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MUSEUMS

ALLEGHENY REGIONAL FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY Explore your genealogy! Wed 1-4; Sat 10-2; or by app't. Year-round, weather-permitting. Odd Fellows (IOOF) Lodge on Beverly 5-lane (X from Elkins Regional Convalescent Ctr). 636-5558 or 8528

BARBOUR COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM Old depot next to the covered bridge in Philippi. Thru May 14: W, F, Sat 11-4, Sun 1-4; May 15 thru Sept: M-Sat 11-4; Sun 1-4 457-4846 or 3521

HISTORIC BEVERLY First seat of Randolph County. Site of frontier, Civil War & county history. Home of Laura Jackson Arnold (sister of Stonewall Jackson) & Lemuel Chenoweth (inventor & covered bridge builder). Civil War cemetery & fortifications. Walking Tour brochure avail. Guided town tours by appt. 637-7424

- GOFF HOUSE Former Civil War Union Hospital. Main St., Beverly. (Hours, see *Other Opps, Randolph.*) 637-1180 or 637-7424

- RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM Eff 5/23, open F & S, 12-4, or by appt. Call for add'l hrs. (Donations requested.) Also, Stalnakar Log House & Subscription School open by special arrangement. Main St., Beverly. Info: 636-1953 or 636-0841

- RICH MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER Open M-S 9-4 or by appt. Call for summer hrs. Files Creek Rd., Beverly. Civil War Battlefield site open year-round, 5 mi W of Beverly on Rich Mtn Rd. 637-RICH or www.richmountain.org

HELVETIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM Early Swiss settlement (Randolph County). 924-6435

PEARL BUCK BIRTHPLACE Museum & gift shop. May-October open M-Sat 9-4:30. Rte 219 Hillsboro (Pocahontas County). Tours: \$6/\$5/\$1. 653-4430

POCAHONTAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM All facets of the county & its people from the days of the Indians to the present. Daily Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Rte 219 S in Marlinton. 1-800-336-7009

SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER Open daily 9-4:30. Live music & craft demos most Sat pms, beginning 5/31. Call for schedule of exhibits & other special events. (Junction of Rtes 33, 55 & 28 (Pendleton County). 567-2827

TUCKER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM Open Sun 2-4pm, Mem Day wkend thru Labor Day, or by appt. 301 Chestnut St., Parsons. 478-3074 or 3410

EXHIBITS

BOOTH LIBRARY Davis & Elkins College, Elkins. Open daily (except during D&E holidays). Call for hrs/info. 637-1200. Thru Aug: *Sustenance for the Soul* - an exhibit of works by 15 regional artists with the theme of nature & sustainability.

MOUNTAINMADE GALLERY in Thomas. Open Daily 10a-5p showcasing works by WV artists. May: *Lynda Rhoads of Parkersburg* - watercolorist. June: *Charlotte Gerlach of Lost Creek* - acrylic painter. Both prints & originals for sale. Visit mountainmade.com for artist bios. and samples of work.

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER Corner of Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. Hrs & other info: 637-2355 or www.randolpharts.org. 4/11-5/19: In the Great Hall Gallery: "Inspirations for Future Generations" Exhibit of works by art teachers from Barbour, Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker & Upshur counties. In the Maxwell Gallery: Photographs by Dick Trochliil. 5/23-6/27: RCCAC Artist Members Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. Calligrapher Noodie Runner Exhibit in the Maxwell Gallery.

SENECA TRAIL ARTISTS GUILD Members show at Elkins Federal Building, Post Office Lobby May 5-22.

LESSONS & WORKSHOPS

ALLEGHENY ECHOES Annual Workshops, 6/22-28 in Marlinton (Pocahontas Co.). Taught by WV's best: Old-time & Bluegrass Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar & Mandolin; also Bass, Lap Dulcimer, Vocals & Creative Writing. (Public concerts & square dance: see June listing.) Adv registr encouraged. Catalog & info: www.alleghenyechoes.com or 799-7121

AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER Summer sessions start July 6. Week-long workshops & mini-classes (great for locals) in music, dance, crafts & folklore. Also, Elderhostel program. D&E College, Elkins. To request catalog, call 637-1209 or stop by August office in Gribble Hall. All classes also listed online at www.augustaheritage.com

THE DANCE FACTORY Summer Arts Program starts 6/16. Classes & workshops in swing dance & salsa, movement & relaxation for adults. Also, Move & Play for infants, toddlers & parents; dance, gymnastics & more. All at 107 W. Main St., Buckhannon (Upshur Co.). Details & registr: 472-8291 or www.dancefactorywv.com

