

Community Calendar

Concerts

THE ALLENTOWN FAIR is looking for five rock groups to compete in a "Battle of the Bands" contest at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 29 at the Farmerama Theater free stage.

Groups interested should write to The Allentown Fair, 17th & Chew Sts., Allentown, PA 18104. Attention: Ed Galgon, Farmerama Chairman.

Events

AN "OPEN" GYMKNANA & "open" Western-English horsemanship, sponsored by the Luzerne County 4-H, will be held Saturday, Sept. 7 and Sunday Sept. 8, respectively. Each show will begin at 8 a.m., at the Luzerne County fairgrounds located on Rte 118 between Dallas and Lehman. The two events are the first annual horsemanship to become a permanent part of the eptember fair. The fair is planned for September 4 to 8.

The gymkhana, or gaming show, will feature peewees, age 11 and under, juniors, age 17 and under, and open classes. Peewees will receive trophies and ribbons, juniors and open classes will receive payback and additional payback by sponsors. All gymkhana classes will be run by electronic timers.

Dana Campbell, Sweet Valley and Mike Brown, Dallas, both leaders of the Riding Ho 4-H club, are co-chairmen of the 4-H sponsored gymkhana. Campbell is also the superintendent of grounds renovations at the Luzerne County Fair.

Sunday's event includes 34 classes of English and Western style competitions. Prizes include trophies, ribbons, and cash paybacks of 20 percent, 15 percent, 10 percent and 5 percent. The horsemanship will be judged by Rick Adams of Quaker-town and is under the chairmanship of Donna Stritmatter, Mountaintop.

The shows will be held on the new 150' x 300' horse and livestock arena built this year through the cooperative efforts of the Luzerne County 4-H and the Luzerne County Fair Association.

The fair is held annually the first weekend following Labor Day; and features hundreds of commercial exhibits, food stands, five nights of entertainment, arts and crafts, 4-H and livestock shows and exhibits and rides by S & S Amusements.

For more information concerning the horsemanship call 678-5230 or 825-1704.

THIS WEEKEND'S NATURE PROGRAMS at Frances Slocum State Park, Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming, will feature the scenic Deer Trail. The guided walks are free, and open to the general public.

Saturday, Aug. 24 and Sunday, Aug. 25, 2 p.m., "Exploring Nature's Gifts of the Deer Trail", through guided walks will discover what plants, birds, animals and fish live along the Deer Trail. The walk will enjoy the many splended beauties nature has to offer.

The walks will begin at the entrance of the boat rental parking lot. For more information call the park at 696-3525.

FRANCES SLOCUM STATE PARK, Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming, will offer environmental education services to school classes, scout groups, and other organized groups of children or adults, beginning the week of June 1.

Park Naturalist Jeff Smith is now accepting group reservations for guided walks on the Park's scenic trails. The educational walks, which run from 1 to 1 1/2 hours in length, may be scheduled for weekdays or weekends between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. A choice of guided walk topics, including nature study and American Indian culture is available.

Groups are encouraged to schedule walks at least three weeks in

advance by contacting Frances Slocum State Park at 696-3525.

Exhibits

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1985 the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital Auxillary of Wellsboro will host a Juried Art Exhibition as a benefit to the hospital. The art festival is being held in conjunction with the Annual Auction.

This outdoor exhibit will take place on the "Green", a lovely park across from the Tioga County Courthouse, Main Street in Wellsboro. In the event of inclement weather, the art show will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Parish Hall, located across the street from the Green in Wellsboro. Times for the festival are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A selected group of artists will be showing their work, demonstrating, and selling. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see alot of fine art and heritage crafts, as well as being able to visit with the artists.

The day shall prove to be enjoyable to all who visit the art festival in Wellsboro.

"REFLECTIONS OF RURAL IRELAND," an exhibit of photographs taken in Ireland by area native James M. Boyle will be displayed in the Kilburn Room of the Sheehy Student Center at King's College from Sunday, Sept. 8, to Saturday, Sept. 21.

