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ALLEGHENY REGIONAL FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY Explore your genealogy! Wed 1-4; Sat 10-2; or by appt. 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. Open Mon-Sat 11a-4p; Sun 1-4p. (Closed all federal holidays) 457-4846 or 457-5207

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 available. Guided town tours by appt. 637-7424

- **CHENOWETH HOUSE** Beverly, next to bridge. After Memorial Day: Weekdays 1 - 5; Sat 10-5; Sun 1:30-5; or by appt. 636-1953
- **GOFF HOUSE** Former Civil War Union Hospital. Main St., Beverly. Th-Mon 10-5, 637-1180 or 637-7424
- **RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM** Summer hours: Fri & Sat 11-4. Call for group tours (Adults\$3/students\$1) Also, Stalnaker Log House & Subscription School open by special arrangement. Main St. Beverly. 636-2650 or 636-1953
- **RICH MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER** Open Mon-Fri 9-4. Call for wkend appt. 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 in Randolph County. Open only by appt. or on special holidays: Call 924-6435

MOUNTAINEER MILITARY MUSEUM located in historic Weston Colored School, 345 Center Ave. in Weston. Open Sat. 10a-5p, Call for mid-week appts: 472-3943 *Experience the Promise!*

PEARL BUCK BIRTHPLACE Museum & Gift Shop. May-October open Mon-Sat 9-4:30. Rt. 219 Hillsboro (Pocahontas Co.) Tours: \$6/\$5/\$1. Info: 304-653-4430

SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER Open daily 9-4:30. Live music & craft demos most Sat pms, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Call for schedule of exhibits & other special events: 567-2827. Seneca Rocks, at junction of Rts. 33, 55, 28 in Pendleton Co.

TUCKER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM Summer hours start in June: Sundays 2-4p, or by appt. 301 Chestnut St., Parsons. Call 478-3074 or 3410

WV MUSEUM OF AMERICAN GLASS in Weston. A museum dedicated to our nation's rich glass heritage. Thousands of products, including Nat'l Marble Museum Collection. Also, research library open to public. Summer Hours: 12 - 4p. every day. 230 Main Ave, Weston. Info: 269-5006, (wvmag.bglances.com)

EXHIBITS

MOUNTAINMADE GALLERY in Thomas features a joint exhibit with painters Michael Doig of Elkins and Kendall Fridley of Arthurdale in May. June's exhibit will be the works of acrylic painter Charlotte Gerlach of Lost Creek. See examples of their work online at: www.mountainmade.com

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER MEMBERS EXHIBIT in Great Hall Gallery 5/8-6/30. Maggi Rhudy Solo Exhibit in Maxwell Gallery through 6/30. Corner of Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. Hrs./Info: 637-2355, www.randolpharts.org

SENECA TRAIL ARTISTS GUILD Members Show. 4/4-4/18. Elkins Federal Bldg, Post Office Lobby. Info: 478-2303 or 823-1863

LESSONS & WORKSHOPS

ALLEGHENY ECHOES Annual Workshops June 22-26 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 listings) Advance regist. encouraged. Catalog & info: www.alleghenyechoes.com or 799-7121

AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER of Davis & Elkins College offers 5 weeks of workshops & mini-classes (great for locals) in music, dance, crafts & folklore. Also, Elderhostel programs. Summer Session: July 5 - Aug. 8. Info/Regist: www.augustaheritage.com or call for catalog: 304-637-1209.

THE DANCE FACTORY Summer Arts Program begins June 15th featuring classes in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern & gymnastics. Introducing our new Enchanted Ballet camps for children ages 3 to 6. Also offering musical theatre & dance workshops with guest artists. Call now to register: 472-8291 or visit www.dancefactorywv.com for more info. 107 W. Main St, Buckhannon.