MOUNTAINMADE STUDIOS & WORKSHOPS In Thomas (Tucker Co.) Home to 4 state-of-the-art studios (glass, fiber, paper/print, & jewelry) available 7 days/wk with notice & small fee; previous class or experience w/ equipmt. required. Scheduled workshops for May/June: 5/3: *Beeswax Candles* w/ Heidi Haldeen & *Digital Photography* w/ Heather Kessler (also offered 6/7, 7/19). 5/16 & 17: *Stained Glass Treasure Boxes* w/ Lynn Gundry. 5/19-20: *Natural Dye Shibori* w/ Laurie Gundersen. 5/24-25: *Fused Glass Jewelry* w/ Martina Huson. Pre-registration required for all. More info & current schedule: www.mountainmade.com or 463-3355 x114 or tollfree 1-877-686-6233 x114

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER May & June: Classes/Workshops/Camps in arts, crafts, dance, music & more for toddlers thru adults. (Also see 6/22-27 Timber Flute Festival) Info/cost/registr: 637-2355 and for complete up-to-date listing: www.randolpharts.org

VOICES FROM THE EARTH Mountain Voices School of the Arts: Classes in music, dance, drama, storytelling & more, for all ages. Regular schedule thru May; Then, special Saturday workshops thru the summer. Call for details. All at Thomas Education Center, Third & Brown Streets (Tucker County). Info/registr: 463-4561

WATER GAP RETREAT presents 5 weeklong workshops in July & August w/ focus on Fiber Arts, each on a different textile skill, taught by nationally known fiber artists. Complete info: www.watergapretreat.com

YOUTH ARTS CAMP in Philippi (for Barbour County residents only). See 6/16-20 listing. Free - space limited to 30. Pre-registration required. 457-4323

MAY

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Mountain Hospice sponsors FREE Health checkups on 3rd Sat. of each month at Walgreen's Pharmacy, junction of Rts. 33, 250 & 219 in Elkins.

WEEKENDS Durbin & Greenbrier Valley RR Scenic rail excursions! Three different trains. (See *Ongoing*.) Reservations: 1-877-MTN-RAIL. Lascaux Micro-Theater Art & foreign films, Fri eves in Buckhannon (see *Other Opps, Upshur*) 473-1818. Purple Fiddle Live traditional music & more, in Thomas (see *Ongoing*) www.purplefiddle.com or 463-4040. Timberline Resort Live entertainment & dinner specials every Fri & Sat. (Also see *Ongoing* & special events 5/23-26; 6/6-8; 6/13-14 & 6/27-28) 1-800-SNOWING or www.timberlinerestort.com

- 2 CV WILDLIFE REFUGE EXOTIC PATROL TRAINING: Sign up to help control invasive plant species in the refuge & learn to identify them. Contact biologist Leah Ceperley at 866-3858 x33 to register.
- 2 WV WESLEYAN COLLEGE CHORALE presented by Arts Alive in the Wesley Chapel, WV Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, 8p. FREE
- 2 - 4 PENDLETON COUNTY SPRING FEST Trophy Trout Rodeo, crafters, flea market, antique cars, fish fry, dog show, square dancing, taxidermy show, food vendors & more. In & around the town of Franklin. Info: 358-3884 or www.visitpendleton.com
- 2 CHEAT RIVER MASSACRE-ENCE Paddle or watch this challenging 12-mile whitewater race. Mass start, 5pm. Entry fee. Register 1-4pm, Cheat Fest main entrance, Albright (Preston County). Sponsored by Friends of the Cheat. 329-3621
- 3 CHEAT RIVER FESTIVAL Watershed Celebration featuring live bluegrass, old-time, Celtic & folk music, kids' programs, local cuisine, paddlegear vendors, artist market, educational booths & more. 1-11pm, Albright, WV (Preston County). \$15 (\$10 in adv) under 12, free with adult. Also, 5k run precedes Fest. Call for info. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Cheat & their work to restore, preserve & promote the Cheat watershed. 329-3621 or www.cheat.org
- 3 CITY-WIDE YARD & SIDE-WALK SALE 9am-3pm in Philippi (Barbour County). For shopping info & maps call Philippi Main Street office. (To participate as a vendor call by 4/25.) 457-3700 x226
- 3 FAMILY TRAIL DAY Guided 8-mile walk between Blackwater Falls & Canaan Valley State Parks (Tucker County). Shuttle service provided. Registration fee required. Lodging/info: 866-4121 or www.canaanresort.com
- 3 RCCAC CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES presents acclaimed storyteller Ilene Evans in an interactive concert of Anansi folktales from West Africa. Tix: \$5 at the door or call to reserve: 637-2355. Showtime: 7p. at Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave & Park St, Elkins. More info: www.randolpharts.org

