

Event Listing

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EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 2015

Sept. 25: Japanese Film Series "The Makioka Sisters." This beautiful film chronicles the activities of four sisters who gather in Kyoto every year to view the cherry blossoms. 6-9 PM. Maridon Museum, 322 N. McKean St., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

***Sept. 25-27, Oct. 1-4: The Music Man** - Experiencing a fully-produced, full-cast musical is a unique and unforgettable experience in our intimate venue. Extravagant sets and top-shelf production values. 8 PM on Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 1-3. 2 PM on Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. \$40/reserve seating, \$30/limited or obstructed view, \$30/with Broadway on Main subscription. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Sept. 26: Home Run for Health. Come enjoy this free event for the family featuring give-a-ways, kids' games, activities, fitness activities, health screening, and educational information on Lyme Disease, Heart Disease, Cancer, Diabetes and skin care. 10 AM-4 PM. Kelly Automotive Park, 100 Pullman Park Place, Butler. 724-283-0116. <https://pullmanpark.wordpress.com>.

Sept. 26: Echoes of the Past. Join The Butler County Symphony as we present 'Echoes of the Past' featuring guest artists Bill Purvis, Jim Pugh and Steve Heyde. Selections will range from blues and jazz to orchestral. \$22. 7:30-10:30 PM. Community Alliance Church, Mercer Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. butlersymphony.org.

Sept. 26: Cranberry Highlands Two-Person Best Ball Tournament. Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. 5601 Freshcorn Rd., Cranberry Twp. 724-776-7372. www.cranberryhighlands.com.

Sept. 26: "Bodiography" Performance at Succop Theatre. Bodiography Contemporary Ballet (BCB) offers its audiences a union of many eclectic movement styles, solidly supported by classical ballet technique. 8 PM. BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Sept. 26: Mars Home for Youth Foundation Harvest Open House. Crafts, exhibits, tours, inflatables, face painting, raffles, games, hayrides, entertainment, giveaways, complimentary food and beverages. Free. 11 AM-3 PM. 521 Rte. 228, Mars. 724-625-3141. <http://mhfamilyservices.org>.

***Sept. 26-27: Echoes from our Past - Historic Cemetery Walk.** Brings history to life through costumed actors assuming the intriguing characters of Butler County's ancestors in the midst of the beautiful grounds of the North Side Cemetery. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy these beautiful grounds and learn about the people who contributed to the area's rich and unique history. Wear your walking shoes. Butler County Historical Society. 724-283-8116. www.butlerhistory.com.

Sept. 27: Alameda Park Festival. Fishing tournament, car cruise, The Toot and Scoot 5K, and craft and vendor show. Free. Award-winning youth fishing tournament (yes, we have live fish in Alameda Pool), along with games, a petting zoo, mini pony rides, face painting, inflatable jump castles and slide, activities, music, prizes, and the Annual Alameda Fall Fest Car Cruise put on by Butler Pentastars Car Club. 9 AM-5 PM. 184 Alameda Park Rd., Butler. 724-284-5383. www.co.butler.pa.us.

Sept. 28: Beer Dinner at the Log Cabin Inn. Five courses paired with five beers. Served out on the patio. 6-9:30 PM. 430 Perry Hwy., Harmony. 724-452-4155. www.springfields.com.

Sept. 29: Beer Dinner at Rachel's Roadhouse. Featuring Fat Heads Brewery. 100 Fairfield Ln., Butler. 724-841-0333. www.springfields.com.

EVENTS – OCTOBER 2015

***Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 2-31: Haunted House and Corn Maze.** The Beacon Hotel, 231 Beacon Rd., Renfrew. 724-586-6233. www.gotothebeacon.com.

***Sunday afternoons Oct. 4-25: Petting Zoo and Pony Rides.** The Beacon Hotel, 231 Beacon Rd., Renfrew. 724-586-6233. www.gotothebeacon.com.

Oct. 1: Japanese Film Series - "Tora-san Meets the Songstress Again." Presented by Dr. Kenneth Harris of Slippery Rock University. "Disgruntled with his life in Tokyo as an established business man with a family, Hyodo escapes to Hokkaido to look for his high school love, with Tora-san in tow. On the way, Tora-san runs into the beautiful singer, Lily, who has divorced her husband since she last saw Tora-san. Can Tora-san hold onto her this time? 6:30-9 PM. The Maridon Museum, 322 N. McKean St., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

*events lasting more than one day



Welcome to Butler County!