MOUNTAINMADE STUDIO WORKSHOPS in Thomas. 5/16: 10a-noon: *Kids Rug Hooking Adventure* 1-5p: *Rug-Hooking, A Taste Test* both taught by Susan Feller of Ruckman Mill Farm. 5/23-24: 10a-5p: *Stained Glass - How to Repair Existing Piece/Open Studio* w/ Lynn Gundry. Open Pottery Studio (peer-led): Wed. 6-9p. Experienced artists may use any of Mountainmade's Studios (ceramic, glass, fiber, jewelry, & print/paper/bookbinding) for a small fee. Pre-registration required.) All Studios *except Pottery* have moved to MM Gallery on Douglas Road. Pottery Studio is still in rear of Country Store, Front St. in Thomas. Save 5% by registering online at 463-3355 or www.mountainmade.com

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL offers day & evening pottery workshops on Wed: 10a-12:30p & 6:30-9p. Also classes in drawing, pen & ink, soft pastel, watercolor & oil painting, at the *Little Yellow House* in Dunmore, Rt. 28. Class info: 304-456-4600 or www.pocahontasarts.org.

YOUTH ARTS CAMP June 22-26, sponsored by Barbour County Arts & Humanities Council in Philippi. Crafts, music, writing & more for ages 9 - 12, Barbour Co. residents only - space limited to 40. FREE. Pre-registration Required in May. Call Michele Moore: 457-4323

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

BARBOUR COUNTY

ADALAND MANSION built in 1870, on National Register. With historic barn & heritage gift shop. Open for tours: W, Th & Sat 11-5; Sun 1-5. Adm \$5, under 12 free. 4 miles N of Philippi on WV 76. Info, event bookings & directions: 457-1587 or 2415.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

POCAHONTAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL's *Little Yellow House* offers classes in wheel-thrown pottery, drawing, pen & ink, soft pastel, watercolor & oil painting. Info: www.pocahontasarts.org or call 304-456-4600. Located on Rt 28, 1/4 mile south of the Rt 28 / Rt 92 intersection, Dunmore.

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 Augusta's Pickin' Indoors & In the Park* and *LESSONS*) Elkins. 637-1209 or www.augustaheritage.com. **NOTE:** Augusta office has moved to Hermanson Center of Davis & Elkins College. Catalogs may be picked up there.

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. 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 10a-5p; 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. M-Th 5-9, Fri & Sat 5-10. On Kelly Mtn Rd, just off Rte 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 College campus in Elkins. Dinners: Wed-Sat 5:30-9; Sunday Brunch: 11:30-2. STARTING May 27: Lunch on the terrace Wed-Fri, 11:30-1. Also: conferences, retreats, special events & catering. Info, bookings & 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. Open 9-5 M - Fri; 9-12 Sat. 220 Third St., Elkins. 636-7691

THE SIX WEEK BODY MAKE-OVER designed to help you take 1st steps to a new you! Personalized work out & diet w/ weekly assessments. Work out on your own time schedule w/ access to full gym & all classes at Total Training Fitness Center on the Glenmore Loop in Elkins. Info: 636-0322

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 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.

BLACKWATER OUTDOOR ADVENTURES in St. George offering Whitewater Rafting, Canoeing, Kayaking, Camping, Fishing & Tubing on the scenic Cheat and Tygart Rivers. New: guided Fly fishing tours. Contact: 304-478-3775 or raftboa@frontiernet.net or www.blackwateroutdoors.com

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, featuring fine art & craft by nearly 600 WV artists. Visit www.mountainmade.com or two retail locations in historic Thomas. Open daily 10-5. (Also see MM Studio Workshops in *Lessons & Workshops*) 1-877-MTN-MADE or 463-3355

THE WHITE ROOM Art Gallery featuring local artists and dedicated to original, eclectic, & thought-provoking works of art including beadwork, paintings, pottery, photography, pen & ink drawings, even a salon for artistic conversations. Open wkends & some weekdays -- 10a-5:30p. 14 Front St. in Thomas. Info: 304-621-2008.