- 3 - 4 TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL presents "*The Best Haunted House Ever*" a comedy thriller by Pat Cook. Sat. showtime: 7p. Sun. matinee: 2p. Tix: \$5/adult; \$3/senior & student; 5 & under - Free. Info: 478-2651
- 3 HELVETIA SQUARE DANCE 1st Sat of each month. Rain or shine. 8pm, Red Hall or Community Hall. Fund-raiser for hall renovations. 924-6435
- 4 POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE presents *The Greenbrier Valley Chorale*. Made up of 50 singers, this group of local residents will perform classics of jazz, Broadway hits, spirituals, and the Beatles, accompanied by Teresa Bryant on piano. 3p. Pocahontas County Opera House in Marlinton. 799-6645

- 5 - 22 SENECA TRAIL ARTISTS GUILD Members Show. Elkins Federal Bdg, Post Office Lobby. Info: 478-2303 or 823-1863
- 7 - 10 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP at Canaan Valley Resort led by Bill & Linda Lane. Registration/info: 866-4121 or www.canaanresort.com (Tucker Co.)
- 8 - 11 ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE at Blackwater Falls State Park, (Tucker Co.) All-day tours to wildflower & bird habitats. Evening programs & entertainment at the park's lodge. Registr fee required. Lodging avail. Prices & other info: 1-800-CALL-WVA
- 8 - 11 CASS RAILROAD CAMP for students 18 + up. Go *behind the scenes* to learn what it takes to restore, operate & maintain antique railroad equipmt. & historic homes in Cass. Camp limited to 40; Cost \$450 includes classes, lodging, meals & materials. Registr/Info: cassrailroad.com or 456-4300
- 9 RICH MTN BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION presents Dr. Matt Lively who will speak on the death of Stonewall Jackson at Beverly Heritage Ctr, Court St, Beverly. 7p. Info: 637-7424 or www.richmountain.org
- 9 CAKE WALK & SILENT AUCTION at Junior Community Bldg. 6-8p. fundraiser for Mountain Hospice. (Barbour Co.) 823-3922
- 9 - 11 TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL presents "*The Best Haunted House Ever*" a comedy thriller by Pat Cook. Fri & Sat. showtime: 7p. Sun. matinee: 2p. Tix: \$5/adult; \$3/senior & student; 5 & under - Free. Info: 478-2651
- 10 SPRING MIGRATION BIRD COUNT Field parties cover Tucker County looking for & counting spring birds, as part of international Migratory Bird Day. Pre-Register with Ken Sturm at Canaan Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge. 866-3858 x32 to choose route & get forms.
- 10 INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL Garlic Mustard is one of the most imminent threats to native plant species in the refuge. Join volunteers at 9a. Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center to carpool. Bring water & gloves for hand-pulling garlic mustard.
- 10 ELKINS FARMERS MARKET Opening Day 9a-noon. Elkins Town Square (behind train depot) Fresh produce & the sweetest onions of the year! Seasonal cooking demo w/ chef Derrick Helzer. Local cookbooks from Mainline Books. Mountain crafts. Rain or shine. Info: randolphcountygotr.org/farm or 823-2960
- 10 MOTHERS DAY 5K WALK/RUN Open to all ages, genders & abilities. Registration: 9a Elkins YMCA. Racetime: 10a. Download entry form & find more info at randolphcountygotr.org or call 276-1819.

- 10 MOTHER'S DAY FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL 2pm: Join us in honoring our 2008 "Mother of the Year". Also crafts, museum tours, music, food & more. 7pm: Relax & enjoy our first Sat eve "Music in the Park" concert of the summer. All at Ocean Pearl Felton Park, across from Anna Jarvis Birthplace in Webster Community, 5 mi S of Grafton (Taylor Co.) Info: www.annajarvishouse.com or 265-5549
- 11 ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE Our 100th at the International Mother's Day Shrine. 2pm in Grafton (Taylor Co.) 265-1589 FREE
- 11 BUCKHANNON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA performing the 5th Brandenburg Concerto in concert Sunday, 3p. Wesley Chapel, WV Wesleyan College. FREE, donations accepted. 472-7983

