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8 DAYS A WEEK

COMMUNITY

Apr. 30 - CHICKEN BREAST DINNER, serving 4:30-6:30 p.m., Noxen United Methodist Church, Rt. 29. \$6.50 per meal. Served as takeouts, seating available for those who wish to eat in.

HEALTH

Apr. 26 - INTRODUCTION TO ZEN MEDITATION, 7:30-9 p.m., Mercy Center, Dallas, pre-registration required, call 675-1872. Free will offering.

KIDSTUFF

May 2-23 - MOMMY AND ME MIXED MEDIA, Mondays, noon-12:45 p.m. Young artists and their moms, dads, or grandparents will create works of art in an assortment of materials. Cost, \$25 for each series of four classes. Dietrich Theater, 60 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock. 969-1500 or www.dietrichtheater.com.

MUSIC

Apr. 26 - BLACK AND WHITE: MUSIC FOR CHORUS AND PIANO, 8 p.m., Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia. Free. with reception following. 674-6739 or www.misericordia.edu/choral_society.

OUTDOORS

May 1 - BIRDING AT FRANCES SLOCUM STATE PARK, 8:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot at the Environmental Education Center and boat rental. Bring binoculars. Hosted by Wild Birds Unlimited. Free.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Apr. 24 - HOLISTIC MARKET AND FAIR, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bodyworkers, card readers, arts, crafts etc. North Moreland Fire Hall, Center Moreland. Admission \$1, children under 10 free. 333-5402.

Apr. 28 - LAND TRUST DINNER at Genetti's Hotel in Wilkes-Barre. Program by Tom Diez, internationally-known

wildlife cinematographer. More information can be found at www.nbit.org.

Apr. 28 - RELIGION COMES TO THE BACK MOUNTAIN: Churches of our Area, presentation to the Back Mountain Historical Association, 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Lounge of the Banks Student Center, College Misericordia. Guest speaker, Atty. Stephen Killian, treasurer of the Luzerne County Historical Society. Historic photographs of other Back Mountain buildings and landscapes will be on display. Guests will hear an update on the Back Mountain oral history project from College Misericordia's History Club. Light refreshments will be served. Public welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call 674-3341.

Apr. 29 - WORDHORDE, openmic night in a coffeehouse atmosphere, Back Mountain Memorial Library, starting at 7 p.m. Age 14 through adult may present poetry, music, prose and monologue. Donation of \$1 to cover costs. Featuring winners of the Friends Poetry Contest 2005. Info, 675-1182, or www.nepenn.com/friends

Apr. 29 - FILM, FOOD, & FUN FACTS: A film and discussion series, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Penn State Wilkes-Barre Science Bldg. "1776," a film version of the Broadway musical. \$15/person/movie or \$60/person/all 5 movies, if registered by March 30. Light refreshments served. Call 675-9102 or visit www.wb.psu.edu/ce

Apr. 30, May 1 - HOUSE & GARDEN SHOW, Waverly Community House, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 11-4 Sunday. Tickets \$5, at the door. Luncheon available both days. 586-8191.

STAGE

Apr. 29, 30 - GET BILL SHAKESPEARE OFF THE STAGE, a touching comedy that ponders the question, "Is Shakespeare passe?" Dallas High School auditorium, 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$3.

Audubon Society seeks 'Creatures of the Night'

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will hold its annual "Creatures of the Night" field trip on Friday, April 29. Participants will search for sounds of spring that may include spring peepers and wood frogs, saw-whet, great horned, barred and screech owls. Other "creatures" may include whip-poor-wills or woodcock. Anyone is welcome to attend, whether or not they are an Audubon member. Meet at the Dallas United Methodist Church at 8 p.m. Contact Jim Hoyson at Birdder@aol.com or 696-4925 to register or for additional information. The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society serves both Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

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Digital photos welcome, too!

Deadline for submitted news is Wednesday at noon.

'SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY' AT SEM

Life - and death - in a small town

The dearly departed members of the Spoon River community will describe the joys and sorrows of their lives on the stage of the Buckingham Performing Arts Center on North Sprague Avenue in Kingston, when the Wyoming Seminary Players present "Spoon River Anthology" on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30.