WVHIGHLANDS ARTISANS GALLERY Fine art, photography, jewelry, wood, textiles, leather, glass, scents, candles, soaps, baskets, pottery, notecards & more. Open 10 - 5; closed Tues-Wed. 487 William Ave, across from Sirianni's, in Davis. 304-259-5411

UPSHUR COUNTY

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. Friday eves. at 7:30pm. Limited seating. 33 E. Main St. (X from Dairy Queen), Buckhannon. For features, times, reservations, mailing list: 473-1818

WHIMSICAL TREASURES A unique gift & home de'cor shop w/ items ranging from traditional to whimsical. Featuring regional hand-crafted items: soy candles, stained glass, lotions & goats milk soaps, textiles, furniture & more. M-Sat 9a-7p. Main St. Buckhannon 304-472-5186

ONGOING EVENTS

AMERICAN MOUNTAIN THEATER The show everyone is talking about, featuring a variety of family friendly music & comedy! It's like Branson in your backyard! Doors open 6:30p, Showtime: 7:30p at new theater in historic downtown Elkins railyard. May: Thur-Sat. June: Wed-Sat. Adm: Adult/\$22, Senior/\$20, Child/\$12. Call for reservations: 304-630-3040 or 800-943-3670.

AUGUSTA'S PICKIN' INDOORS & IN THE PARK sponsored by Augusta Heritage Center (637-1209) Wednesday evenings 7-10p. acoustic bluegrass & old-time jam sessions open to all. Join a jam, start one of your own, or just come and listen. No alcoholic beverages or smoking. Thru 5/20: Hermanson Center Lounge, D&E College, Elkins. 5/27 - summer: in Elkins City Park. Bring lawn chairs. FREE

BRAZENHEAD INN in Mingo (Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe) features live music on Sat. nights. (See 5/28-30: *Robin Kessinger Festival* & 6/12-13 *Music in the Mtns*) Music updates at: www.brazenheadinn.com.

CANAAN VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Tucker Co.) Visitor Center with exhibits & information. Also, books & gifts. Visitor Center open Sat. & some weekdays. For hrs, details about 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. All interested in weaving welcome. 6p. at Ben's Old Loom Barn in Canaan Valley. More info: 227-4390 or 866-273

CASS SCENIC RAILROAD opening May 22 (see dated listing) with daily rides to Whittaker Station & the top of Bald Knob. "Fiddles & Vittles" Dinner Trains most Saturdays thru Sept. with live bluegrass, homestyle buffet meal & great mountain scenery. Reserv. Required: 304-456-4300. Online schedule: www.cassrailroad.com

DURBIN & GREENBRIER VALLEY SCENIC RR Three excursion trains traveling thru 100+ miles of WV's best mountain scenery. For railroad souvenirs & gifts, visit our Rail & Trail store in the Elkins Depot or in Durbin. Call for schedule, reserv, charter info: Toll free, 1-877-MTN RAIL or www.mountainrail.com

ELKINS COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY Hosts a family-friendly square/contra dance to live music, most months Nov-June. (See 5/9 & 6/13) All dances taught. Beginners, singles, potluck snacks all welcome. 7:30p. at Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave, Elkins. More info: 637-3501

ELKINS FARMERS MARKET every Saturday May 23 - Oct.31, 9am-noon, Elkins Town Square behind Train Depot. Fresh vegetables, eggs & meat, baked goods, canned goods, other kitchen products. Rain or shine. Info: 823-2960 or randolphcountygotr.org/farm

HEALTHWAYS SILVERSNEAKERS FITNESS PROGRAM presented by Total Training Fitness Center on the Glenmore Loop in Elkins. This program is designed for older adults & 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 (May 2, June 6) 8p-midnight, Red Hall or Community Hall. Call for info: 924-6435 or dave@helvetiawv.com

MOUNTAIN WEAVERS GUILD meets 3rd Sat. of each month at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 302 1st St. in Elkins. Spinners, weavers, basket-makers welcome. 227-4390

PENDLETON COUNTY SQUARE DANCE Every 1st Saturday night of month (in May, no dance at Clinton-Hedrick as there is square dancing in Franklin during the Annual Spring Fest the first wknd in May) June 6: Anytime after 7p. music will start when band arrives. Clinton-Hedrick Community Bldg.

POCAHONTAS ARTS COUNCIL holds day & evening pottery workshops: Wed: 10a-12:30p & 6:30-9p. Located in Dunmore at the *Little Yellow House*, Rt. 28, 1/4 mile south of Rts. 28/92 intersection. www.pocahontasarts.org or 304-456-4600.

