

This guy has 'killed' hundreds of people over the years

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Bill Prall has been killing people professionally for 19 years. And his critics think he does a great job.

"It was my dream and what I wanted to do in life," Prall told me last Sunday evening, speaking about what he does professionally. "And I got to do it."

Prall is owner of Murder on Demand, a traveling dinner theater murder mystery show. "I'll kill

anyone you want," he joked at Metro Bar and Grill's opening of the show.

The plays are written so that the audience is the cast. Each audience member is given a character with a short background and is free to embellish the rest. I attended the dinner theater with mother, my father and my husband, Brian. My father played the part of the victim's accountant, just one of the 22 characters in that night's skit.

At our seats, we each had a card to fill out. It was like playing

IF YOU GO ...

The next Murder on Demand is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Metro Bar and Grill in the Twin Stacks Center in Dallas. For more information, call 674-3663.

a live action version of "Clue." Every person had the chance to guess who did it, how and what the motive was.

Prall facilitated the plot by asking questions that led participants down the storyline to the ending he intended. However, since

the acting is all improvised, the responses were often not what he expected. The audience laughed and hissed together throughout the performance.

I had the chance to sit with Prall at dinner that evening and learn about his show and his life.

He does approximately 125 shows a year, has written 49 scripts and performs them as dinner theaters and team-building exercises for corporations.

"I'll perform any place somebody wants someone murdered," he said.

And he means any place. Prall has done shows for Pfizer, Merrill Lynch and other corporations and has performed as far away as Budapest, Hungary. But the 70-year-old Prall is from Broadheadsville, not far from where I grew up in the Pocono Mountains.

Prall told me his wife of 44 years asked when he was going to retire. "Why?" he asked. The look on his face was enough to tell me he's not ready to retire because he loves what he does. Every time the crowd laughed, he smiled.

The Metro audience enjoyed Prall's show as much as he enjoyed performing it.

I know my family members enjoyed themselves, and we talked about returning to see the show again. Prall performs a different skit each time, so no show is ever repeated.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Zumbathon benefits PTO

A Zumbathon will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Ross Elementary School, 5148 Main Road, Sweet Valley.

All proceeds will benefit the Ross Elementary PTO.

'Boom' event at MU is Oct. 24

The Misericordia University Dead Alchemist Society will present an expanded spectacle for the student organization's 21st annual "Things that go Boom in the Night!" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the Wells Fargo Amphitheater on campus.

The event is open free to the public.

This event features new experiments, including glowing pumpkins, spooky bubbles and dry-ice potions, as well as seasonal favorites like the exploding and puking pumpkins and the demise of the gummy bear experiment.

Students in the Dead Alchemist Society will also offer new and expanded activities for children, including hands-on experiments with children making slime and super bouncy balls.

For more information, call Anna Fedor, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, at 674-6769 or e-mail her at afedor@misericordia.edu.

Friedman Gallery plans bus trip

The Pauly Friedman Art Gallery at Misericordia University will host a daylong bus trip to tour the Barnes Foundation Museum on Philadelphia's Museum Mile, with lunch at the famed French restaurant, Le Bec Fin on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the Viewmont Mall in Scranton with a second pick-up at 8:30 a.m. at the Wegmans supermarket in Wilkes-Barre.

The return trip will leave Philadelphia at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$150 per person and include a four-course luncheon at Le Bec Fin.

For reservations, call Anne Postupack, Cameo House Tours, at 655-3420.

LCCC ALUMNI PLAN CRAFT FESTIVAL



The Luzerne County Community College Alumni Association will hold the 23rd Annual Alumni Association Fall Craft Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the college's campus in Nanticoke. This year's craft show will feature more than 150 vendors from around the region. The festival also will include raffles, food vendors and children's entertainment. Admission to the craft show is \$2. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Proceeds from the event will benefit student programs. Members of the craft festival planning committee are, from left, Frank Whalen '11, Pittston; Gloria Migatulski '88, Pittston, craft festival co-chair; Ann Marie Schraeder '79, Glen Lyon, treasurer, Alumni Association; Patricia Besermin '08, Dallas, member, Alumni Association Board; Bonnie Brennan Lauer '87, Shavertown, director, alumni relations, LCCC; Carol Dean '90, Mountain Top, member, Alumni Association Board; Susan Gilroy-King '10, Ashley, craft festival co-chair; and Lisa Owens '97, Muhlenberg, vice president, Alumni Association. For more information, call the LCCC Alumni Office at 740-0735.

Sullivan has big weekend

Cat Sullivan, a graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, had a big weekend for the RIT women's volleyball team as the Tigers began their 2012 campaign.

RIT competed in the Fredonia Invitational and earned a split.

The Tigers defeated Fredonia and fell to Westminster on the first day of competition.

On day two, RIT took down D'Youville before losing to Nazareth for the second time in the week.

The Golden Flyers also beat RIT, 3-2.

Sullivan was named to the All-Tournament team after totaling 25 kills in the four matches and added 11 blocks.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Spanish Bible Study every Sunday

Back Mountain Harvest Assembly offers a Spanish Bible Study from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. every Sunday at the church, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

For more information, call the church office at 696-1128 or Luis/Stefano Rosario at 706-1005.

Mike Lewis will sing at HUMC

Mike Lewis, former WNEP newscaster, will sing his music at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, 2355 Huntsville Road, Shavertown. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 477-3748.

Roast beef dinner planned for Oct. 20

A roast beef dinner buffet and bake sale will be held from 4:30 p.m. until sold out on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Dymond Hollow United Methodist Church. Takeouts will be available from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Dinner includes roast beef, gravy, real mashed potatoes, squash, creamed cabbage, green beans, homemade coleslaw, homemade applesauce, red beets, rolls, pies and beverages.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$9 for adults, \$4 for children between the ages of 5 and 12 and children under 5

years of age eat free.

For further information, call 333-4988.

'Trunk or Treat' at SUMC

Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N Pioneer Ave., will hold its annual Trunk or Treat from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21 in the church parking lot.

Church members will decorate their cars and the children are invited to come dressed in their costumes and "trick or treat" at the trunks of the cars.

Ham dinner slated

A ham dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake. Takeouts will be available.

The menu consists of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, rolls and butterpie and beverage.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call Nancy at 639-5688 or Barb at 639-5496.

Family Halloween Party slated

A Family Halloween Party will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.

on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Outlet Free Methodist church, 527 Outlet Road, Harveys Lake.

There will be music, dancing, children's karaoke by Ron Saba, Goldenfire Music, Tux, Halloween games, spooky story time, grab bags, pumpkin raffle, gift basket raffle, face painting, a monster buffet, beverage and ghostly dessert.

Children under 5 years of age will be admitted free. Cost for children ages 6 to 12 is \$4 and 13 years and older is \$8.

For more information, call Sandra Serhan at 639-3299.

Election Day Café set for Nov. 6

Members of Trucksville United Methodist Church will once again open an Election Day Café from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville.

The menu will include hot and cold beverages; donuts, sticky buns, brownies and cookies; sandwiches, homemade soups and chili; hot dogs and wimpies. A freshly-prepared Lunch-to-Go can be ready in just minutes any time during the day.

The café, which is completely handicapped accessible, has plenty of seating with table service if preferred.

Proceeds will benefit Mother Teresa's Haven, previously known as V.I.S.I.O.N.

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