ARTISTS, STUDENTS TO EXHIBIT WORK



Several area artists and art students will display their summer's work during a Celebration xhibition from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 at Sue Hand's Imagery on Main Street in Dallas. The

Instructors who will be exhibiting works are Sue Hand, Dallas; Laura Adams, Wilkes-Barre; Kelly Dickinson, Shavertown; and Jill Vanderhook, Dallas, The student participants in the exhibit - members of the 2006 Summer Studio Society - are Amber Gollhardt, Dallas: Ryan Frania, Shavertown: Katy Fillman, Kingston: Keith Kratz, Kingston: Jessica Palmeri, Kingston: Cassandra Perry, Nanticoke; and Kevin Schappert, Wilkes-Barre. The Summer Studio Society is a program held in memory of former King's College professor Millie Lawson, Joining the celebration will be several Back Mountain students from the Re-Designing Classic Game Boards class. The students and their respective games are Zachary Downs, Dallas, Artistopoly Junior; and Katie Cohen, Shavertown, Artopoly. Artists and students who will be part of the exhibit, from left, are Vanderhook, Kratz, Hand, Franja, Fillman, Schappert and Dickinson.

Summer Festival gets under way Aug. 27

The 22nd annual Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival will be held Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township. This year's event will feature a variety of entertainment, from the lk rock toe-tapping artistry of

ust Us" to the Back Mountain Theater Group to the Celtic musical heritage performed by The Donegal Weavers.

"Entertainment will be provided literally nonstop at this year's Summer Festival," said chairperson Pat Smith. Other entertainers scheduled to perform are juggler Robert Smith and fiddler/one-man band Jay

The entertainment performance times are Donegal Weavers, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Robert Smith, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Jay Smear, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Back Mountain Theater Group, 2:30 p.m.; Just Us, 3:30 p.m.

The festival is one of the two primary fund-raising activities of Arts at Hayfield, which funds a number of community activities. Those activities range from musical and theatrical offerings at Penn State Wilkes-Barre to underwriting assistance of Kirby Center performances, Celebrity Luncheons, Music Under-the-Stars and

local library outreach for books on the arts.

This year's festival opens at 10 a.m. and runs through 4:30 p.m. on the campus. An admission donation of \$1 per adult is requested at the gate.

A yearly festival feature is the guided tour of Hayfield House, the main administration building of the school that was built during The Great Depression by Mr. and Mrs. John N. Conyngham primarily as a summer residence. Tours will be conducted at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. during the festival. For more information, call 675-9232.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is

Kiss the Pig contest accepting \$1 votes

The Dallas Harvest Festival Committee is holding its fourth annual "Kiss the Pig" contest during the Dallas Harvest Festival. The festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 17 on Main Street. The chiefs of five Back Mountain volunteer fire departments are participating in the friendly "Kiss the Pig" competition. The contestants are Harry Vivian, Dallas; Jack Dodson, Kunkle; Dennis Bonning, Lehman Township; Gary Beisel, Shavertown; and Bill Eck, Trucksville. Bright pink labeled ballot jars and posters are located at locations throughout the Back Mountain, specifically stores and businesses along routes 309, 415, 118. Local residents may purchase as many \$1 ballots as they wish through Sept. 17. Ballot jars will also be available during the festival. The identity of the winning "kisser" will be announced at the festival district magistrate James Tupper, who will witness the kissing of "Rocco Rooter," a potbelly pig owned by 4-H educator Marge Bart of Dallas. Half of the money collected will be donated to the winning chief's fire department, while the other half will be used to defray the cost of next year's festival. Last year's winner was State Sen. Charles Lemmond.

Blood drive set for Sweet Valley

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Church of Christ in Sweet Valley. Anyone who donated in June is eligible to donate.

All donors will be registered for a drawing for \$50 of gas. There will be three winners. There also will be drawings for three plasma televisions.

Blood supplies are dangerously low and the flood in late June made supplies even lower. A scheduled appointment may be made to reduce the time needed for donating. To schedule an appointment, call 823-7164, ext. 2150.

The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and their Red Cross Blood card. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health are eligible to donate.

Choral Society plans auditions

The College Misericordia Choral Society will hold auditions for openings in all parts from Aug. 29 to Sept. 19. The Choral Society is one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's premiere arts organizations. Its membership includes Misericordia students and faculty, and community members of all ages. The Choral Society welcomes new singers with music-reading ability and a dedication to singing great choral music.

Rehearsals are held from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Banks Student Life Center's Kennedy Lounge. New singers may register for an audition by coming to any of the first four rehearsals, beginning Aug. 29.

The Choral Society will perform Mozart's delightful "Sparrow" Mass, as well as a selection of Christmas favorites this fall. For more information, contact the choral society director John Curtis at 674-6739 or jourtis-@misericordia.edu.

Friendly's to benefit **Multiple Sclerosis** Society

Friendly's Restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas will donate 10 percent of its receipts from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The money will be used for MS research.

Harvest Festival needs volunteers

The Dallas Harvest Festival committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the event, which will be held from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17 in downtown Dallas. Anyone interested in helping should attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 at

the Dallas municipal building on Main Street.

Special T-shirt benefits autism fund

PT Boutique will be selling a limited edition T-shirt to benefit the local Earthly Angels Autism Fund during the FUNDRIVE 4 A CAUSE, which will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16 at Grotto Pizza in Harveys Lake. The shirts, which will be available in all sizes, are \$12. For each shirt sold, \$3 will be donated to the local chapter of Earthly Angels Autism Fund. The highlight of FUNDRIVE 4 A CAUSE will be a PT Cruiser caravan from Luzerne to Harveys Lake. In addition to the grand finale from 2-4 p.m., an awards presentation will be held at 3 p.m. There is no admission charge to the event.

Farmers Market open at library

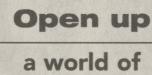
The annual Farmers Market at the Back Mountain Memorial Library is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Sept. 16 on the library grounds, Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Among the features at the Farmers Market are locallygrown seasonal fruits and vegetables, gourmet international cheeses, fresh baked goods and dairy ice cream. Local vendors include Brace's Orchard, Dymond's Farm Market and Bakery, I Gourmet, Creekside, Emma's Bakery and the Lands at Hillside Farms.

Vendor stalls will be set up on the pavement of the library parking lot. Patrons are asked to park on the lawn behind the library. There is no street parking on Huntsville Road or Franklin Street.

Food pantry in need of items

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has a significant need for the following items – flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call



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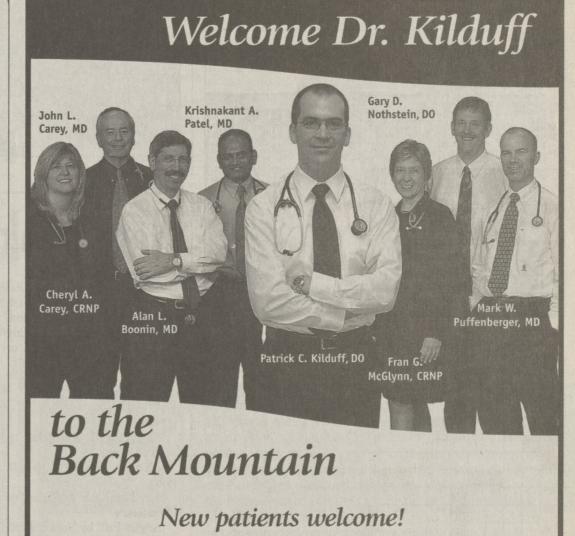
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