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Day's schedule targets children

By Kathleen Loughran
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Halloween is not the only day of the year Hal Hallock dresses up in costume.

Hallock and his wife, Natalie Hallock, have dressed up in various costumes for their past 15 years of helping out with the children's workshops for the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Children and Youth Day.

Children and Youth Day is the first day of Arts Fest, which runs through July 11.

This year, the duo plans to channel their inner Vikings with "sparkly and shiny hats," Hal Hallock said.

"Hallock said a tail that goes behind my back with cones that

stick out with bells on them," he said. "My wife has a braided hat like the Viking women used to wear."

The workshop will take place in the State College Presbyterian Church's Westminster Hall, 132 W. Beaver Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hal Hallock said.

At the workshop, children will

If you go

What: Children and Youth Day

Where: Throughout downtown

When: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Details: Several family-friendly activities will be available free of charge.

learn how to make paper tissue flowers.

At 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Schwab Auditorium, the National Marionette Theatre will perform "Hansel and Gretel."

Puppeteer David Syrotiak said he and his brother, Peter Syrotiak, always perform "classic fairytales."

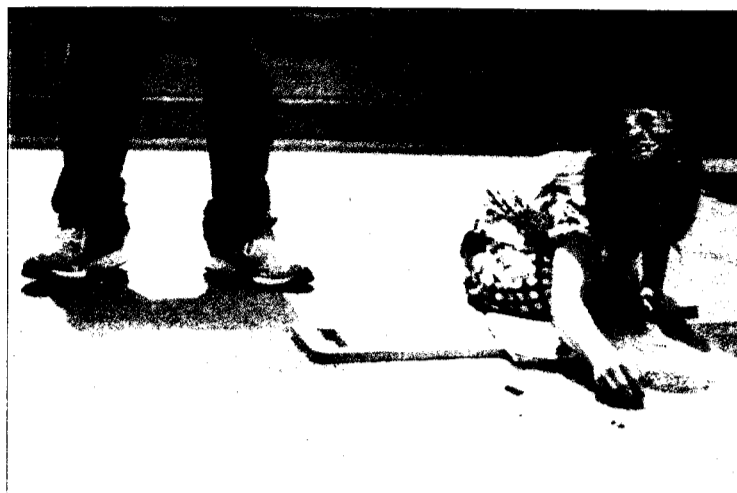
David Syrotiak said he has enjoyed performing in State College for the past 20 years.

"We always get a great audience, and plus State College is a great place to be," he said.

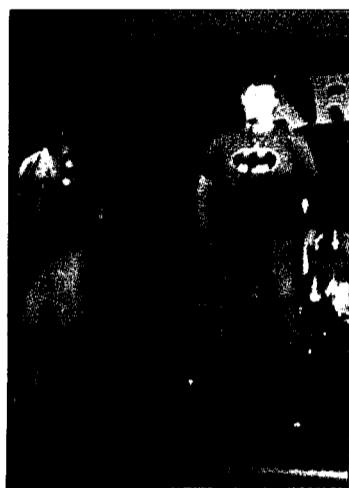
Peter Syrotiak said his favorite aspect of performing is watching the audience enjoy the show.

"I think the best thing about it is seeing the families come

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Collegian file photo
 Caitlin Moss, of State College, draws with chalk during Children and Youth Day at the 2009 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.



Courtesy of Guitarman Studios

Four bands, made up of people aged 11 to 20, will play today.

Children to begin Arts Fest concerts

Guitarman Studio's show today will feature four young bands.

By Kathleen Loughran
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Four local bands say they'll be ready to rock this morning when they take to the Allen Street stage to officially kick off the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.

Guitarman Studios consists of four bands with musicians ranging in ages 11 to 20. Guitarman Studios owner Al Miller said.

Miller said the musicians aren't letting opening day jitters get the best of them — even though they are the first official act of Arts Fest.

They'll leave their studio, located at 542 W. Hillside Ave., and will take to the downtown stage at 9:30 a.m. sharp, where they'll open Arts Fest's Children and Youth Day.

"All the kids are out in the morning, and all the parents are out, and I think it's a good idea for them to see the young little rock performers play," Miller said.

Guitarman Studios aims to teach young people how to be successful in rock bands, Miller said.

Though the groups have performed at other venues before, this is the first time they will play "classic rock songs" — including songs by The Beatles — at Arts Fest, Miller said.

Miller said he's excited to open up Arts Fest, especially during the festival's 44th year of existence.

"It feels great," Miller said. "I think it's a good spot."

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If you go

What: Guitarman Studios performance

Where: Allen Street Stage

When: 9:30 a.m.

Details: The event is free.



Steph Witt/Collegian

Passersby cross Allen Street, closed to traffic during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, which lasts from today until Sunday. The festival, in its 44th year, incorporates hundreds of artist booths and dozens of musical performances. It typically draws about 100,000 visitors to State College.

Cooler days ahead

By Brendan McNally
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After a weekend of triple-digit temperatures across the East Coast, cooler temperatures are on their way and just in time for Arts Fest.

Rob Lydick, president of the Penn State Campus Weather Service, said a cold front will be moving in from the Midwest on Friday, bringing with it cooler temperatures — but also the possibility of rain.

A high-pressure system has been hanging over the mid-Atlantic this week, keeping the weather hot and dry, Lydick said. But as a new cold front moves in Friday, temperatures could drop from the mid-90s to the mid-80s.

For many, cooler weather will be a welcome change.

"Having to walk to class in this is miserable," Ashley Keck (senior-biobehavioral health) said. "That's why I'm taking the bus."

But with the more comfortable temperatures comes the forecast of rain, Lydick said. Rain and thunderstorms could move into the region as early as Friday night and stick around for the rest of the weekend, he said.

Thunderstorms could affect sales at local businesses as they prepare for one of the biggest shopping weekends of the year.

But rain or shine, Appalachian Outdoors, 123 S. Allen St., is prepared, manager Jamie Francis said.

"Our business is definitely

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Father, son team up for Saturday show

This is the fourth in a five-part series about preparations for the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.

By Megan Rogers
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When Chris Bell & 100% Blues perform Saturday during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, Penn State professor Bernard Bell won't just be watching as a proud father.

He's also the group's manager. Both Bells say it's great working with family members. Chris Bell said the best part is knowing that his manager truly has his best interests in mind.

"Sometimes working with management stuff can be hit or miss," Chris Bell said. "It's great working with your dad."



Courtesy of myspace.com

Chris Bell, left, will perform Saturday with Bill Nuti, center, and Chuck England, right, at Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.

His father feels the same way. "Having a direct involvement and family connections makes it a richer and more valuable experience," he said.

An English professor at the university, the older Bell also manages the Benniewix Entertainment Company. Currently, he only manages his son's group but he plans to

expand the business in his retirement. Bernard Bell said Chris's ventures into the music industry were a "catalyst" for the start of the business.

Audiences can expect to hear songs off of his new record at the Arts Fest performance on Saturday, Chris Bell said.

Chris Bell is the lead and rhythm guitar player and will be

If you go

What: Chris Bell & 100% Blues

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Festival Shell Stage

Details: Free

accompanied by drummer Bill Nuti and bass player Adam Constantine.

When they perform, audiences can expect to hear all sorts of blues: blues rocks, string, swing, roadhouse rocks, all mixed in with "Texas blues-type sounding stuff."

This is the group's fourth time performing at Arts Fest. The group is taking time from its tour for the new album to play at the festival — all because of the support that comes out of the area, Chris Bell said, a factor he appreciates.

Chris Bell said he can promise a "brand new show for those who come annually."

And for first-time listeners, the performance will be a treat, he said.

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