While you're here, we hope you'll get out and explore the 790 miles we call home. From rustic and rural to festive and friendly, experiences await visitors of all types. Scenic and serene parks offer just about any outdoor activity you can think of, on water or land. Museums, art galleries, specialty shops, festivals, wineries, historic sites and golf courses can be found around every turn. The four seasons bring delightful changes, so you'll find something to fall in love with any time of the year. One of the best parts is – it's easy to get here! The Pennsylvania Turnpike, I-79, I-80 and Routes 422, 19 and 8 all run through the county. So stop reading and plan your Butler County getaway today!

Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau

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Like taking pictures?

So does Steve. He submitted his turkey image to the Butler County Photo Contest and now it's on the cover of our brochure! He also won a \$100 gift card! Be like Steve. Capture your favorite Butler County moments and upload them at www.VisitButlerCounty.com/PhotoContest. You can enter three per quarter for your chance to win!

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"Just north of Pittsburgh"

Turkey photo by Steve Soley.

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PENNSYLVANIA

***Saturday and Sundays through Oct. 23: Nautical Nature Pontoon Cruise on Lake Arthur.** Take a ride on Nautical Nature, a 37-passenger enclosed pontoon boat and Moraine State Park's premier attraction. Enjoy learning about the area's natural history and osprey reintroduction, while appreciating the unique scenery and wildlife on an exciting trip around Lake Arthur. \$14/adults, \$7/children 2-12. 1 & 3 PM. 118 North Shore Dr., Portersville. 724-368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org.

Oct. 2: Erie Chamber Orchestra Trio. 7:30 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***Oct. 2-4, 6-10: Butler Little Theatre presents "Blithe Spirit."** Novelist Charles Condomine, is remarried but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, Elvira, who is called up by a "happy medium," Madame Arcati. Charles' current wife, Ruth, is accidentally killed, "passes over," joins Elvira and the "blithe spirits" haunt Charles. Fri. & Sat. 8:15 PM, Sun. 2:30 PM, Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 PM. \$12. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blitgroup.org.

Oct. 3: Growing Up Wild Workshop: Exploring Nature with Young Children. Early childhood education activity guide that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. It provides a foundation for developing positive impressions about nature while also building lifelong social and cognitive skills. Workshop participants receive copy of guide and three Act 48 hours. Requires pre-registration. 9 AM-3 PM. Moraine Outdoor Center (North Shore), North Shore Dr., Portersville. 724-368-8811. visitparks.com

Oct. 3: 31st annual Mars Applefest. Join us in downtown Mars for a day of fun, food and shopping. Food, exhibitors, games, crafts and live entertainment will be presented on the main stage at the corner of Grand Ave. and Pittsburgh St. 10 AM-4 PM. <http://marsapplefest.com>.

Oct. 3: Butler County Symphony - Music with a Conscience. Welcome to our 67th season. This opening night performance will feature the music of classics like Rossini, Mozart and Shostakovich. Cahill Smith, piano. 7:30 PM. Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. www.butlersymphony.org.

Oct. 3: Concordia Oktoberfest. Concordia Lutheran Ministries Cabot campus is transformed into a site for fun, food, friends and family to enjoy the traditional German Oktoberfest. The day features German food, beer, polka band, KidsFest, hayrides and rummage sale, ending with Zambelli fireworks. 4-8 PM. 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot. 1-888-352-1571. www.concordialm.org.

Oct. 3: Family Fishing Fun. Join the PA Fish and Boat Commission at the Family Fishing Fun event at Alameda Waterpark. This program is family oriented and designed to teach basic fishing skills. Pre-registration required by Sept. 30. \$5. No fishing license required and fishing equipment will be provided. 1-4 PM. 184 Alameda Park Rd., Butler. 724-284-5383. www.co.butler.pa.us/parks-and-recreation.

***Oct. 3-4: Butler County Farm Tour.** The Farm Tour is back for 2015... bigger and better than ever! Join Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau as we get down on the farm. A multitude of locations will be open for touring, each with special activities and fun educational opportunities planned. The county will be divided into four regions. Event guides, which include maps of each region, can be picked up at any farm on the tour. Get the family together for a day of self-guided farming fun! This will be a great chance to learn where your food comes from and meet the friendly faces that work diligently to provide it. 866-856-8444. www.VisitButlerCounty.com/FarmTour.

***Oct. 3-4: Mini Cruises on Lake Arthur.** During the Butler County Farm Tour, four mini cruises will be held from 10 AM-4 PM on the hour. \$5/person. McDanel's Launch on the north shore of Moraine State Park, 225 Pleasant Valley Rd., Portersville. 724-368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org.

