



CHARITY FUNDRAISER

– by Father Christmas

This is the 29th anniversary of this Christmas Season charitable fundraiser held at Bradys Run Park. I would like to remind everyone the purpose of this event is to raise funds for two very important organizations.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

The Children and Youth Services Advisory Board receives 50% of the proceeds for a number of worthy purposes. Funds are used to assist the CYS Agency to help children in foster care with financial assistance for items the agency may not be able to provide. Some of these items are summer camps, coats, shoes, glasses, scholarships, and other personal needed items on an individual basis

U.S. SARR CORPS

U.S. SARR Corps has participated in over 350 missing person missions. It is an all volunteer professionally trained search, rescue and recovery organization headquartered in Beaver Falls which operates throughout the Tri-State area. It has been in existence for over 45 years, providing resources for the recovery of missing persons. These services are provided in conjunction with law enforcement agencies free of charge. The unit has been responsible for the physical operations/management of the festival for the past 8 years. The unit receives the remaining 50% of the proceeds.

The Elves Tales

Fall Edition 2018

Father Christmas, Editor
(Otherwise known as Santa Claus)

P.O. Box 1 (Reindeer Ranch)
Napapiiri, near Korvatunturi Mountain
Lapland, Finland

*Courtesy of didoynknow.org/christmas/santa

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

– by Raudur

Our plans are to continue to grow with more and exciting additions. It will take many additional volunteers to make all this happen. Here are some of the needed roles to be filled:

- Setting up and packing up
- Helping with various positions throughout the Extravaganza
- Providing creative design capability for trees and displays
- Designing outdoor displays, including computer generated light shows
- Distribution of event promotional material
- Various staffing responsibilities
- Team Leaders - etc.

To volunteer call Steve Lesko at 724-513-0518 or email at jslesko@comcast.net

ANNOUNCING THE CHRISTMAS STORE

– by Askaasleikir



We have made a significant change in how the trees are retired. After a very good response to the "Buy it Now" effort we have determined it will be permanent. (no more auction). We are adding our Christmas Store Sale that will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday December 11th and 12th from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Trees, wreaths, excess lights, decorations, and tree accessories will be discounted and sold at this time. When buying a tree you may purchase a complete tree including decorations, ornaments, and accessories or you can purchase only the ornaments and decorations without the tree. The entire program is on a first come first serve basis.

HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

– by og Kertasnikir

Christmas lights have been one of the most popular Christmas decorations for the past century. In 1882, three years after Edison invented the first sensible light bulb, Edward H. Johnson created the first Christmas lights in his home in New York City. The tree was hand-wired and lit with 80 red, white, and blue globes. The lights blinked and twinkled while the tree slowly revolved.

Christmas lights were first made available for sale in 1890, but they were so expensive that most people could not afford them. They were a symbol of status among the wealthy and many of them rented the lights instead of buying them. In 1903, one set of 24 Christmas lights was sold for \$12.00. Considering the average person made about \$9.00 a week, this was far to extravagant for the normal family. In addition to the cost of the lights, the services of a wireman were required and, if the house was not electrically powered, they also needed a generator.

Christmas lights did not become practical for the average family until the 1930's. At this time, not only were homes decorated with electric lights, but stores, community Christmas trees, and government buildings were also adorned with the twinkling lamps. General Electric began to sponsor community lighting competitions in the 1920's, but it wasn't until the 1950's that it was common to see rows of houses lit on the outside. Today, the places you find lights are as numerous as the types of lights available.

**Courtesy of www.1000bulbs.com*

NEW THIS YEAR - HORSE/PONY RIDES

– by Faldafeykir



We are very happy to welcome aboard another new sponsor RYYR (Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch) from New Brighton. Their program is for children ages 6 through 18, dealing with challenges and difficulties. They will be providing horses for rides from noon until 3:00 p.m. on the following days:

Friday November 23, 2018
Saturday, November 24, 2018
Sunday, November 25, 2018
Saturday, December 8, 2018
Sunday, December 9, 2018

2018 SCHEDULE

– by Raudur

WEEKEND - ONE

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 22, 2018

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, November 23, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

ARMED SERVICES APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

WEEKEND - TWO

Friday, November 30, 2018

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

WEEKEND - THREE (NEW)

Friday, December 7, 2018

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Noon - 9:00 p.m.

The Extravaganza is held at the Lodge in Bradys Run Park. We provide FREE Shuttle Bus service, pick up is at the parking lot of the Beaver County Ice Arena. Handicap parking is at the lodge.