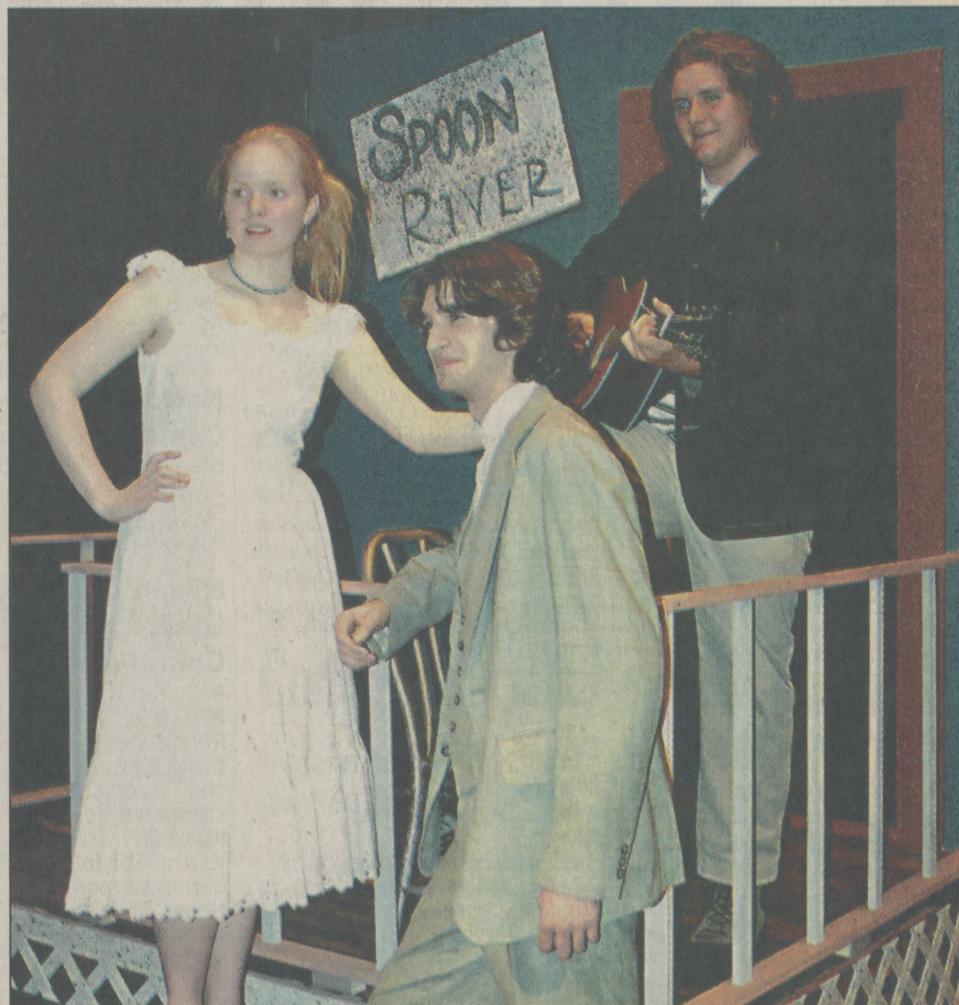
In 1915, attorney and poet Edgar Lee Masters wrote an American poetry classic, describing the lives of hundreds of people who have died in the fictional rural Illinois town of Spoon River. In 1963 Charles Aidman adapted 70 poems from the anthology into a stage play, arranging them to create a story that flows from one life to another. Through individual prose monologues and group vignettes, coupled with folk music and dance, the characters reveal the secrets they took with them to the grave.

In his work Masters captured small-town life with all its poignancy, irony, reality and humor, qualities that are still present in American small towns, said Don Hopkins, Sem director.

"In this timeless production we see a little of our history, and we come away with a better understanding of ourselves," he said.

Hopkins said the play is well suited to high school productions because it gives each of the student actors opportunities to speak in free verse to develop and portray several characters. Two Sem students also will perform folk music of the period on guitar, accordion and violin.

The production, beginning at 8 p.m. each night, is open to the public. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. For more information call 270-2190.



Seen in rehearsal for the April 29-30 production of "Spoon River Anthology" at Wyoming Seminary are, from left: junior Sara Casey, Wilkes-Barre; senior David Glauber, Shavertown; and junior Scott Henry, Shavertown.

UPCOMING

COMMUNITY

May 6-7 - CHICKEN BBQ, takeouts at 4:30 p.m., serving 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$7, children, \$3. Trucksville United Methodist Church. Tickets must be purchased in advance. 696-3897.