- 14 AUGUSTA'S PICKIN' IN THE PARK Weather permitting, these jam sessions open to all musicians are back in Elkins City Park starting tonight, May 14th, every Wed. Spectators welcome; bring your lawn chairs. FREE
- 14 - 18 WV STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL The 67th annual, in downtown Buckhannon (Upshur Co.) Food, contests, juried art show, quilt & crafts shows (see 5/16-18), photo exhibit, & carnival. Special events include: 3 parades, Strawberry Idol Contest, instrumental music competitions, Main St. block parties, horse-pull, gospel sing & more. Full schedule: www.wvstrawberryfestival.com or 472-9036
- 16-18 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL CRAFTS & QUILT SHOW Free admission, hourly door prizes. F & Sat 10am-7pm; Sun noon-5pm. WV Wesleyan College, Rockefeller Gym, Buckhannon (Upshur Co.) 472-4466
- 16 - 17 THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY DRAMA WORKSHOP presents "Little Sorrows" written & directed by Margaret Baker. The story of 3 sisters and how they deal with their obligation to care for aging parents. Fri & Sat 8p; Pocahontas County Opera House in Marlinton. Tix: \$7 at the door. 653-4514 or 799-6645
- 17 "SMOKIN' IN THE VALLEY" Extreme Chili Cook-off at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Bring on the HEAT! Cooking competition w/ tasting by spectators. Traditional red, chili verde & salsa included. Also Artists & crafters, live entertainment. Lodging/info: www.canaanresort.com or 866-4121
- 17 CATCH THE BUZZ All about honeybees and how they help farmers produce food. Touch, taste & smell all the products of the hive: honey, wax, pollen & propolis. 7p. at Canaan Valley Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge Visitors Ctr, Rt. 32 (Tucker Co.) Info: 866-3858
- 17 OLD SCHOOL FREIGHT TRAIN in concert at Randolph Co. Community Arts Center. Bluegrass w/a new twang from all over the world: innovative jazz-grass band from Charlottesville, VA. \$12/adult; \$10/senior; \$5/student. Tix at door or call to reserve: 637-2355. 8p concert at RCCAC, corner of Randolph Ave & Park St, Elkins. More info: www.randolpharts.org

21 RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG CONCERT 3rd Wed of each month. Bring your lunch & enjoy live classical music by The Green Family. Noon-1pm, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

23 RCCAC ART OPENING RECEPTION for Artist Members Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery and Calligrapher Noodie Runner Exhibit in the Maxwell Gallery. These exhibits remain until 6/27. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Corner of Randolph Ave. & Park St, Elkins. Hrs & more info: 637-2355 & www.randolpharts.org.

23-26 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND at Timberline Resort (Tucker Co.) Celebrate the beginning of Timberline's summer season & the official start of mountain bike season! Family fun & Cookout; scenic chairlift rides 10a-5p. Guided horseback trail rides daily; Evening entertainment - no cover chg. (See *Ongoing*.) 866-4801 or www.timberlinerestort.com

25 WHAT'S BLOOMING ON THE REFUGE? Wildflower Walk led by Master Naturalist volunteers Sarah Fletcher & Gerri Wilson, leaving at 2p. from Canaan Valley Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge Visitors Ctr. on Rt. 32 Info: 866-3858 (Tucker Co.)

29 - 6/1 ANNUAL BLUE & GRAY REUNION in Philippi (Barbour Co.) Commemorating the Civil War's first land battle: Historic reenactments, exhibits & demos, entertainment at the bandstand, quilt show, arts & crafts, food & more. 457-5183 eves, or 457-4265.

30 - 6/1 WHISTLES, WINGS & WILDFLOWERS Enjoy a full wkend of birding & wildflower walks & talks, including train ride. Expert guides through varied habitat ranging up to 4800 ft. Lodging available. Call Cass Scenic Railroad State Park: 456-4300. More info: cassrailroad.com

30 -31 BRAZENHEAD INN in Mingo Village presents *The Hillbilly Gypsies* homegrown Appalachian old-time music w/ a hard drivin' bluegrass sound. Join Will & Jill Fanning at the BrazenHead for their first of many concerts in brand new outdoor pavilion. Playing for dinnertime Fri. eve. 6:30-10p & Sat. 3p. outdoor concert. Rts. 219 & 250 S. (between Valley Head & Snowshoe) Info: brazenheadinn.com or tollfree 866-339-6917

31 CHEAT/POTOMAC DISTRICT FISHING DERBY Sponsored by the US Forest Service, WV DNR & local businesses. Casting contests, games, fishing, photos & fun. Pre-school thru age 15. Horseshoe Recreation Area. Follow signs off Rte 72, near St. George (Tucker County). 478-2000

31 ECDS SQUARE DANCE with live music by Gerry Milnes & friends; calling by Mary Alice Milnes. All dances taught. Potluck snacks. All welcome, hosted by Elkins Country Dance Society (see *Ongoing*) \$5;\$3 students, under 12 free. 7:30p at RCC Arts Center, Randolph Ave & Park St., Elkins. 637-3501



JUNE

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5 CV WILDLIFE REFUGE TOUR & VOLUNTEER TRAINING 8a - 4p. Bring lunch. Learn about trail upkeep & what visitors can experience @ each entrance to refuge. Sponsored by Canaan Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge & Friends of the 500th (Tucker Co.) Register by calling: 866-3858. Check website: fws.gov/canaanvalley/volunteer to learn about volunteer opportunities.