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

RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG CONCERT 3rd Wed each month (5/20 & 6/17). Bring your lunch & enjoy live music, Noon-1p, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

SENECA TRAIL ARTISTS GUILD Monthly mtgs, newcomers welcome! 2nd Mon of each month, 5:30p, Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Elkins. 338-2502 or 339-6309

WV NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE CIRCLE 1-3p, 2nd Sat of each month, at Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Elkins. All welcome. 637-5290 FREE

MAY

DON'T FORGET!

2009 GARLIC MUSTARD CHALLENGE hosted by Monongahela National Forest and AFHA. A great opportunity to volunteer your time to help keep West Virginia wild by removing one of the most invasive species found in the mountain state. Events will occur on May 9 at Watoga State Park, May 16 at Pocahontas County 4-H Camp, and May 23 at Summit Lake. Info: eburks@fs.fed.us or www.afha.us/garlic_mustard/index.html or 636-1890, X224 Make a difference and make new friends! Bring work gloves & drinking water.

WEDNESDAYS: Augusta's Pickin' Indoors (thru 5/20) & Pickin' in the Park (starts 5/27) Jam sessions open to all, 7-10p. Hermanson lobby & lounge, D&E College, Elkins. Outdoor venue – Elkins City Park. 637-1209

FRIDAYS: Lascaux Micro-Theater Art & foreign films, Buckhannon. Showtime: 7:30p. (See *Other Opps, Upshur*) 473-1818

WEEKENDS: Purple Fiddle Live music & more in Thomas. (see *Ongoing*) www.purplefiddle.com or 463-4040

1– 3 5th ANNUAL SPRING FEST in Pendleton County: Trophy Trout Rodeo, Fish Fry, Music, Food, Crafts, Flea Market, Children's Field Day Activities, Square Dancing, Pageant, Taxidermy Show & much more in and around the Franklin Area. Info: 358-3884 or www.visitpendleton.com

1 CHEAT RIVER MASSACRE-ENCE Paddle or watch this challenging whitewater Race sponsored by Friends of the Cheat. Mass Start: 5p. Register 1 – 4p. at Cheat Fest main entrance, Albright (Preston Co.) Info: 329-3621

2 CHEAT RIVER FESTIVAL Watershed Celebration to benefit Friends of the Cheat in their efforts to restore, preserve & promote the Cheat watershed. Featuring live bluegrass, oldtime, Celtic & folk music, kids' programs, great food & paddlegear vendors, artist market, educational booths & more. 1-11p. in Cheat Campground on Rt. 26 near Albright (Preston Co.) \$15 (under 12 free w/ adult). Buy \$10 advance ticket by calling 329-3621 or online at www.cheat.org

2 CITY-WIDE YARD & SIDEWALK SALE 8a – 3p in Philippi. Tables on courthouse square & around town. Pick up maps at Courthouse Square, Info: 457-3700 X226

2 FAMILY TRAIL DAY at Blackwater Falls State Park & Canaan Valley Resort. 8 mile walk between Blackwater Falls & CVR State Parks. Shorter walks also. Co-sponsored by WV Scenic Trails Assoc. Info: 304-259-5216

2 BACKYARD CHILI COOK-OFF in Buckhannon. Cooking starts 9a; Sampling, contests & games at 12:30p. To register a team or for info: 304-472-2868 or 304-472-1651 X 124 or cvb@ci.buckhannon.wv.us. Grandprize: over-night stay & entry fee to Snowshoe's Fire on the Mountain Chili Cook-off in July.

2 - 3 TRILLIUM ARTS GUILD's 4th Annual Spring Exhibit & Sale. Quality arts, crafts & concessions. Free admission & live music. Sat: 10a-4p; Sun: 12-4p. Take Snowbird Rd. exit off Hwy. 50 to Doddridge Co. Park, 1 mile south of Smithburg. Info: 304-873-1511

3 RED SPRUCE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION Join Highlands Conservancy, Wildlife Refuge Staff & other volunteers in a group effort to restore this high elevation forest by planting red spruce & balsam fir trees. Rain or Shine – dress for weather, bring gloves. Tools & lunch provided. Meet 10a. at Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 (Tucker Co.) Info: 866-3858

4 – 18 SENECA TRAIL ARTISTS GUILD Members Show. Elkins Federal Bldg, Post Office Lobby. Info: 478-2303 or 823-1863