Oct. 3: Biggest Concert of the Year at Zelenople Community Park. Hear Dizzy Woosh and the Bastard Bearded Irishmen (a Pittsburgh-based Irish Rock Band). This is a must see end-of-the-year event! \$5. 7-11 PM. It will be held at the park's amphitheater. 402 E. Beaver St., Zelenople. 724-452-0231. www.myzeliepark.org.

***Oct. 3-4: Portersville Steam Show Fall Fling.** The Portersville Steam Show provides a large variety of activities for the whole family including a vintage village, saw mill, cider press, gas engines, oil field equipment, farm animals, train rides, steam engines, flea market, crafts, great food, kids' pedal tractor pulling, tractors, large traction engines, ice cream, tractor pulls, and a steam building. Portersville Steam Show Grounds, 1512 Perry Hwy., Portersville. 724-285-7038. www.portersvillesteamshow.org.

Oct. 4: 3rd Annual Mud Run at Zelenople Community Park. 402 E. Beaver St., Zelenople. 724-452-0231. www.myzeliepark.org.

Oct. 4: The Chef Tasting Party & Auction. A tasting event featuring a wide variety of appetizers, soups, sides, entrees, desserts, wines and beers. Guests stroll

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throughout the Mansion and grounds, sampling the offerings of some of the finest restaurants, caterers and food and beverage purveyors. Silent auction and ticket auctions offered. Suitable for adult guests, age 21 and above. 4 PM. \$40. Hosted by Community Care Connections. The Mansion, 141 Mansion Ln., Butler. 724.283.3198. www.communitycareconnect.org.

Oct. 4: Strike Out HD Wood's Warriors Bowl-for-a-Cure. \$20/adults, \$12/ages 6-12, Free/under age 6. Includes unlimited bowling, shoes, two slices of pizza and unlimited pop! You will be assigned to a team or form your own team of 4-6 bowlers. Pre-register by Sept. 28. Family Bowlaway Fun Ctr., 540 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-486-3044. www.familybowlaway.com.

Oct. 4: Nature Detectives: The Case of the Curious Caterpillars. Crack the case of the curious caterpillars during this fun, hands-on program designed for families with children 5 and older, and adults, too! Check out live caterpillars, go on a caterpillar hunt, and have a wooly bear race! 2 PM. This program is free but registration is required by October 2. Jennings Environmental Education Center, Slippery Rock. 724-794-6011. www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/jennings/index.htm.

***Oct. 5-11: Spinzilla at Darn Yarn Needles and Thread.** International yarn-spinning contest to see which team can spin the most yarn in a week's time. 253D Mercer St., Harmony. 724-473-0983. www.darnyarnneedlesandthread.us.

Oct. 6: Need An (Olive) Oil Change! Learn about modern production practices and how to identify and select quality olive oil. Probe the health benefits of this misunderstood oil and discover the creative ways to utilize it in your everyday diet and sample the varieties in season at the store. \$39 for class + \$20 for materials. Registration required. 6-9 PM. The Enchanted Olive, 120 N. Perry Hwy., Harmony. 724-287-8711 or 888-826-2829 ext. 8504. www.enchantedorolive.com.

***Oct. 9-11: Evans City Hallo-Weekends: Living Dead Weekend.** Activities include celebrity appearances, ghoul scavenger hunt, Night of the Living Dead movie screenings, fireworks, arts, crafts, horror stands, car cruise, George Romero movie scene tours and more! Throughout Evans City. www.evanscityhalloweekends.us.

***Oct. 9-11: Musical Theatre Guild's production of "RENT."** RENT tells the story of a group of impoverished friends struggling to survive and create in New York City's East Village in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City 1991. 7:30 PM on Oct. 9-10. 3 PM on Oct. 11. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-287-8243. mtgbutler.org.

***Oct. 10-27: Halloween Art Show featuring Sarah Huth and Pete Zogran.** Free. Bottlebrush Gallery and Center for the Arts, 539 Main St., Harmony. 724-452-0539. www.bottlebrusharts.com.

Oct. 10: Sleepy Hollow Festival - Harmony. Sponsored by the Harmony Business Assn. All day event with live music, trick-or-treat, a scavenger hunt, costume contests, face painting, ghost walks and more. Held in conjunction with the Zelenople-Harmony Fall Festival. Free. 11 AM-8 PM. 539 Main St, Harmony. 724-452-0539. www.bottlebrusharts.com.

Oct. 10: Celebrate 20 years of Watershed Restoration at Jennings. The Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition has worked to address water quality issues facing the Slippery Rock Creek and its tributaries. Over 15 miles of stream have been restored and billions of gallons of water cleaned. Kayak trips, hands-on family activities, stream stumps and wetland hikes. 9 AM and 4 PM. Jennings Environmental Education Center, Slippery Rock. 724-794-6011. www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/jennings/index.htm.

