEW YORK CITY IS IN THE DEANE CENTER LOBBY ON SATURDAY ONLY,

DECEMBER 3, 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.: New York City hat designer Christine A. Moore of Christine A. Moore Millinery will be showcasing her specially designed "Dickens of a Christmas" Hat Collection. The trunk show will be set up in the Deane Center lobby on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Moore is best known for her horse racing hat styles, two of which are in the Kentucky Derby Museum. Her 2016 Fall and Dickens collections will be available at

the Fifth Season now through Christmas Eve.

15. WELLSBORO ROTARY CLUB GUN RAFFLE TICKET SALE IS SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3 IN THE DEANE CENTER LOBBY AT 104 MAIN STREET IN WELLSBORO, 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.:

Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wellsboro Rotary Club members will have raffle tickets available for a \$10 donation in the lobby at the Deane Center. Raffle prizes are: a Stevens Model 555 Goldwing over/under 20 gauge shotgun; a Savage Hunter XP rifle with a Nikon 3.9 by 40-inch scope in the winner's choice of caliber; a .22 magnum Henry Golden Boy repeating rifle; a Ruger American rifle in the winner's choice of caliber; a \$250 American Express gift card; and a Bushnell Trophy XD Trail Camera. The drawing for the six winners will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 4 at Timeless Destination at 77 Main Street in Wellsboro. The winners need not be present but must be qualified to own and possess firearms in their home state and in Pennsylvania.

16. TROLLEY RIDES IN 45-MINUTE INTERVALS WILL BE FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 3 P.M. TO TAKE VISITORS FOR A TOUR OF THE HIGHLAND CHOCOLATES FACTORY ON SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016:

December 3, Tony Yeager will have his trolley parked in front of First Citizens Community Bank at 1 Pearl Street in Wellsboro. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m., the trolley will run consecutive trips at approximately 45-minute intervals on a first come, first served basis from the First Citizens along East Avenue to Highland Chocolates.

At the chocolate factory, passengers will be taken on a guided tour to see how the candy is made. Everyone on the tour will then be directed to the free sampling station where they can try 16 of Highland's handcrafted holiday chocolates.

People who are interested will be able to shop at Highland before boarding the trolley for the trip back to downtown Wellsboro.

The \$5 per person fee includes the trolley ride to and from Highland Chocolates, the guided tour of the chocolate factory and the sampling station.

17.TWO VICTORIAN STROLLS ON SATURDAY ONLY,

DECEMBER 3, 2016, 10 A.M. & 2 P.M.: A highlight of the Dickens of a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 3, 2016 will be two parades called Victorian strolls. They will take place during the day, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig, their family, neighbors and friends will lead the strolls. The Fezziwigs are characters from the Charles Dickens novel, "A Christmas Carol." Any one dressed in Victorian apparel is invited to take part in the strolls. Meet at the Deane Center's outdoor stage on Central Avenue. The strolls will begin at the intersection of Main Street and Central Avenue, proceed three blocks to the Main Street and East Avenue intersection, and then return to the starting point. Following each one, the Fezziwigs and their entourage will encourage strollers and others to join them in performing the glorious Sir Roger de Coverley, the English folk dance the Fezziwigs do every Christmas Eve at the culmination of their party.

18. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALTERNATIVE GIVING CHRISTMAS FAIR WILL BE SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3,

2016, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.: The First Presbyterian Church of Wellsboro at 130 Main Street in Wellsboro is hosting the 7th Annual Alternative Giving Christmas Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 in the church's Fellowship Hall. The fair is for those who have people on their Christmas lists who feel they have enough "stuff" or love a particular cause and for others that believe Christmas is too commercial. Shoppers can "buy" food, pillows, blankets, school supplies and other necessary items to help individuals and families in desperate need in this area or in the developing world. The "shopper" can choose to give the gift in his name or someone else's. The person in whose name the gift is given will receive an appropriate card informing him of this special present. Each charitable organization will have a table with pictures, brochures, posters and other materials to explain its mission and goals and have people available to answer questions. Each one will also have a "price list" of items to "purchase." As shoppers arrive, they will be given a list of the participating charities. After compiling the list of gifts, each shopper will go to a single checkout point and write one check payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Following