Open to the public free of charge as part of the Cultural Events Series at King's, the exhibit will be open Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

Photographs to be exhibited were taken during Boyle's two most recent trips to the Emerald Isle. All are of rural Ireland where, Boyle said, there is still much of the old flavor of the country now lacking in the cities where developments have replaced the thatched roof cottages.

Classes

THE MERCY HOSPITAL WELLNESS CENTER, in conjunction with the hospital's Obstetrics and Physical Medicine departments, will begin its next series of "Preparation for Childbirth" classes on Wednesday, September 4. The program focuses on the last three months of pregnancy.

Classes will be held every Wednesday, starting September 4 and ending on October 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Mercy Medical Arts Building. All maternity patients are welcome regardless of their obstetrical caregiver or hospital of preference. Content of class material is basic to the obstetrical experience. Classes are also scheduled for October 30 - December 24. For further information, call the Mercy Wellness Center at 826-3267 or 826-3553.

THE "WEBSPINNERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB of Trucksville will once again conduct a beginners class in the recreational activity of "Modern Western Square Dancing". The classes, which will be held in the Educational Building of the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Church Road, Trucksville, will begin with two open house nights. The Monday evenings of September 9 and 16 have been designated as open house nights. The activities will start at 8 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m. There isn't any charge to attend these evenings, and it is an excellent way to become acquainted with what is fast becoming one of our nation's finest recreational activities.

Modern western square dancing attracts people of all age groups and vocations. It is fun set to music. Along with the dancing the social activities provide a means for var-



Dance planned

Louise Loucks Moore '55, Dallas, president of the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association announced that the Alumni Association will sponsor an "Autumn Picnic Buffet and Dance" on Saturday September 14 at the Irem Temple Country Club Pavilion, Dallas. Music will be provided by the R.P.M. "Old Stars", with dinner being served at 7 p.m., followed by music and dancing from 8 p.m. til midnight. Alumni, parents and friends of Wyoming Seminary are invited. A variety of picnic specialties including chili, hamburgers, hot dogs fried chicken, salads, desserts, and beverages will be served. The cost is \$20 per person. Pictured are co-chairmen for this festive evening, Charles D. Falck '72, Shavertown, left; and Stephen M. Alinikoff '62, Kingston, right. For additional information regarding reservations, contact the Alumni Office at Wyoming Seminary 288-9574.

ious group activities and an opportunity to make new friendships. The new friendships made through square dancing continue for years afterward to thrive and enrich the lives of those in the activity.

Prior knowledge of square dancing is not required, and everyone attending will get a chance to participate and try their hand at this form of recreational activity. For those who find they like what they have had a taste of weekly classes will start on Monday evening, Sept. 23. Instructor of the classes will be Andy Glowach, who is the Webspinner's club caller.

Additional information concerning the open house nights or the weekly classes can be obtained by contacting Andy or Barbie Glowach at 696-1093.

Sales

A RUMMAGE SALE AND FLEA MARKET will be held by the Jackson United Methodist Church women on August 23.

It will be on the lot between Howell and Jones Real Estate and the Hoagie Bar, Memorial Highway, Dallas. Starting at 9:30 a.m. Rain date is August 24.

Group notes its 90th year

Are you 90 - or older? Do you live in Wyoming Valley? The Family Service Association is inviting you to be a special guest at their 90th Anniversary Celebration.

ON Thursday, September 5, at noon, Family Services Association will host its 90th Annual Meeting with a luncheon at the Sheraton-Crossgates Hotel, Wilkes-Barre. The meeting will be attended by area leaders, officials and dignitaries. Community Service Awards will be presented and a prominent speaker will be featured.

If you would like to accept Family Service Association's invitation to 90-year olds to be a guest at the luncheon, please call Family Service at 823-5144.

Deadline is set for 1985 fair exhibitors

Deadline for commercial exhibitors to reserve space at the Luzerne County Fair is Friday, August 23. Exhibitors are requested to call committee chairman, Buck Albert, at 288-3607 by the deadline date to assure room at the fair. The fair is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 4 to Sunday, Sept. 8, located at the fairgrounds on Rte. 118, Dallas-Lehman.

