

# Where There's Life

## Main Street

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SING** sponsored by Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and Birmingham Musicale will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Birmingham City Hall Plaza. A carillon program by Kent McDonald of St. James Episcopal Church will precede the program at 5:15 p.m. The Seaholm Brass Ensemble under Robert Kuischer will lead the carolling. Everyone invited to come sing. **DETROIT FOLK DANCE CLUB** will meet on Dec. 26 for Year-End Dance beginning at 8 p.m. at Brookside School Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. All-request dancing; no teaching. School is located at northeast corner of Lone Pine Road and Cranbrook Road. Admission charge. Non-dancing children free.

**FOR SINGLES ONLY** will present a Disco Party and Fashion Show, with fashions for '76 on Dec. 27 at the Troy Hilton. The show and dancing will run from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Tickets at the door. Cocktails, snacks available.

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING** is available through March 24, whenever there is snow, as part of Cranbrook P.M. courses, sponsored by the Cranbrook Mothers' Club. For registration and information, call Cranbrook School, 645-3680. **SKI BUS** to Mount Brighton will run Saturdays through Feb. 28, when skiing conditions are favourable. From the Farmington Community Center. Call the center office, 477-4404, for cost and details of program.

**A GATHERING OF CRAFTS**, a holiday exhibition and sale of artwork and handicrafts by Detroit area black artisans and black-owned companies, is being presented through Dec. 24 in the decorative accessories area of Hudson's Northland in Southfield, on the store's fourth level. Focal point of the exhibit

is the works of Arthur Roland, award-winning Detroit artist. Special crafts demonstrations are included.

**Children's Choice** **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS**, free performances of the classic fairy tale continue through Dec. 24 at Pontiac Mall in Waterford Township. The live play produced by Henry K. Martin of Birmingham will be presented at 4 and 7 p.m. Dec. 22 and 23 and 1 p.m. Dec. 24. **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** including a gift for each child continues through Dec. 24 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Alfred's Restaurant in Somerset Mall, Troy. Call 643-8865 for reservations. **SANTA CLAUS** greets young visitors from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. daily on the southeast corner of City Hall in Birmingham.

**SANTA CLAUS** will have visiting hours from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily at his chalet at Oakland Mall, Troy. **SATURDAY CINEMA** at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 27 at the Troy Public Library will present three films: "Feliz Navidad," "Pluto's Christmas Tree" and "Santa's Toys." Reservations for the 30-minute program should be made at the YPS desk. **BEDKNOBS AND BROOMSTICKS**, a full-length Walt Disney film in Technicolor, will be presented from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. at The Community House in Birmingham. Admission charge. **TOM SAWYER**, free marionette show, is presented Saturdays at 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m.; Sundays at 1 and 3:30 p.m. in the Showboat at the Meadow Brook Village Mall in Avon Township.

**Certain Time** **ARMS AND THE MAN**, G. B. Shaw's satire on the outrageousness of war, directed by Terence Kilburn, is being presented through Dec. 28 at

Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. Tickets are available at Hudson's or by calling the Meadow Brook Box Office, 377-3300.

**Concerts** **BACH FOR A BUCK** will be offered at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 28 and 27, at 4 p.m. Dec. 28 at Duns Scotus College in Southfield. **CHRISTMAS CONCERT BENEFIT** will be presented to aid the Muscular Dystrophy Association, from noon to 1 a.m. at the Troy Hilton Gordon Ballroom. Scheduled to appear are the First Dibs, Dean Rutledge, Ron Coden, Sundown, Katzenjammer, Nancy Lee, Three's Company, Pure Imagination, Robb Fritz, Dennis Vernier, Jill Phillips, Primo Family, Mike Fuller, Detroit Purple Gang, Ron Romps, Jason Steel, Conti Family and John Trudell. The show is sponsored by

E.S.P. Productions and WDRQ radio. Tickets are available at Hudson's and Grinnell's.

**Talking** **RUSSELL BARNES** Current Events Lecture will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 23 in the second floor Jeanne Lloyd Lounge of the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham. Admission charge.

**At Cranbrook** **CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM** is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays; closed Mondays and major holidays. In Bloomfield Hills. Admission charge. Exhibitions are "Eight from Toronto," through Dec. 30; "Knoll-Herman Miller: The Development of Modern Furniture," through Jan. 11; "Degree Shows," through Jan. 4; and "A Tribute to Carl Milles," Dec. 23 through Jan. 18.

**CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE** is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday; 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed major holidays. Admission charge. Exhibition "A Sense of Pride: North American Indian Art Yesterday and Today" continues through May. Planetarium demonstrations on "The Christmas Star" are offered at 4 p.m. Wednesdays; 2, 3, 4 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Sundays. Extra demonstrations are at 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 26, 29 and 30. The Nature Center, three acres of natural land, is open for guided tours or use of collections, from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Free with museum admission.

**Cider Mills** **VATES CIDER MILLS**, Rochester, is open weekends only from December through May. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**For Listings** For area events in Oakland County to be considered for listings, send information to: Ethel Simmons, Good Life Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48012. Please mail no later than Monday for publication the following Monday. Entire schedule or a month's schedule may be submitted in advance.

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