the fair, the church will write checks to the supported charities in the full amount of the donations made. The supported organizations include: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Haven, His Thousand Hills, Medical Benevolence Foundation, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Presbyterian Mission Agency (for Syrian refugee relief), Salvation Army, the Samaritan House, Seeds of Hope Partners, Tioga County Homeless Initiative and the Wellsboro Area Food Pantry. Free entertainment and light refreshments will be provided. Musicians performing at 11 a.m. are: Dave Milano on guitar, Daria Guelig on hammered dulcimer and concertina, and vocalists Jennifer McCarthy and Molly Howard Cary. Beginning at 12:30 p.m., music will be provided by Dan Krise on mandolin and fiddle, Colleen Krise on flute and guitar, and Jesse Gotschal on guitar.

19. TUSSEY MOSHER FUNERAL HOME OPEN HOUSE WITH REFRESHMENTS IS SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.:

The Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home at 139 Main Street is located in a private home built by Chester Converse in 1879. It became a funeral home in 1891 and has been one for 125 years. During the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. open house on Saturday, December 3, refreshments available will include cookies, tea and coffee. Information about the funeral home's history will be provided. For more information, call 570-724-4637.

20. TIOGA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE WITH REFRESHMENTS IS SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.:

Punch, coffee and cookies will be available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on December 3 at the Tioga County Historical Society's Robinson House Museum at 120 Main Street in Wellsboro. Members of the Wellsboro Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be giving away candy canes and American flag pins to those who stop at the museum. Books by local authors will be for sale. In the Victorian parlor are furniture and artifacts from that era. In another room are various items that once belonged to George Washington Sears (1821-1890), an outdoorsman and conservationist, who wrote under

the pen name Nessmuk. The John L. Robinson family originally owned the Greek Revival-style home that now serves as the museum. John, president of the First National Bank of Wellsboro and other family members were sleeping upstairs in 1874 when robbers broke into the home through the kitchen. They forced Robinson's son, Eugene, a cashier, to take them next door to the bank and open the vault. The men escaped on horseback. Two of the robbers were eventually caught and tried. The front portion of the Robinson home was built about 1834 and the center section, the oldest part, was standing in 1813. At the time of the robbery, the Robinsons had been living there about 40 years. For more information, call 570-724--6116.

21. FREE MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS INDOORS ON SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Anyone who wishes to stop in at the United Methodist Church of Wellsboro at 36 Main Street between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 is invited to sit and enjoy live music in the sanctuary and refreshments in the rotunda, including munchies and hot beverages, such as hot cocoa and coffee. The refreshments and music are free.

Among the musicians who will perform are the church's Praise Team, Wellsboro High School Dickens Choir, Beauty Shop Four and More, the church's Bell Choir, Vicki Bernard at the pipe organ, Wellsboro Women's Chorus, vocalists Rachel Linscott at the piano and Brandon Lusk on guitar. The sanctuary can seat up to 250 people.

22. NEW HEIGHTS DANCE THEATER'S CLARA'S COURT IS IN THE DEANE CENTER LOBBY AT 104 MAIN STREET ON SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.:

Clara's Corner will provide free activities for children from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 in the lobby at the Deane Center at 104 Main Street. Dancers dressed in costume as Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Mouse Queen, the Snow Queen, Mother Ginger and other characters they play in the New Heights Dance Theater's production of "Nutcracker in Motion" will read stories to youngsters and help them make crafts.

23. GREEN FREE LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE WITH

REFRESHMENTS IS SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.:

The Friends of the Green Free Library are hosting an open house and serving cookies and hot mulled cider from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 3 in the library at 134 Main Street. Gently used, gift-worthy books for Christmas will be available at the Friends Indoor Book Sale on Saturday, December 3. Information about the Friends group and becoming a library patron will be available during the open house. At 2 p.m., the basket raffle drawing will be held. Mary B. Robinson bequeathed the home as a site for a town library. It was built by her father Chester Robinson and known as Chester Place. Following an extensive renovation, the Green Free Library was officially opened on Jan. 26, 1917 and will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2017. The December 3 open house will be in the dining room, which Mary added in the 1890s. It retains the original woodwork, built-in bookcases, window seats, fireplace and stained glass window. Call the library at 570-724-4876 for information.

