

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

**Lands at Hillside plan weekend events**

The public is invited to attend festivities during Memorial Day weekend to celebrate the grand opening of The Lands at Hillside Farms in Trucksville. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 26 with live folk music by Jay Smar. On Saturday May 27, an 11 a.m. press conference and opening ceremony will be followed by an afternoon of demonstrations and tours.

Guests will be able to take a walking tour or a horse-drawn wagon ride. There will be craft and food vendors, face painting and games for the kids. There will be animals on display, including two Clydesdale horses, two donkeys, several sheep and three baby lambs that live at Hillside. A square dance will be held in the evening.

The activities continue Sunday, May 28 with live music by Dick Boldt from noon to 2 p.m.

**Blood drive set for May 26**

The American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Friday, May 26 at the Dallas United Methodist Church, 4 Parsonage Street in Dallas. Blood supplies are low and donations are desperately needed. A pre-scheduled appointment may be made to reduce the time needed for your donation. To schedule an appointment call 823-7164, extension 2150.

All donors must bring identification and a Red Cross blood donor's card, if applicable. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health can donate.

**Class of 1977 to plan reunion**

The Lake-Lehman Class of 1977 will hold a reunion meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Grotto Pizza in Harveys Lake. Plans will be made for the 2007 class reunion.

**Zen meditation class May 30**

An introduction to Zen meditation will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 30 at the Mercy Center on the campus of College Misericordia. The class includes an explanation of Zen practice, a short session, and time for comments and questions. Pre-registration is required and may be made by calling Sr. Barbara Craig at

675-1872. There is no admission charge, but there will be a free will offering.

**Mountain Grange plans flea market**

The Mountain Grange No. 567 will hold a flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27 at the grange on West Eighth Street in Carverton. Lunch and snacks will be sold from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be a garage sale June 10 at the same time.

Driving directions from Trucksville: follow Carverton Road to the stop sign at the end. Turn left onto West Eighth Street and follow it to Bodle Road. The grange is located across from Bodle Road.

Driving directions from Tunkhannock: take Route 29 and turn left onto Route 292. Go through Center Moreland to Village Road in Franklin Township. Go through Orange, where Village Road becomes West Eighth Street. Continue on West Eighth Street to Bodle Road. The grange is located on the right.

**Birds, reptiles focus of programs**

Wild Birds Unlimited will host Franklin Kock, a naturalist from the Carbon County Environmental Education Center, for a program about the Rough-Legged Hawk, Red Tail Hawk, and American Kestrel at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3 in the Dallas Shopping Center. Guests will learn amazing facts about the high-flying avian predators, such as the Red Tail Hawk's ability to fly up to 120 miles per hour in pursuit of food.

Wild Birds Unlimited will also host a program about reptiles at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8. There is no admission charge to either event. For more information, call Wild Birds Unlimited at 675-9900.

**Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting**

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 1 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is invited.

**Relay For Life set for June 2-3**

The Back Mountain Relay For Life will be held from 5 p.m. June 2 to 5 p.m. June 3 at College Misericordia's Mangelsdorf Field in Dallas Township. The Relay For Life is the signature

event of the American Cancer Society. It is a 24-hour event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back against this disease. It also gives everyone in the community an opportunity to join the fight against cancer.

There are more than 4,000 Relays held across the country every year. This year's theme is Carnivale. There will be music, food and games throughout the event. Cancer survivors and caregivers are invited to attend a survivor ceremony and luncheon at noon Saturday, June 3. To register for the luncheon or for information about sponsorships, call American Cancer Society @ 1-888-227-5445.

**Market on the Pond offering vendor spaces**

Vendor spaces for the highly-popular "Market on the Pond" at The Meadows Nursing Center are available. The annual event - which benefits the center's residents - will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at the center, 55 West Center Hill Road in Dallas. The center can accommodate 108 vendors. Vendor spaces are \$20 and may be reserved by calling 675-8600, ext. 195. The rain date is June 24.

**Dinner-dance to benefit auction**

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will hold its annual dinner-dance from 6-11 p.m. Friday, June 16 at Irem Temple Country Club. The evening will begin with refreshments from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

The entrée choices are prime rib, baked orange roughly or chicken francaise. A mini auction, silent auction, a raffle and dancing will follow dinner. Tickets are \$37.50 a person or \$75 per couple. Tickets may be purchased at the front desk of the library, which is located at 96 Huntsville Road in Dallas. For more information, call 675-1182.