Each year, hundreds of commercial exhibitors and numerous food concessions from throughout Pennsylvania and parts of New York participate in the Luzerne County Fair. The fair provides five days of live entertainment, thrill rides by S & S Amusements, arts and craft, 4-H and livestock shows and exhibits; and commercial exhibits, plus

numerous ethnic food concessions for over 40,000 fair goers.

Commercial exhibits range from recreational trailers to tee-shirts, palm reading to log cabins, tractors to small aircraft, jewelry, plants, waterbeds and more.

Costs for the space are listed on the reservation form and vary according to covered and uncovered specifications and front footage. A minimum of twenty feet front footage for outdoor space is required and a minimum of ten feet front footage for covered space. All commercial food vendors must be licensed by the Commonwealth of PA.

The commercial exhibit committee is under the direction of Buck Albert, a resident of Dallas.

Music auditions set

Musicians of professional symphonic capability are invited to audition for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic on Sunday, Sept. 8 and Monday, Sept. 9 in Scranton. The Orchestra is seeking musicians for the positions of Principal Harp, and section violin, viola and cello.

Auditions for harps and violins will take place on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Marywood College. Auditions for violas and cello will be held on Monday, Sept. 9 at Shopland Hall, Fourth Floor, Masonic Temple.

The Philharmonic is a fully professional, unionized symphony orchestra based in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. Music Director-Conductor of Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic is Hugh Wolff, winner of the Seaver Conducting Award and recently appointed Music Director of the New Jersey Symphony.

The Orchestra's 14th Season will premier Sept. 27 and 28 with violinist Elmar Oliveri, the first Ameri-

can to capture the Tchaikovsky Competition Gold Medal. Subsequent dates include Oct. 25 and 26 with Cellist Carter Brey; Nov. 15-16 with Mitch Miller and the Philharmonic Pops; Dec. 20 and 21 a Holiday Celebration with Guest Conductor Christopher Wilkins, Soprano Christine Donahue and the Pennsylvania Boy Singers; Jan. 24 and 25, "La Boheme" in Concert form; Feb. 21 and 22, Cameo Classic with Tenor David Gordon and Principal Horn Debra Poole; March 21 and 22 will feature the Bob Brown Puppets in Ravel's "Mischievous Child" and April 18 and 19 the season will close with Pianist Leon Fleischer.

Musicians who wish to audition for these positions should call the Philharmonic during business hours, (717) 457-8301, (717) 287-1916 or (717) 342-0920, immediately to receive additional information or to schedule an appointment. Inquiries may also be sent to Philharmonic, Box 72, Avoca, PA 18641.

Homestead features auction

The Eighth Annual Wyoming Historical and Geological Society Auction will be held at the Swetland Homestead on Saturday, Sept. 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Swetland Homestead is a quiet, impressive historic home located at 885 Wyoming Avenue in Wyoming. The antiques and heirlooms featured at the auction will blend perfectly into the atmosphere of the Homestead, which reflects nineteenth century architecture.

Besides antiques and heirlooms, this year's auction will also feature new goods, children's games and toys, and a flea market. Refreshments will be provided by the Irem Temple Stewards. The Hillside Ice Cream Wagon will be stocked with ice cream for a cool treat. Each year the auction also features a bake sale, complete with a wide assortment of homemade baked goods as well as jams, jellies and other specialties.

Raffle tickets will also be available providing everyone with a chance to win a watercolor of their home by local artist, Sue Hand, or a handcrafted sampler of the Fell Tavern by Jane Sopko.

According to Burt Logan, Executive Director, the auction provides about 10 percent of the Society's annual operating income. The proceeds "enable us to fulfill our mission of collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of Luzerne County," says Logan. The amount of money the auction raised has increased from \$3,300 in 1978 to nearly \$8,700 in 1984.

The auction proceeds are used to support the activities of the Historical and Geological Society, founded in 1858, which includes the maintenance of the Swetland Homestead. The Homestead offers visitors a look at no our ancestors lived and attracts about 1,000 guests each year. It is open for tours from June 1 through Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The money raised by the auction also helps support the Society's other activities such as the museum of local history at 69 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre and the Bishop Memorial Library.

The Society has also participated in a number of publications, programs, and lectures.

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