6 - 8 SOUTHERN BOREAL BIRD FESTIVAL Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) offers ideal habitat for many bird species normally found further north. Enjoy daily walks, workshops & guest speakers. Lodging/info: www.canaanresort.com or 866-4121

6 - 8 RACEFEST IX "TIMBERLINE 50" at Timberline Resort (Tucker Co.) Motor Bike & ATV races, huge rock parties Fri & Sat nite (no cover). Also see *Ongoing*. 866-4801 or www.timberlineresort.com

8 CULTURAL AWARENESS & ENRICHMENT GROUP Annual potluck picnic. 4pm Elkins City Park, small pavilion. All welcome. 614-9234 or 636-4160

11 - 14 MOUNTAIN QUILT QUEST Wed-Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-4p. The 4-day shop hop takes you to 13 sewing shops throughout WV. Visit all 13 shops around the state, and pick up a quilt pattern & fabric kit at each shop to make your quilt. Free 2008 quilt charms for charm bracelet or pin also available at each shop. Come out for fabric, fun & prizes! Visit: www.mountainquiltquest.com or call Linda Childers at 304-473-8188.

13 - 14 ANNUAL SUMMER RHYTHM & BLUES WEEKEND at Timberline Resort (Tucker Co.) R & B Music from Fri eve thru late Sat (no cover). Full menu in Fireside Grill w/ special B-B-Q ribs Sat. night. 866-4801 or www.timberlineresort.com

14 SMOKIN' ON THE TYGART Philippi Main Street's 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off. 11:30am: Cooks' Parade; Noon: Cook-off begins (adv registr required, forms at Philippi City Hall or call); 3:15pm: Tasting. Also, entertainment, games, motorcycle poker run & more. Downtown Philippi (Barbour Co.) 457-3700 x226 or 457-1931

16-20 SIXTH ANNUAL YOUTH ARTS CAMP Sponsored by the Barbour County Arts & Humanities Council in Philippi. Crafts, music, writing & more, for ages 9-12, Barbour Co. residents only - space limited to 30. Lunch provided. Free. Pre-registration required in May. Contact Michele Moore at 457-4323.

18 RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG CONCERT 3rd Wed of each month. Bring your lunch & enjoy live music by *Kate Weber & John Vaughn*. Noon-1pm, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

19 - 21 COALTON DAYS Fri: Musical entertainment; Sat: car show, book exchange, lawn mower race & pull, parade, kids' events, 5K run, entertainment, vendors, & more in Coalton, ~7 mi W of Elkins (Randolph Co.) 636-3267

19-22 WV STATE FOLK FESTIVAL Annual celebration of WV folklife: Music, dance, song & craft. Features many central WV musicians & artists. Glenville (Gilmer Co.) Craft vendors please call 462-5065. Other info: 462-5000 or www.wvfolkfestival.org

20 CAMP GOOD GRIEF at Elkins YMCA. Sponsored by Mtn. Hospice, this camp is ideal for children dealing with loss of a loved one. 9a - 3p. Info: 823-3922

20 WV DAY BANQUET Sponsored by Rich Mtn. Battlefield Foundation, keynote speaker Dr. Forrest Bowman will speak on the Birth & Early History of West Virginia. Call for details: 637-7424 or visit: www.richmountain.org

20 - 22 WV DAYS CELEBRATION at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Civil War re-enactment, battlefield demonstration & authentic encampment. Lodging/info: www.canaanresort.com or 866-4121

21 NESTING BIRDS & STRAGGLING MIGRANTS Birdwalk led by Casey Rucker. Meet 7a. at Canaan Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Visitors Ctr. 866-3858

21 SECRET LIFE OF SALAMANDERS Learn why these amphibians are bio-indicators of pollution. Program by Tom Pauley from Marshall Univ. FREE 7p. at Canaan Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Visitors Ctr. Rt. 32 (Tucker Co.) 866-3858

22 WHAT'S BLOOMING ON THE REFUGE? Wildflower Walk led by Master Naturalist volunteers leaving at 2p. from Canaan Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Visitors Ctr. on Rt. 32 Info: 866-3858 (Tucker Co.)

22 - 28 ALLEGHENY ECHOES Workshops in Marlinton (see *Lessons*). Also, Tues: Square Dance; Thurs: Student Concert; Fri: Staff Concert. All 7pm at the Pocahontas County Opera House, public invited. FREE (donations welcome). 799-7121, 1-800-336-7009 or www.alleghenyechoes.com.

22 27 2nd ANNUAL TIMBER FLUTE FESTIVAL Weeklong program of workshops for flutists interested in exploring traditions associated with wooden flutes. Public events: Mon: Colonial dance - 7p. Tues 8p: Classical & Baroque concert. Thurs 8p: Irish & Native American Concert. Wed: Contra dance - 7p.. Concert tix: \$12/adult; \$10/senior; \$5/student. Dances: \$5. All at Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. Visit www.randolpharts.org for more info. or call 637-2355.