8 – 10 ELKINS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE presents "High School Musical" Fri & Sat: 7p. Sun: 2p. matinee. Tickets \$5 available at www.ElkinsDrama.com or call 304-591-1142. Presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

8 – 10 ANNUAL WV WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE at Blackwater Falls State Park. Interpretive bird walks, wildflower tours, nature programs, flower & bird identification workshops, crafts. Advance Reservations required: 304-259-5216

8 - 10 WILD,WONDERFUL WINE WEEKEND at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Join wine and food experts as they lead you on a wine & culinary adventure. Activity fees charged or lodging package available. Info: www.canaanresort.com or 304-866-4121.

9 ECDS Square & Contra Dance with live music by John Gallagher & Scott Prouty. All dances taught. Potluck snacks. All welcome, hosted by Elkins Country Dance Society (See *Ongoing*) \$5adults/\$3 students, under 12 Free. 7:30p. at RCC Arts Center, Randolph Ave & Park St. in Elkins. 637-3501 to confirm.

9 – 10 MOTHERS DAY FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL Sat. 2p: Join us in honoring our 2009 "Mother of the Year" Also crafts, museum tours, music, food & more. Evening concert "in the park" All events at Ocean Pearl Felton Park, across from Anna Jarvis Birthplace in Webster Community, 5 mi. south of Grafton (Taylor Co.) Info: annajarvishouse.com or 304-265-5549

10 BUCKHANNON CHORAL SOCIETY presents songs by Jerome Kern, including *O! Man River, I Won't Dance, Make Believe*, plus the comical Texas parody cantata *Oedipus Tex* by P.D. Q Bach (Prof. Peter Schickele). This light-hearted performance will be held in Wesley Chapel, WV Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, at 3p. Tix at door

13 – 17 WEST VIRGINIA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL in downtown Buckhannon. Food, contests, juried arts show, quilt & crafts shows, 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: call 304-472-9036 or wvstrawberryfestival.com

16 SPRING BIRD WALK led by Casey Rucker. Meet 7a. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) Bring drinking water, binocs. Info: 866-3858

16 “SMOKIN’ IN THE VALLEY” – REGIONAL CHILI COOK-OFF at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Sanctioned by the International Chili Society. All category winners advance to WCCC 2009. Artist & crafter displays. Lodging/Information: www.canaanresort.com or 304-866-4121

16 VALLEY VIBES: CREATURES OF THE NIGHT presented by biologists Marquette Crockett and Michael Welch. Starting indoors at 7p. with audio-visual, then proceeding outdoors to listen for night creatures in the field. CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley. Info: 866-3858

16 RCCAC EVENING CONCERT 7:30. Phil Wiggins & Friends. Renowned blues artists Phil Wiggins and Rick Franklin at the Randolph Co. Community Arts Center. Tix: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors. \$5/Students. 304-637-2355 or www.randolpharts.org

17 TIMBER FLUTE FESTIVAL BENEFIT CONCERT featuring Wendell Dobbs on flute and Julio Alvez on guitar. Tix: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors, \$5/Students. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center: 304-637-2355 or www.randolpharts.org.

20 RCCAC BROWN BAG CONCERT Bring your lunch & enjoy the music of Scott Green and Seth Maynard. Free noon concert sponsored by Davis Trust Company at Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Elkins. 304-637-2355 or www.randolpharts.org

22 CASS SCENIC RAILROAD STATE PARK OPENING DAY – with daily runs through fall. Stop by the Cass Company Store for a great souvenir and enjoy our free interpretive programs throughout the season. Also “The Murder of Lumberjack Johnny Parker” will be performed as part of the Murder Mystery Dinner Train departing at 5p. – Reservations Required: 304-456-4300

22 – 23 POCAHONTAS COUNTY DRAMA WORKSHOP presents Ed Simpson’s comedy *The Comet of St. Loomis* about cosmic forces at work in a small town motor court. 8p. at Pocahontas Co. Opera House. Tix: \$7 at the door. 653-4514

