

# Holiday events for the entire family

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merry old England. Dress in medieval costume if you wish. Tables for six or 10 people are available. Dining begins at 7 p.m. in Madonna College Residential dining room, on the campus at Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at Madonna College, Hammell Music, 3921 Rochester Road, south of Waffles, Troy and 15630 Middlebelt two blocks north of Five Mile, Livonia or by calling 591-5046 or 476-6544. Cash bar.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

Saturday, Dec. 14 — Musical version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" presented at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Macomb Community College Center for the Performing Arts, Center Campus, 44575 Gar-

field at Hall, Mt. Clemens. General admission tickets are \$10, students and senior citizens, \$8. For more information, call the box office at 286-2222.

## 1940S RADIO HOUR

Though Sunday, Dec. 15 — For its holiday season presentation, the Attie Theatre recreates a "live" broadcast from the Hotel Astor's Algonquin Room as it was on Dec. 21, 1942. Songs from the era include "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Call the box office, 875-6560 for ticket information and show times. The Attie on W. Grand Blvd. at Third is located across the street from the lighted Fisher Theatre parking in Detroit. Attie patrons may use the lot.

## MADRIGAL

Sunday, Dec. 15 — Plymouth

Symphony Society presents the Southfield Madrigal Chorale at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in Plymouth Salem High School auditorium, Joy Road and Canton Center Road. Program includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah and a Christmas sing-a-long. Tickets are \$5, adults, \$3.50 students and seniors. Tickets available at Hammell Music 15630 Middlebelt, two blocks north of Five Mile, Livonia; Beitner Jewellery, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Arnoldt Williams Music Inc., 5701 Canton Center Road, Canton Township or by calling 451-2112. Sponsored by the city of Plymouth.

## TOYS OR TEA

Dec. 16-21 — Children can watch Santa and his helpers make old fashioned toys at Santa's workshop in Fair Lane Manor, University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Reser-

vations are required for groups of 15 or more; call 593-5590. Every child takes home a gift. Event runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$2.50 per person. Grown ups can sip tea in the Pool restaurant in the mansion from 3-5 p.m. each day.

## NUTCRACKER

Dec. 17-31 — The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Nutcracker Suite in Ford Auditorium, Detroit. Children's concert set for 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. Times and ticket prices vary. Call the DSO box office, 567-1400.

## MUPPET SHOW ON TOUR

Thursday-Monday, Dec. 26-30 — The Muppets and Muppet Babies return with a new show to Cobo Arena, Detroit. For ticket information and show times, call 567-6000.

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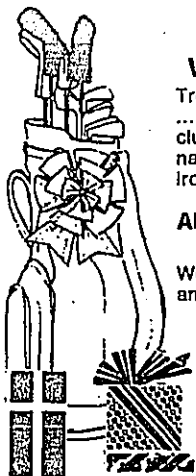
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