27-28 CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL at Timberline Resort (Tucker Co.) Enjoy a wide variety of Irish music from Fri eve thru late Sat, ranging from traditional to contemporary songs & tunes, vocal & instrumental. (No cover.) 866-4801 or www.timberlineresort.com

27-29 LITTLE LEVELS HERITAGE FAIR in Hillsboro (Pocahontas Co.) Fri & Sat eves: BBQs; Sat early: Fitness Walk/Run (pre-registr: 6:15a, Hillsboro Elem. School); Sat 1pm: Grand Parade including vintage auto & farm machinery; Sat 2-4: Pearl Buck's Birthday (see 6/28 below); Also Sat: Bands, old-time music, heritage crafts & quilts, food & more; Sun: Rodeo. Info: 653-8563, or 1-800-336-7009

28 PEARL BUCK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 9am-4pm: Museum tours; 2-4pm: Birthday Party including, WV Writers' Fair, music by *Lil' Pickers* and cake for all. Rte 219 Hillsboro (Pocahontas Co.) 653-4430 or 1-800-336-7009

28 4TH SATURDAY TRAIL HIKE led by Rich Spence & other master naturalists. Bring lunch & water; hike Beall North, Hemlock Spur & the bog overlook. Meet 8:30am, Canaan Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Visitor Ctr, Rte 32 (Tucker County). 866-3858

28 CASS SCENIC RAILROAD - BIKE OFF THE MOUNTAIN Bring your bike on board & ride to Bald Knob for a scenic 12 mile bike ride on old forest service roads back to Cass. All skill levels welcome; helmets required. Bring water. Train leaves station at 11a. Tix: \$14. Pre-Register: 456-4300



July Previews

4 - 6 ELKINS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Fri: Antique Auto Cruise-In & Town Square activities; Sat & Sun: Car Show in City Park. Sat.night: Fireworks at dark. Info: 636-2717

3 UPSHUR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 5pm on, Buckhannon-Upshur High School. Live music, food & more. Fireworks after dark. Sponsored by the B-U Chamber of Commerce. \$7/car. (Raindate 7/4.) 472-1722

4 - 6 INDEPENDENCE WKEND CELEBRATION at Timberline Resort. Riding stables & Mtn.bike center open daily. Ride chairlift up w/ bike for high altitude biking. Live music in Timbers Pub 8p-midnight. No cover. Call 1-800-SNOWING or www.timberlineresort.com

5 WINDFEST at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Fun for the whole family with Wings over Washington Kite Club. Kite flying demos, kite-building workshops. Build one & learn to fly it from the pros. Lodging/info: www.canaanresort.com or 866-4121

5 THE 18th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS Tucker County Alpine Festival hosts the Wheeling Symphony at Canaan Valley Resort natural outdoor amphitheatre. Concert begins at 3p. with guest artists: The Mountain Stage Band. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets & picnic. FREE. 1-800-782-2775

18-20 BATTLE OF LAUREL HILL RE-ENACTMENT features 3 days of exciting activities. For schedule of events: www.battleoflaurelhill.org or call 823-3327.

The Randolph Arts Alliance publishes this calendar as a service to the community. All responsibility for activities, facilities & programming rests with the sponsoring organizations listed.

Please note: All events, dates and times are subject to change. Call to confirm, especially if coming from a distance or in bad weather. All area codes "304" unless noted.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

BARBOUR COUNTY

ADALAND MANSION AT PHILIPPI Built in 1870, on National Register. With historic barn & heritage arts gift shop. Open for tours: W, Th & Sat 11-5; Sun 1-5. Adm \$5, under 12 free. 4 mi N of Philippi on WV 76. For info, events bookings & directions: 457-1587 or 2415

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ARTISAN CO-OP Featuring paintings, stained glass, blacksmith creations, photography, baskets, carved birds, jewelry, textile & fiber arts, wood & slate items & much more. Rtes. 28/92, Green Bank, 456-9900.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

ARTISTS AT WORK Gallery featuring pottery, woodwork, paintings, photography, textile & fiber arts, jewelry & more. Classes available. 329 Davis Ave., Elkins. 637-6309

AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER of Davis & Elkins College. Programs in traditional folk arts. (See *Ongoing & Lessons*). 637-1209 or www.augustaheritage.com

C.J. MAGGIE'S American Grill -- Eclectic, casual restaurant & bar. Funky food for cool people. Eat & drink what you want. Visit "Armadillo Flats." 309 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-1730

CERAMICS WITH CLASS For all your ceramic needs. Greenware, bisque, brushes, paints, glazes & other supplies. Also customized orders & personalized classes. Open Mon-Sat (eve hrs, MWF). 203 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-2903

EL GRAN SABOR Authentic Latin American cuisine & spirits. Open for lunch & dinner. Outdoor patio. Mountain State Brewery taps. Live music, dancing & fun every Wed & Fri eve. Open mic & jams on Thurs. Smoke-free. 413 Kerens Ave., Elkins. 636-8200