22 – 24 Webster County WOODCHOPPING FESTIVAL features the Southeastern U.S. World Championship. Fri: WV State Fireman’s Rodeo at 8p. followed by outdoor concert. Sat: Lumberjack Breakfast 6a, 5K Race @ 8a. Woodchopping Elims. begin at 9a., Grand Feature Parade, Arts & Crafts, car-truck-motorcycle shows, “Stoney Run Band” @ 8:30p; Woodchoppers Dance from 10p-2a. Sun: State Turkey Calling Contest & Horseshoe Tournaments, Woodchopping Finals, Gospel Sing at 7 & Fireworks @ 9p. All events around Bakers Island Recreation Area & Webster Springs Elem. School. Info/Registr: 304-847-7666 and www.woodchoppingfestival.com or email: info@woodchoppingfestival.com

23 ELKINS FARMERS MARKET Opening Day 9a-noon. Fresh produce, eggs, meat, baked & canned goods. Rain or shine at Elkins Town Square, Railyard behind train depot. Info: 823-2960 or randolphcountrygotr.org/farm o

23 FIDDLES & VITTLLES DINNER TRAIN at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. Take a ride back into simpler times with this evening train ride to Whittaker Station. Includes a great buffet dinner & live bluegrass band. Reservations required: 304-456-4300

23 – 24 MOUNTAINEER HORSESHOE CLASSIC at Buckhannon National Guard Armory. An indoor, non-sanctioned horseshoe pitching tournament open to all ages & playing levels. Join us for this family fun event! More info/register by April 30: 304-472-1651 X 124 or email cvbb@ci.buckhannon.wv.us

28 – 30 ROBIN KESSINGER FESTIVAL & GUITAR CONTEST at BrazenHead Inn in Mingo (Randolph Co.) Study guitar with WV flat-picker Dan Kessinger, songwriting w/ Kate Long, or guitar & songwriting w/ Todd Hallawell. Also, guitar picking contest Sat. open to first 20 contestants who register (\$10 fee). Great prizes including 1st place Sam Watts guitar & several cash awards. Festival performances 5:30 - 10p. Fri & Sat open to public (\$10) in outdoor pavilion. Festival seating – bring blankets or lawn chairs. All-Star line-up: Alan Freeman, Kate Long, Wayne Henderson, Dan Kess, Todd Hallawell, Steve Kaufman, Joe Dobbs, Robin Kessinger & Friends. Info/Registr: www.brazenheadinn.com or call 304-339-6917. Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe.

28 – 31 ANNUAL BLUE & GRAY REUNION in Philippi (Barbour Co.) Commemorating the Civil War’s first land battle: historic re-enactments, exhibits & demos, entertainment at the bandstand, quilt show, arts & crafts, food & more. 457-5183 eves. or 457-4265

30 CHEAT/POTOMAC DISTRICT FISHING DERBY sponsored by US Forest Service, WV DNR & local businesses. Casting contests, games, fishing, photo opps & fun for pre-school – age 15. Horseshoe Run Recreation Area. Follow signs from Rt. 72, near St. George in Tucker County. Info: 478-2000 X136

30 RIVERSIDE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DESSERT - A-V presentation on history of the Riverside School in Elkins with variety of desserts served. 7:30p. at RC Community Arts Center, Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. \$10/person to benefit renovation of Riverside School. Info: 924-2292

JUNE

DON'T FORGET!

WEDNESDAYS: Augusta's Pickin' in the Park Jam sessions open to all, 7-10p. Elkins City Park. 637-1209

FRIDAYS: Lascaux Micro-Theater Art & foreign films, Buckhannon. Showtime: 7:30p. (See *Other Opps, Upshur*) 473-1818

WEEKENDS: Durbin & Greenbrier Valley RR Scenic rail excursions! (See *Ongoing*) Special Sunday Beverly run during Lemuel Chenoweth Days (6/21) Reservation: 1-877-MTN-RAIL. www.mountainrail.com

Purple Fiddle Live music & more in Thomas. (see *Ongoing*) www.purplefiddle.com or 463-4040

5 – 7 **THIRD ANNUAL SOUTHERN BOREAL BIRD FESTIVAL** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park. Canaan Valley is the ideal habitat for many bird species normally found further north in the North American continent. Daily walks, workshops, and guest speakers. Lodging/Information: www.canaanresort.com or 304-866-4121