24.FREE PERFORMANCES OF "NUTCRACKER IN MOTION" BY NEW HEIGHTS DANCE THEATER DANCERS IS IN THE DEANE CENTER'S FRONT WINDOW ON SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 AT 11 A.M., 12 P.M., 1 P.M., 2 P.M. AND 3 P.M.:

The costumed dancers from the New Heights Dance Theater will present portions of "Nutcracker in Motion" in the Deane Center's front window. The performances are free. The one-hour and 45-minute production of "Nutcracker in Motion" is described as a fast-paced, jazzed up version of "The Nutcracker," a ballet holiday classic. "Motion" not only features ballet including pointe but also other types of dance such as jazz, modern, tap, lyrical and acrobatics. Full-length performances will be given at the Clemens Center in Elmira, New York on Saturday, December 17 at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The New Heights Dance Theater is a resident dance company of the Clemens Center.

25.FIRST EVER BEST-DRESSED CONTEST IS SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 WITH REGISTRATION AT 12 P.M. AND JUDGING AT 1 P.M.:

Information about the first Dickens Best Dressed Contest sponsored by Wellsboro Home Page will be given out to those who participate in the 10 a.m. stroll and at the

Dickens Information Booth outdoors in front of Café 1905 at Dunham's Department Store.

At noon this Saturday, December 3 anyone dressed in Dickens attire can register for the first Dickens Best Dressed Contest at the Deane Center's outdoor stage area on Central Avenue.

Judging will begin at 1 p.m. The winner will receive a Longaberger basket filled with gifts from Wellsboro merchants and a custom-made hat from Christine A. Moore Millinery of New York City. The winner will also be invited to join the Fezziwigs in leading the 2 p.m. stroll.

For more information about the contest or to pre-register, email sara@wellsborohomepage.com or call 570-723-7703. For ideas on how to create a costume, call the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce at 570-724-1926.

26.CANDLELIGHT WALK FOR PEACE IS SATURDAY ONLY, DECEMBER 3 2016 BEGINNING AT 5 P.M. AT PACKER PARK ON QUEEN STREET: The Candlelight Walk for Peace will be Saturday night, December 3 beginning at 5 p.m. Walkers with lit candles will gather at Packer Park on Queen Street. Following a brief greeting, the walk will proceed from Queen Street to Main Street and end on "The Green." The Peace Education Group of Tioga County sponsors the walk. "This walk is just as relevant today as when it was first held," said Chairman Bryn Hammarstrom. The late Dr. John Dowling, a physics professor at Mansfield University, founded the Peace Education Group in the 1980s and started the walk soon after. "John was against war and totally dedicated to trying to find more peaceful ways to solve problems," Hammarstrom said. "John said 'Rather than assuming we are going to fight and survive a nuclear war, let's do everything we can to prevent one because nuclear war is insane,'" Hammarstrom added.

27.CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY IS DECEMBER 3, 2016 BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. ON THE GREEN: The Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 5:30 p.m. on "The Green." Carl Linscott will give a Christmas message followed by the lighting of the tree by 2016

Pennsylvania State Laurel Queen Valerie Smith of Jersey Shore. Christmas carols will be sung during the event led by the Wellsboro High School Dickens Choir directed by Judy Smithgall. Santa Claus will hand out candy canes.

28. INFORMATION ON CLOSED STREETS, FREE PARKING, FREE BUS SHUTTLE, FEE PARKING, EMERGENCY ROUTE FOR AMBULANCES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016:

Remove vehicles by 6 a.m. Saturday morning, December 3, 2016; streets closed to motorized traffic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016:

For Wellsboro's Dickens of a Christmas celebration, Main Street from the East Avenue traffic light to the Central Avenue traffic light and Wain and Crafton streets between Pearl and Water streets will be closed to all traffic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All vehicles must be removed from Main, Wain and Crafton streets by 6 a.m. Saturday morning. It is suggested that those thinking about parking in those streets overnight make other parking arrangements. Those who don't, risk having their vehicles towed at their expense.