WALK THROUGH LIGHT SHOW

– by Giljagaur



Two new additions to the outdoor display are the Archway at the entrance provided by U.S. SARR Corp. and the three stacked snowmen provided by the Beaver County Tourist Bureau. The wooden fencing will be extended for the display area. There will be some additional improvements through out the walk through area.



THE CHRISTMAS MUSEUM

– by Tuttur

We are developing a new venture for the Extravaganza, its the beginning of our Christmas Museum - Christmas Past. We will have a starter display at the Lodge this season featuring several special or antique items that we will keep and display each year. We are looking for any old decorations or other Christmas related objects that would interest the public. If you have anything that might be donated please get in touch with our staff. All items can be used as a taxable deduction.

ELECTRONIC LIGHT SHOW

– by Bitahaengir

We have completed the second phase of our electronic light show for the front of the lodge with the purchase of a control system for synchronizing light displays with Christmas music. From this point on we will continue to add more lights and displays each year as funds permit. It is anticipated that our new yearly Improvement Campaign will enable us to continue our planned expansion program. To date we have invested over \$1,000 in just this phase of the Extravaganza.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL MAJOR SPONSORS

– by Askaasleikir

We couldn't do it without you. The money needed to operate, including our expansion, comes from our sponsors, in addition to the income from sales throughout the event and our new Improvement Campaign. To date these sponsors include -

Lindy Paving
The Idea Works at Ara Corporation
First Commonwealth Bank
Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Rhodes Transportation (Buses)
RYYR (Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch)
CYS Advisory Board
Brusters Ice Cream
Duquesne Light
Beaver County Tourist Promotion Bureau
River Communities Fiduciary Services, Inc.

Our Media Sponsors:

Comcast, Fox 53, 22 The Point,
Froggy 104.3, Pickle 92.3 and Willie 103.5

Trees, wreaths and any additional last minute sponsors will be listed in the winter edition of The Elves Tales.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Friday, November 23, 2018

2:00 p.m. - Bobby Jones
6:00 p.m. - Re-Konception!

Saturday, November 24, 2018

1:00 p.m. - Safe Harbour
2:00 p.m. - Debbie Howells & Karen Ciccone
4:00 p.m. - Dena Allegra
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Terry Hitchcock

Sunday, November 25, 2018

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Johnny the Country J
1:00 p.m. - Presentation of Colors by DAV
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - James Tobin & The Dewey Decimators

Friday, November 30, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Terry Hitchcock

Saturday, December 1, 2018

12:30 p.m. Safe Harbour
1:30 p.m. - Debbie Howells & Karen Ciccone
3:00 p.m. - CUP Church Shine
5:00 p.m. - Dena Allegra
6:30 p.m. - Diane Brosius - Joysong Christmas

Sunday December 2, 2018

12:30 p.m. - Ansambl Sveti Nikola
2:30 p.m. - Sevdah
5:00 p.m. - Re-Konception!
7:00 p.m. - Ginger Bowker - Little Singer

Friday, December 7, 2018

5:00 p.m. - Blackhawk Expressions
7:00 p.m. - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Prayer and a Moment to Honor those Veterans
7:30 p.m. - The Sidewinder Band Christmas Show

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 p.m. - Dena Allegra
6:00 p.m. - Men of Worship
7:30 p.m. - Re-Konception!

Sunday, December 9, 2018

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Johnny the Country J
3:00 p.m. - Marianne & Company
7:00 p.m. - Ginger Bowker - Little Singer

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SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

— by Pottasleikir

After expenses the balance of income is shared by two charitable organizations. (Refer to Father Christmas' article Charity Fund Raiser).

The Improvement Campaign was established to enable the Extravaganza to acquire adequate income so not to diminish funds for its charitable mission and still be able to operate and grow. All contributions for this portion of fund-

ing are tax deductible. This is separate from our sponsorship program. You may get in touch with our office.

Find more information about our special contribution package below and by visiting our website at www.bcchristmasextravaganza.org or call Amy at 330-502-9882 on how you can help the Beaver County Christmas Extravaganza continue its growth.

—2019 Annual Christmas Extravaganza— IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN



*Thank You
for Your Support!*

www.bcchristmasextravaganza.org

YES, I would like to help the Beaver County Christmas Extravaganza grow into the premier community oriented Christmas Event within the tri-state area.

NAME _____

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() PLEASE CHECK AMOUNT DONATED Other

() \$20.00	() \$40.00	() \$60.00	() \$
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