May 7 - CHICKEN DINNER, 4-7 p.m., takeouts available. Adults, \$8, children under 10, \$4. Kunkle Fire Co. Social Hall, Kunkle-Alderson Road. 675-3334.

May 14 - SPACE AVAILABLE for flea market and craft sale, at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Sweet Valley. Spaces are \$10 inside, \$8 outside. Call Shirley at 477-5300, or Coleen at 477-5638 to reserve.

DANCE

May 7 - NEW ENGLAND CONTRA DANCE, 7:45-10:45 p.m., Wyoming Seminary Lower School cafeteria, 1560 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Inishowen band with caller Bob Nicholson. Members \$6, non-members \$7, families \$18. Bring soft-soled shoes. 333-4007.

KIDSTUFF

May 6-15 - PINOCCHIO, an original musical for children at The Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. All tickets include a McDonald's Fun Meal. Tickets and info, 283-2195 or 1-800-698-PLAY. Group rates are available.

May 8-10 - THE LADY PIRATES OF CAPTAIN BREE! family musical by the Northeast Players. Sunday, 5 p.m.; Monday, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m., Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia. Adults, \$8; 12 years and under, \$5. 675-4333.

THE FRESH AIR FUND welcomes volunteers and host families for a summer 2005 visit for New York City children. 674-3707.

MUSIC

May 6 - BIG BAND MUSIC, 8 p.m., Wyoming Seminary Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Ave., Kingston. The Wyoming Seminary Jazz Band, led by Sem Lower School music teacher Robert Lugiano, will perform music by a variety of jazz composers. The program will feature student soloists and jazz ensembles and is free and open to the public. An exhibition of senior student art works also will be on display in Nesbitt Hall. 270-2190.

May 6 - OF TCHAIKOVSKY AND EXCELLENCE, with trumpeter Chris Gekker. Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, at the F.M. Kirby Ctr., Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, 8 p.m. Pre-concert talk with Peter Wynne, 7 p.m. Tickets \$51, \$44, \$37, \$26, \$18. 457-8301 or www.nepaphil.org.

May 8 - BUDAPEST ON THE SUSQUEHANNA, a concert of the music of Hungary. Wyoming Seminary/Pai Civic Symphony, directed by Jerome Campbell, will present its spring concert at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. Free and open to the public. 270-2190.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 2 - MASTER PLAN REVIEW public presentation and comment on a comprehensive master plan now underway by the Back Mountain

Council of Governments. McGowan Conference Room, third floor of the Bevevino Library on the campus of College Misericordia, 7 p.m. For more information, call Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager, at 675-1389 or Eddie O'Neill, Kingston Township Manager, at 696-3809.

May 5 - CELEBRITY BENEFIT DINNER for Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania, with guest speaker Jerome "The Bus" Bettis. Reception and auction of entertainment and sports memorabilia, 5:30 to 7 p.m.; VIP session to meet Bettis, 6 to 7 p.m., for special ticket holders. Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$50 for children under 14. VIP meet and greet tickets are \$100, limited to 50. 825-5261.

May 6-20 - TASTING THE WINES OF ITALY. Fridays, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Hayfield House, \$90/person or \$160/couple. Learn to identify fine wines by understanding grape varieties, aromas, colors, and flavors. Light refreshments served. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. Call 675-9102 or visit www.wb.psu.edu/ce

May 24 - BUSINESS FAIR and card exchange, sponsored by the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association. At Stax & Co. restaurant, Dallas, 5-7 p.m. For information or to reserve a booth, call Diane at 675-5696.

ONGOING

EXHIBITS

Through April 30 - SENIOR EXHIBITION II, work by graduating students from Keystone College's four-year programs. At Lizza Fine Arts Studios, 155 Bridge Street, Tunkhannock. Opening reception Sunday, April 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 836-8806.

HEALTH

BACK MT. FREE MEDICAL AND LEGAL CLINIC, every Friday, 6:30 p.m., Fr. Sammons Hall at St. Therese's Church, Pioneer Ave., Shavertown. Strictly confidential and non-denominational. Volunteer doctors, nurses and greeters are welcome. Call Maureen at 696-1427 with questions.

Wednesdays - YOGA FOR YOU, 10-11 a.m. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a blanket. \$10 per lesson, children free. Dietrich Theater 60 E. Tioga St. Tunkhannock. 996-1500.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings, Every Tuesday starting at 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, off Rt. 118, Dallas. Every Friday starting at 7 p.m., Shavertown United Methodist Church, Pioneer Ave.

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