Free Parking on Saturday, December 3, 2016:

Those parking at meters at Wellsboro's municipal parking lots on Water and Pearl streets will not be ticketed during the celebration; however, the Wellsboro Police Department will strictly enforce all other parking restrictions.

Free parking will also be available at the Tioga County Commissioners parking lot at the Tioga County Courthouse, 118 Main Street and at the parking lot behind the Wellsboro Senior Center at 3 Queen Street next to Packer Park.

Free Bus Shuttle Service from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday Only, December 3, 2016.

For people who want to park at the Wellsboro Plaza on Route 6 (East Avenue) or at Wellsboro Senior High School on Nichols Street, Benedict's Bus Service is providing free bus shuttle services to the downtown festivities. School buses will operate

continuously between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 to shuttle visitors from the Wellsboro Plaza on Route 6 (East Avenue) and from the Wellsboro High School on Nichols Street to the downtown festivities. The shuttles will also transport visitors back to the Wellsboro Plaza and to Wellsboro High School to retrieve their vehicles.

Parking for a Fee on Saturday December 3, 2016:

Parking for a small fee to benefit local, nonprofit groups will be available at locations throughout the community.

Emergency Route for Ambulances:

Walnut Street has been designated an "Emergency Route" for ambulances traveling to Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department on Dickens weekend. No parking will be permitted along the Emergency Route. For more information, call the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce at 570-724-1926.

**DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS EVENTS:
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AND 4, 2016**

29.FESTIVAL OF TREES IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016, 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016, 12 P.M. TO 5 P.M.: On Saturday, December 3, the free Festival of Trees will open at the Wellsboro Plaza on Route 6 in Charleston Township, just outside of Wellsboro. The holiday-decorated trees will be in the hallway outside Goodwill at 80 Plaza Lane and be open free for viewing by the public from Saturday, December 3 through Monday, Jan. 2. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and between noon and 5 p.m. on Sunday. On Christmas Eve, the Festival of Trees will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Any civic, non-profit or school organization is welcome to participate in the Festival of Trees. There is no entry fee. Members of participating organizations are asked to decorate their trees on Thursday, December 1 or Friday, December 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Among those who will be decorating trees are: Haven, Scarlet Red Hats, the Wellsboro Business and Professional Women's

Club, Wellsboro Art Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4907 of Wellsboro.

Organizations interested in more information about participating in the festival are welcome to call Coordinator Dawn Bell at 570-724-2617 or email her at dbfancygirl66@gmail.com.

30. ONE UNDECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE AND HOPE FOR A NEEDY FAMILY: Through the generosity of the public, the undecorated tree on display during the Festival of Trees in the hallway outside Goodwill at 80 Plaza Lane at the Wellsboro Plaza on Route 6 in Charleston Township, just outside of Wellsboro, will be decorated for Christmas and given to a family in need at noon on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24. Everyone is welcome to place an ornament on the tree any time between December 3 and Friday, December 23. Anyone who knows of a family in need is asked to call Festival Coordinator Dawn Bell at 570-724-2617.

31. HAMILTON-GIBSON'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" WILL BE PRESENTED BY TWO DIFFERENT CASTS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AND ONCE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4: During Wellsboro's Dickens of a Christmas, the whole family can enjoy "A Christmas Carol," a one-hour production of one of the most enduring holiday stories ever written. Making it relatable to everyone is the mix of holiday cheer, whimsical humor and a good dose of scary thrills combined with the timeless truths and themes in this story of a man's redemption.

Two six-member casts will give six performances on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Theatre at the Deane Center at 104 Main Street and at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. right around the corner in the Warehouse Theatre at 3 Central Avenue. Admission to these shows is \$18.

The seventh performance will be given Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Warehouse Theatre. Admission is Pay-What-You-Can.

For reservations, call H-G Productions at 570-724-2079, email hamgib@gmail.com or visit www.hamiltongibson.org and click

on the "Buy Tickets" button. Tickets can be held up to 15 minutes before the performance at which time they will be released to a waiting list.

32.FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For a schedule & map of events, parking, ATMs and restroom facilities, visit www.wellsboropa.com, email info@wellsboropa.com, call 570-724-1926 or stop in at the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce office at 114 Main Street.