ELKINS SEWING CENTER Classes, supplies & books for quilting, needlecraft & other fiber arts. Wide variety of specialty threads & notions available. Sewing machine sales & service. Call or check website (elkinssewingcenter.com) for newsletter & class list. 300 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-9480

THE GOFF HOUSE ANTIQUES & TEXTILE STUDIO Featuring Appalachian Piecework's contemporary & traditional weaving, spinning, shibori-dyed textiles, basketry & more. Also, antiques, workshops & private lessons. Thurs-Mon 10-5pm; or, by chance or app't. Main St., Beverly. Laurie Gundersen. 637-1180

THE LODGE AT KELLY MOUNTAIN Central WV's premier dining & lodging experience. Lunch : M-F 11-2; Dinner: M-Sat 6-10. On Kelly Mtn. Rd, just off Rt.33, approx 3.5 miles east of Elkins. 635-0300

MAIN LINE BOOKS Featuring books of local interest, children's books, railroad books, popular titles & other fine reading. Call for book-signings & other special events. 301 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-6770

THE MINGO ROOM RESTAURANT Casual dining at Graceland Inn, a national historic landmark on the Davis & Elkins campus in Elkins. Dinners: Wed-Sat 5:30-9; Sunday Brunch: 11:30-2; & Lunches (starting 6/4): Wed-Fri 11:30-1:30. Also: conferences, retreats, special events & catering: www.gracelandinn.com. For dining or lodging reserv: 637-1600

SMAKULA FRETTED INSTRUMENTS Repair, restoration & sales of fine quality guitars, banjos, mandolins, violins & other stringed instruments. Call 636-6710 for appointment.

TALBOTT FRAME SHOP Custom frame shop featuring limited edition prints by Fracé, duBois, Redlin, G. Harvey & local artists, framed mirrors & much more. 220 Third St., Elkins. 636-7691

YARN & COMPANY Quality yarns from all over the world, knitting accessories, books & more. Also gift items, special orders, & classes. Find us just S of Elkins, off Rte 219/250, 2 mi down Airport/Country Club Rd. (near Beverly end). Open T & W eves; Th, F & Sat 10-5; also by chance or appt. 636-3760 or www.yarnandcompany.net

TUCKER COUNTY

BEN'S OLD LOOM BARN official opening Memorial Wkend. See weavers at work. Woven goods & baskets for sale. Open T, Th & Sat 10-4; or by chance or appt. On Cortland Rd. (near Fire Dept end), Canaan Valley. (Also see Canaan Weavers Guild in *Ongoing*). 227-4390 or 866-2732, leave message

GIFTS TO GO West Virginia's finest food products, candles, local crafts, novelties, dolls, angels, baskets etc. You make the budget decision: We make the impression! Bag, Box or Basket! We ship! 201 First St., Parsons. 478-2057 or www.giftstogowv.com

HERITAGE HOUSE Fine arts & crafts co-op with members from across WV. New artists welcome. Art workshops. Parsons RR Depot, Main St., Parsons. 478-2402

MOUNTAINMADE Gallery & Country Store in historic Thomas; also at Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke (Upshur Co.) offering the finest in WV craftsmanship. Visit www.mountainmade.com. Open daily 10-5. (Also see MM Studios & Workshops in *Lessons*) 1-877-MTN-MADE or 463-3355

VVHIGHLANDS ARTISANS GALLERY Fine art, photography, jewelry, wood, textiles, leather, glass, scents, candles, soaps, baskets, pottery, notecards & more. Open 10-5; closed Tues-Wed. 358 William Ave, near bridge in Davis. 259-5411

UPSHUR COUNTY

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS More than 200,000 new & used books in wide-ranging categories at discounted prices. A book-lover's paradise, well worth a drive! Also, gift shop with all-new items. M-Sat: 10-5. 47 E. Main St., Buckhannon. 473-0011

C.J. MAGGIE'S American Grill -- Eclectic, casual restaurant & bar. Funky food for cool people. Eat & drink what you want. Live fast, eat well. 16 E. Main St., Buckhannon. 472-2490

88 RESTAURANT & LOUNGE, INSIDE THE BICENTENNIAL INN Newly updated, fabulously located hotel restaurant, featuring great food, banquet/conference/reception facilities & comfortable rooms. Room enough for all your needs! 88 & 90 E. Main St., Buckhannon. Inn: 472-5000; Restaurant: 473-1988

LASCAUX MICRO-THEATER Intimate underground venue (named after the ancient French cave paintings) specializing in art & foreign films. Fri eves. Limited seating. 33 E. Main St. (X from Dairy Queen), Buckhannon. For features, times, reservations, mailing list: 473-1818

