

Past preserved at colonial homes

Local colonial heritage is reflected in the architecture and furnishings of two historic homes located on the west side of the Wyoming Valley, the Swetland Homestead and the Nathan Denison House which are open to the public.

Owned and maintained by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, the Swetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming, dates from 1797 and provides insight into early 19th century life in the area.

Summer variety for children

Special exhibits, programs, shows and carnivals will help entertain children during the vacation season.

There are four nearby amusement parks, as well as Rickett's Glen and Frances Slocum State Parks and Moon Lake County Park which offers recreation out-of-doors.

Kirby Park and Coal Street Park, Wilkes-Barre offer playgrounds, tennis courts, swimming and play fields.

When planning a day for the kids, don't overlook area museums which have fascinating exhibits: Wiant Museum, Pleasant Valley; Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre; the 109th Artillery Museum, Kingston; and in Wyoming and Forty Fort, the Swetland and Denison House. There is a whole

Pocono lists events

In addition to the excitement of harness racing, Pocono Downs offers a variety of special events during the racing season.

The summer schedule of events includes: Friday, July 3, All-Pro, Bill Bergey & Liberty Belles Nite; Sunday, July 5, Annual Fireworks Display; Friday, July 10, Pennzoil Racecar Giveaway; Friday, July 17, Irish-American Nite; Friday, August 7, Tote Bag Nite; Saturday, August 22, Rick Nelson Concert; Friday, September 4, Jacket Nite; Sunday, September 6, Herve Fillion.

TPA provides information

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Resort living at Lake Aleeda

Resort area living—year 'round, is one way to describe Lake Aleeda. Outdoor recreation—swimming, boating, fishing—are all as close as the backyards of Lake Aleeda residents.

The development, located on Bald Mountain Road, Bear Creek Township, is just minutes away from shopping centers and schools. Access to Bald Mountain Road is from Route 115 at Florence Gardens or at the light, Route 315 near Pocono Downs Racetrack. It is just five miles from the new N.P.W. Medical Center. Wilkes-Barre Golf Club is under ten miles, riding stables are one mile away and Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport is just 15 minutes from Lake Aleeda.

Festivals explore region's ethnic origins

Cultures of the world will be highlighted at the sixth annual Luzerne County Folk Festival, October 22 to 25, at the 109th F.A. Armory, Kingston.

The Festival is an international celebration with emphasis on European origins of local people and features traditional interpretations of music, dance, customs, crafts and food relating to their ethnic heritage.

There is much of old Europe nestled in the hills and valleys of Luzerne County.

Here are the people of various European descent—the Poles, Slovaks, Italians, Germans, Russians, Irish and others who came years ago.

Each group of people has its own special style of architecture, customs and foods—from the hex-signed farms to the sphere capped spires of the Russian and Greek Orthodox Churches in the region.

Coal was the magnet that drew the early immigrants and it was the churches that became the social and cultural centers.

It is still the churches that offer the taste of ethnic foods, the color and pageantry of native dance and entertainment and the crafts of the old country in the numerous suppers, picnics and festivals that

create a summer long mini-look at Europe.

Most of all, summer is the time of the "Pennsylvania Slavs" when the dance is the polka or the czardas, the art is "pysanky" and the eating

is pierogies, goulash, pasties and "pigs".

The Folk Festival captures the spirit and flavor of the summer festivals, combining the best features of them to provide a mini-tour of the world.

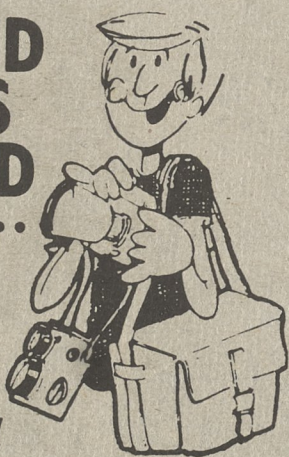
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