6 **WV R.A.V.E. (River And Valley Excursion) BIKE TOUR** Registration begins June 5, 5 pm at Camp Caesar (No registr. day of ride) Ride begins Sat at 7:30 am at Camp Caesar in Webster County. 3 courses: 50 miles, 75 miles & 100 miles. Registr fee: \$50 includes Sat. evening meal & souvenir. Lodging Package: \$50 includes 2 nights lodging at Camp Caesar with Friday evening meal and Saturday morning breakfast. Ride info: www.visitwebsterwv.com or 304-226-3761. Lodging info: 304-226-3888 or www.campcaesar@frontiernet.net Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Nicholas and Webster Counties

6 **YARD SALE** at Shiloh Baptist Church, 5th St. in Elkins 8a-4p. to benefit renovation of Riverside School in Elkins. Anyone having items to donate, contact Alice at 924-2292

12 – 13 **MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS** at BrazenHead Inn in Mingo. Fri eve: parking lot picking sessions; Sat. 4-9p: Concert in outdoor pavilion features: *Wild Rumpus, Rust Kings, Gypsy Dave & the Stumpjumpers, Mike Morningstar & Rick Roberts, Grayson Samples*, & more! Festival seating – bring blankets or lawn chairs – NO pets! Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe. Info/lodging reserv: 339-6917 or www.brazenheadinn.com

13 **BREEDING BIRDS WALK** led by Casey Rucker. Meet 7a. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) Bring water & binocs. Info: 866-3858 (FREE)

13 **FLY FISHING CLASS** taught by Mike Snyder & sponsored by Augusta Heritage Center. Rods, reels, and flies supplied. \$100 (does not include license). Register online: www.augustaheritage.com, drop in, or call 304-637-1209.

13 **ECDS Square & Contra Dance** with music by Mary Caraher & friends, calling by Joyce Rossbach. All dances taught. Potluck snacks. All welcome, hosted by Elkins Country Dance Society (see *Ongoing*) \$5adults/\$3 students, under 12 Free. 7:30p. at RCC Arts Center, Randolph Ave & Park St. in Elkins. 637-3501 to confirm.

17 **RCCAC BROWN BAG CONCERT.** Free noon concert sponsored by Davis Trust Company at Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park and Randolph Ave. 304-637-2355 or go to www.randolpharts.org

18 – 20 **WV STATE FOLK FESTIVAL** in Glenville (Gilmer Co.) Annual celebration of Appalachian folklife: music, dance, song & crafts. Features many West Virginia musicians & artists. Craft vendors & Other Info: 462-5000 or wvfolkfestival.org

19 **SNAPPING TURTLES** program led by wildlife biologist Ed Michael, author of "A Valley Called Canaan." 6-9pm at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) Info: 866-3858. FREE

19 **RICH MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION** presents historian Dr Thomas Lowery speaking on "Sex in the Civil War" 7p. at Beverly Heritage Center. Info: www.richmountain.org or 304-637-7424

19 - 21 **WV DAYS CELEBRATION** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Civil War re-enactment, battlefield & surgery demos and authentic encampment. Artists & crafters. Lodging/Info: www.canaan-resort.com or 304-866-4121

20 **WEST VIRGINIA's 146th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!** Cake & ice cream at the Beverly Heritage Center. 10am-4pm. Museum and exhibits open. Info: www.historicbeverly.org or 304-637-7424

20 **WEST VIRGINIA DAY** at **BLACKWATER FALLS** features Irish Road Bowling, traditional mountain music by *The Lilly Mountaineers* (8pm concert - \$5/person) and crafts at Nature Center. Details: 269-5100 for Road Bowling. Info/Lodging: blackwaterfalls.com or 304-259-5216

20 **SMOKIN' ON THE TYGART** Philippi Main Street's 11th Annual Chili Cook-Off. 11:30am: Cooks Parade; Noon: Cook-off begins (adv registration required, forms at Philippi City Hall or call) 3:15: Tasting, Judging. Also entertainment, games, motorcycle poker run, all in downtown Philippi (Barbour Co.) 457-3700 X226

20 **VALLEY VIBES** 7p. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) FREE Info: 866-3858