ONGOING EVENTS

AMERICAN MOUNTAIN THEATER The show that everyone is talking about, featuring a variety of family-friendly music & comedy! It's like Branson in your backyard! Doors open 6:30, Showtime: 7:30p at new theater in historic downtown Elkins railyard. May: Th-Sat. June: Wed-Sat. Call for schedule, reservations, prices: 630-3040

AUGUSTA'S PICKIN' INDOORS & PICKIN' IN THE PARK Jam sessions open to all. 7-10p, most Wed eves. Thru 5/7: Hermanson Center lobby & lounges, D&E College. Beginning 5/14: Elkins City Park 637-1209 FREE

CANAAN VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Tucker Co.) Visitor Center with exhibits & information. Also, books & gifts. Visitor Center open MWF & most Sats. For hrs, schedule of other activities co-sponsored by Friends of the 500th & other info: 866-3858 or www.fws.gov/canaanvalley

CANAAN WEAVERS GUILD Meets 2nd Tues of every month (5/13 & 6/10). All interested in weaving welcome. 6pm, at Ben's Old Loom Barn in Canaan Valley (see *Other Opps/Tucker*). More info: 227-4390 or 866-2732, leave message

CASS SCENIC RAILROAD Daily runs start in May. Dinner Trains: "Fiddles & Vittles" runs 5/24 & every Sat thru Sept, with live bluegrass, a homestyle buffet meal & great mountain scenery. Dinner Trains depart 5p, reservations required. (Also see 5/30-6/1: Birding & Wildflower Wkend & 6/28 Bald Knob Bike Ride) For full schedule: www.cassrailroad.com, 456-4300 or 1-800-CALL-WVA

DURBIN & GREENBRIER VALLEY SCENIC RR Three excursion trains traveling thru 100+ miles of WV's best mountain scenery: The New Tygart Flyer (Tygart Junction to High Falls of Cheat); the Cheat Mtn Salamander; and the steam-driven Durbin Rocket. (Mountain Explorer Dinner Trains run most Fri & Sat nights in June.) For railroad souvenirs & gifts, visit our Rail & Trail stores in the Durbin & Elkins Depots. Info, reservations & charters: Toll free 1-877-MTN-RAIL (686-7245) or www.mountainrail.com

ELKINS COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY (ECDS) Hosts a family-friendly square and/or contra dance to live music, most months Nov-June. (See 5/31 & Wed 6/25 RCCAC Timber Flute Festival contra dance!) All dances taught. Beginners, singles & potluck snacks all welcome. 7:30pm, Randolph County Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Davis Ave. More info: 637-3501

ELKINS FARMERS MARKET Saturdays May 10-Nov.1, 9a-noon. Elkins Town Square (3rd St & Railroad Av) Farm-fresh local produce, eggs, bread & more. Weekly chef demos. Monthly gardening clinics. Local crafters plying their trades. Info: randolphcountyygotr.org/farm or 823-2960

HEALTHWAYS SILVERSNEAKERS FITNESS PROGRAM presented by Total Training Fitness Center on the Glenmore Loop in Elkins. This program is designed for older adults and those who are Medicare-eligible. Classes offered Tues & Thurs, 8-9a. or 11a-noon. Call 636-0322 for info. on this or other fitness programs.

HELVETIA SQUARE DANCES 1st Sat of each month (5/3 & 6/7). Rain or shine. 8pm-midnite, Red Hall or Community Hall. 924-6435

PURPLE FIDDLE COFFEEHOUSE Mountain Music Weekends, live acoustic music every Fri, Sat & Sun eve. (On some weeknites too.) Serving deli sandwiches, hot wraps, soup, desserts, coffee, beer, wine & other beverages daily. Smoke-free & family friendly. Historic DePollo General Store, 21 East Ave., Thomas (Tucker County). 463-4040 or www.purplefiddle.com

RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG CONCERT 3rd Wed of each month (5/21: The Green Family; 6/18: Kate Weber & John Vaughn) Bring your lunch & enjoy live music. Noon-1pm, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

RCCAC OPEN PAINTING STUDIO Tuesdays 9:30am-3:30pm. Join fellow artists in the Great Hall. Bring all supplies including drop cloths. We provide space & coffee. RCC Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355. FREE

TIMBERLINE RESORT (Tucker County) Beginning 5/23, stables & Bike Center open daily. Wkends feature live entertainment (no cover) & dinner specials, scenic chairlifts 10a-5p. Sat & Sun. Also see: 5/23-26: Memorial Day Wkend; 6/6-8: Racefest IX; 6/13-14: Rhythm & Blues Festival; 6/27-28: Celtic Music Festival. For more info: 1-800-SNOWING or www.timberlinerresort.com

WV NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE CIRCLE 1-3pm, 2nd Sat of each month, at RCCAC, Elkins. All welcome. 637-5290 FREE

WV PUBLIC BROADCASTING: Radio & TV. Tune us in for whatever you're looking for in the arts. www.wvpubcast.org