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8 DAYS A WEEK

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.

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.

GROUPS

May 4 - FRANKLIN-NORTH-MORELAND TWP. AMBULANCE ASS'N, annual meeting, 7 p.m. at the Franklin Twp. fire hall.

May 5 - BACK MT. SENIOR CITIZENS, 1 p.m., Mercy Center at College Misericordia. New members welcome. 696-1828 or 696-3095.

HEALTH

May 5 - ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 11 a.m., Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd. Public welcome. Info, call the Alzheimer's Association at 822-9915 or Meadows Nursing Center at 675-8600, ext. 195.

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.

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 - GALA MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT, featuring the

Wyoming County Chorale, at 2 p.m. Featuring premiers of several new works by Montrose artist-composer Warren Furman. Admission is \$7. Call 836-2982 for ticket information.

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.

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.

REUNIONS

May 2 - DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1985 reunion committee meeting at 7 p.m. at the Checkerboard Inn, Trucksville. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Contact Mary Farrell McCarthy at marymccarthy33@verizon.net or Amy Aston Rome at arome@epix.net or 675-1335 with questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 1 - HOUSE & GARDEN SHOW, Waverly Community House, 11-4. Tickets \$5, at the door. Luncheon available. 586-8191.

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



Ahoy, mateys!

Northeast Players will present a brand-new, adventurous family musical, "Lady Pirates of Captain Bree," with performances at Walsh Auditorium, College Misericordia. The title part will be played by Bryn Harvey, above right, of Trucksville, a student at Wyoming Seminary and a veteran of dozens of featured stage roles. Joe DeGraba of Dallas, above left, will play Professor Bidwell.

The first performance will be on Sunday, May 8 at 5 p.m., with school and group performances Monday at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 10 a.m. All shows are open to the public. Reserved tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and \$4.50 for groups of 10 or more. To make reservations, call 675-4333.

UPCOMING

COMMUNITY

May 14 - CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER/BAKE SALE, serving 4:30-6:30 p.m., Loyalville United Methodist Church, Loyalville Rd., off Rt. 118. Takeouts available, call ahead, 477-3521.

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.

June 18 - BOOTHS AVAILABLE, for the Market on the Pond, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. Spaces \$20 each, call 675-8600, ext. 195. Maximum 100 vendors.

DANCE

May 13, 14 - CELEBRATION OF DANCE, 8 p.m., Wyoming Seminary Buckingham Performing Arts Center, North Sprague Ave., Kingston. An exhibit of photographs by Sem students also will be on display in the lobby, beginning at 7:30 p.m. 270-2190.

GROUPS

May 12 - BACK MT. BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASS'N, noon at Stax & Co. restaurant, Dallas. Committee Workshop, an opportunity for committee members to get together and plan their events. \$10 per person meal charge, RSVP to 675-9380.

May 12 - THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, WARTIME HISTORY, with speaker Jack Brubaker, Commonwealth Speaker for the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table, 7 p.m., lower level of the American Legion, Rt. 415, Dallas. Free, public welcome.

KIDSTUFF

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

OUTDOORS

May 12 - BIRD & BUTTERFLIES GARDENING, 6:30 p.m. Learn which plants do and don't attract butterflies, non-toxic methods of reducing damage from furry and/or fungal pests, and how to supply food, water, and shelter for

all stages of bird and butterfly life cycles. Hosted by Wild Birds Unlimited. Free.

May 14 - BLUEBIRD WALK, 10 a.m. at Francis Slocum State Park. Meet at the parking lot next to the pool area. Hosted by Wild Birds Unlimited. Free. Rain date is May 15.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 12 - CELEBRITY LUNCHEON, Rue McClanahan of The Golden Girls fame. Talk from 11 a.m. to noon followed by a question and answer period. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Info, 696-3967, or visit www.celebritylunches.org.

May 14 - ADVENTURES IN NATURE with Katina Brown, 11 a.m.-noon. Learn about and play with bubbles. All ages welcome. Dietrich Theater, 60 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock. 969-1500 or www.dietrichtheater.com.

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

COMMUNITY

PUBLIC SWIMMING, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Sundays 2-5 p.m. Dallas Middle School pool is open to the public for lap and recreational swimming. No one under 18 admitted without a parent or guardian. Proof of residence and a \$2 daily fee required.

EXHIBITS

Through May 22 - THEN AS NOW, paintings by 11 contemporary artists. Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University, 150 S. River St., Wilkes-Barre. Open daily noon-4 p.m. Info, 408-4325.

Through May 27 - ARTIST HANK FELLS, Wyoming County Courthouse Gallery, 1 Courthouse Sq., Tunkhannock. Gallery hours Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info, 836-3200.

GROUPS

Thursdays - WRITERS GROUP, 7-8:30 p.m. The group celebrates all different types of writing styles and formats. Join any time. Admission is free. Dietrich Theater 60 E. Tioga St. Tunkhannock. 996-1500.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY meetings Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Shavertown United Methodist Church, Pioneer Ave. All ages welcome.

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.

KIDSTUFF

Through May - COLLEGE MISERICORDIA offers Yoga, aerobics, adult ballet, wateraerobics, and swim lessons (for boys and girls 5-14, for pre-schoolers, ages 2-4, and for young children, ages 2 months-3 years). Info, 674-6289 or www.misericordia.edu, "Non-Credit Courses"

Contra dance features the Celtic sound of 'Inishowen'

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and Folklore Society of NEPA will feature the music of "Inishowen," and caller Bob Nicholson.

The band has appeared several times to play for the local dance, and recently released their debut CD, "Around Malin Head: Traditional Music of the Celtic Isles and Early America."

Writing in "Fly Magazine," reviewer Matthew Johnson wrote, "Closing my eyes at a recent Inishowen concert, I was struck with a strange sort of recognition and even stranger sense of nostalgia for the music. I found myself instantly connected to them and personally so, probably due to the seamless connections between American folk music and its Irish predecessor."

Syracuse caller Bob Nicholson will teach the steps and call contras and a few squares. Since contra is a social form of dancing, people change partners after each dance. This makes it an ideal dance form for people who come alone. During the night, a dancer might have 10 or 12 different partners.

The dance takes place on Saturday, May 7, at Wyoming Seminary Lower School, 1560 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$18 for families.



Dancers are asked to wear soft-soled shoes and may bring a snack to share at intermission. Further information is available at 333-4007 or at folkloresociety.org.

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