20 – 21 **LEMUEL CHENOWETH DAYS** Learn about this famous bridge builder and enjoy Living History w/ Confederate troop encampment on the banks of the Tygart River. Sat: Cemetery dedication ceremony; Sun: special train from Elkins to Beverly (Info/Res: 877-MTN-RAIL or www.mountainrail.com) Lemuel Chenoweth House Museum, Beverly. 636-1953

21 - 26 **TIMBERFLUTE FESTIVAL** A week-long celebration of the wooden flute. Workshops, concerts, dances at the Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Elkins. For event listing, call 637-2355 or go to www.randolpharts.org

22 – 26 **ALLEGHENY ECHOES** Music Workshops in Marlinton (see *Lessons*) Evening events open to public are Tues. Square Dance; Wed: Creative Writing Master Reading; Thurs. Student Concert; Fri: Staff Concert. 7pm at Pocahontas County Opera House, public invited. FREE (donations welcome). 799-7121 or 1-800-336-7009 or www.alleghenyechoes.com

22 – 26 **YOUTH ARTS CAMP** at Philippi Middle School, sponsored by Barbour County Arts & Humanities Council in Philippi. Crafts, music, writing & more for ages 9 – 12, Barbour Co. residents only – space limited to 40. Lunch provided. FREE. Pre-registration Required in May. Call Michele Moore: 457-4323

- 26 – 28 LITTLE LEVELS HERITAGE FAIR in Hillsboro (Pocahontas Co.)
 Sat 2-4: Pearl Buck's Birthday (see 6/27 below) Also, Bands, old-time music, heritage crafts, quilts. Info: 653-8563 or 1-800-336-7009
- 27 PEARL BUCK'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 9a-4p: Museum tours; 2-4p: Birthday Party including WV Writers Fair. Rt. 219 Hillsboro (Pocahontas Co.) 653-4430 or 1-800-336-7009
- 27 WV MUSEUM OF AMERICAN GLASS: BOTTLE SHOW Open to public 9a-2p with Sales, Trading & Exhibits. Free bottle ID & appraisals. FREE admission! WV Museum of American Glass, 230 Main Ave, Weston (Lewis Co.) 269-5006
- 27 WILDLIFE REFUGE BLOCK PARTY Join a throng of helpful neighbors who volunteer for many of our restoration efforts. Barbeque and general merriment with whatever music & fun you care to bring. Info: 866-3858



July Preview

- 3 – 4 ELKINS CAR SHOW, COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWDOWN & FIREWORKS Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce hosts the Mtn. State Street Machines 25th Anniversary Car Show on Fri, July 3rd. Cars will arrive between 5-9p and be in Elkins City Park thru Sunday. Sat: 4p-dark: 4th of July Celebration includes military display & fly-over (5:15), & Colgate Country Music Showdown 7-9p. Fireworks at dark. Bring blankets, lawnchairs. Lower campus & hillside of Davis & Elkins College. Concessions available. Info: 636-2717
- 4 BARBOUR COUNTY'S ANNUAL SALUTE TO THE TROOPS at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. Gates open 3:30p. for food, games, entertainment, contests. 6p: Veterans Ceremony, Fireworks at dark! Free admission & parking, contributions welcome. Info: 457-1958
- 4 – 5 WINDFEST at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County). Fun for the whole family with Wings over Washington Kite Club. Kite flying demos, construction workshops & more. Lodging/Information: www.canaanresort.com or 304-866-4121
- 6 – 10 32nd ANNUAL HERBS WORKSHOP led by Marion Harless. Daytrip to Dolly Sods. Conservation-oriented, wild & tame herbs. Eat, drink, make & take items home. www.augustaheritage.com
- 17 – 19 BATTLE OF LAUREL HILL RE-ENACTMENT features 3 days of exciting activities. Schedule of events: www.battleoflaurelhill.org or call 823-3327
- 18 RIVERSIDE BLUES FEST 1st Annual fundraising Blues Fest to help renovate Riverside School on River Street in Elkins. 11a-9p. Food, Exhibits, Music by *Dennis McClung Band, Freddy & the Blue Faze, Appalachian Jazz Project* & more. Info: 924-2292

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.

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