**Dietrich Theater offering classes**

The Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock will hold the following classes: A Golden Days of Radio Players Group Performance will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 in the Peg Fassett Performance Studio. There is no admission charge. The class will include live performances of "The

Philadelphia Story" and "The Mystery of the Steamtown Ghost."

Yoga classes are being held from 10-11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The instructors are Melissa Russo and Mary Frances Giordano, certified Hatha yoga instructors. The cost is \$10 per lesson. The classes will teach or reinforce the basic yoga poses, which gently stretch and strengthen the body. Special attention will be given to proper breathing and alignment in the postures. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

To view a list of all classes being offered at The Dietrich, visit the Web site www.dietrich-theater.com. For more information, call The Dietrich at 996-1500.

**Sweet Valley parade seeking baked goods**

The baked goods stand at the Sweet Valley Memorial Day parade is looking for donations. The baked goods may be brought to the Sweet Valley Fire Hall after 6 p.m. May 25-27 and after 9 a.m. May 29.

**Outdoor events planned for May**

Wild Birds Unlimited will hold a bird-watching event at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20 at Frances Slocum State Park. The group will meet in the parking lot at the Environmental Education Center and boat rental. The group will be looking for various birds in the area. Guests should bring their own binoculars.

**Annual yard sale to benefit WRGN**

The Friends of WRGN will hold its annual yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at the Saxe Homestead on Bethel Hill Road in Sweet Valley. The event includes breakfast, lunch, homemade ice cream, baked goods, garden stand with flowers and plants, and more. There will also be live music. Anyone wishing to donate items should call 477-3688 or 864-3222. Items may be brought to the Saxe Homestead on or before Thursday, June 1 by appointment. No clothing or large appliances will be accepted.

Directions to the Saxe Homestead: follow Route 118 west toward Ricketts Glen. Go 9 miles past the intersection of 118 and 29 and make a left onto Bethel Hill Road. Go 1 mile, look for the big red barn on the right. All proceeds from the even benefit WRGN, a Christian radio station in Sweet Valley.

**Nature camp at Frances Slocum**

Frances Slocum State Park will hold a nature camp at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at pavilion No. 1. The registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a \$20 per child non-refundable registration fee. For more information, call environmental education specialist Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

**Vendors needed for Noxen craft show**

Vendor spaces are available for the Noxen Volunteer Fire Co.'s craft show, which will be held in conjunction with the annual Rattlesnake Roundup on June 15-18. Spaces are available inside and outside of the tent. Spaces are \$30 each. To reserve a space, call the fire company at 298-2061, call Sandra at 639-2504 or fax the request to 298-2403. There will also be representatives at the fire hall from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday nights.

**Civil War group visiting War College**

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table is sponsoring a bus trip to the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle on June 10. The bus will leave the Wyoming Valley Mall parking lot near Sears at 7:30 a.m. and return in the early evening. The cost of the trip is \$20. Checks should be made payable to WVCWRT and received before May 31. Be sure to enclose a telephone number. Mail the check to Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table P.O. Box 613, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

For more information about the trip, call Steve Leonardo at 675-0468 or Maureen 256-4413.

**Holistic market set for June 17-18**

A holistic market and fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17-18 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Center Moreland. Some of the features will be books, jewelry, candles, gifts, crafts, wind chimes, soaps, massages and food. The admission is \$1 for adults and children age 10 and older. To get to the fire hall, take Route 309 to 29 north. Follow that road to Route 292 and turn left. The fire hall is on Route 292.

**Women's camp being held in July**

Camp St. Andrew in Tunkhannock will host its second

annual Women's Getaway Weekend from July 7-9 at the camp on Stark Road.

The program begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday after lunch. Activities include seated massages, yoga, a campfire, kayaking, swimming, quiet time, wine tasting, nature walks, archery, a climbing tower, a rope course and a stress management workshop.

The cost is \$150, which includes all activities, housing and meals.

For a brochure, call 226-4606 or e-mail jpkel@ccswb.org. Registration forms may also be found on the Internet at www.dioceaseofscranton.org.

**Families needed for Fresh Air kids**

The Fresh Air Fund's Luzerne/Wyoming committee has begun its annual campaign to find local families who are interested in helping provide free summer vacations to New York City children.

Since 1877, the Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City youngsters from low-income neighborhoods.

For more information about how you can host a Fresh Air child, call Kim Sorber at 639-5972 or the Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003.

You may also visit The Fund online at www.freshair.org.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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