***Oct. 10-11: Zelig/Harmony Fall Festival.** Enjoy shopping our Zelenople and Harmony stores or enjoy a relaxing meal at one of our many fine dining establishments. Music, food, historic encampments, farmers' market, pony rides and farm pets, antiques, crafters, free rides in a horse-drawn trolley wagon, chili cook-off, kids activities, toy tractors/hobby show, shops, sidewalk sales, historical tours, art exhibits and sales, and lots of food. 724-452-5571. <http://fallfestival.zelie.us>.

Oct. 12: River of Raptors Program at Jennings "Migrating Hawks and Tropical Nature in Veracruz, Mexico." In autumn, many of the hawks that have spent the summer in the US & Canada migrate south. Expert naturalists Laura and Mike Jackson of Juniata Audubon Society have witnessed this spectacle and will share their adventure with us. They will also tell us about the tropical birds, butterflies and other wonders of the area surrounding this city on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico. Jennings Environmental Education Center, 2951 Prospect Rd., Slippery Rock. 7-9 PM. 814-732-0258. www.bartramianaudubon.org.

Oct. 15: Picnic in the Park. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy free live music at Succop Nature Park. Picnic time begins at 6 PM and live music starts at 7 PM. Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org.

Oct. 15: Collector's Series -"Hello Dolly," Ellen King, a long time antiques dealer and collector will discuss her long history of doll collecting including a Japanese Geisha Doll sent to her from Japan by her brother-in-law when she was 12 years old. Ellen welcomes her attendees to bring in a doll to share or ask questions. 7-8:30 PM. The Maridon Museum, 322 N. McKean St., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

Oct. 15: An Evening with Christopher Paul Stelling. Christopher Paul Stelling, singer/songwriter on tour. Rolling Stone magazine named Christopher as one of 10 new artists who need to be seen. \$10/advance, \$12/donor. BYOB. 7-9:30 PM. Butler Art Center, 344 S. Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. www.butlerartcenter.org.

Oct. 16: Great Pumpkin Festival. Pick your treats, make a craft, play spirited games, enjoy some munchies, and choose the perfect pumpkin! Designed for ages one to eight. Pre-registration required. \$9/non-residents, \$7/residents, free/children under 1 yr. 6-8 PM. Cranberry Twp. Municipal Ctr. Gym, 2525 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Twp. 724-776-4806. <http://pa-cranberrytownship2.civiciplus.com>.

Oct. 16: Alice Tan Ridley in Concert. From singing in the NYC subways to the big stage, an America's Got Talent finalist in 2010, gospel and R&B sensation Alice Tan Ridley has got it all: a powerful voice, extraordinary musicianship and an electrifying stage presence that brings audiences to their feet. \$22/adult, \$20/senior, \$18/youth, \$8/SRU student. 7:30 PM. Slippery Rock University, Multi-Purpose Room, 1 Morrow Way, Slippery Rock. 724-738-2018. www.rockalumnicafe.com/performingarts.

***Oct. 16-18: Autumn Splendor Tour.** Cruises at 11AM, 1 PM and 3 PM each day. Reservations suggested. \$14/adults, \$12/seniors, \$7/children. McDanel's Launch on the North Shore of Moraine State Park, 225 Pleasant Valley Rd., Portersville. 724-368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org.

Oct. 17: Murder Mystery Dinner. The Maridon Museum is planning a Clue-themed murder mystery dinner at The Mansion in Butler. \$40/person. Includes dinner, the show, and a signature cocktail. Reservations are required for the event. 6 PM. The Mansion, 141 Mansion Ln., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

Oct. 17: Spooky Halloween Dance. Special Needs Action Group of Cranberry Township (SNAG) invites our friends of ALL abilities 15 years and older to have a scream at this inclusive Halloween dance. Great music, dancing, munchies, a spooky keepsake and more are all included. Dress in your favorite costume and come out for a night of spooky fun. Register early as space is limited. All proceeds will benefit our special needs programs. \$5. Cranberry Twp. Municipal Ctr., 2525 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Twp. 724-779-4386. www.cranberrytwp.org.

Oct. 17: Fused Pendant Jewelry Making Class. Learn the simple process of joining silver shapes by heating several pieces to the melting point thereby fusing several surfaces together. Join us as we create "happy accidents" in jewelry design. With additional techniques, these pieces may be used to create pendants, earrings or rings. 1-5 PM. \$40 plus materials. Appalachian Rock Shop & Jewelry Emporium, 508A Perry Hwy., Harmony. 724-452-9356. www.appalachianrockshop.com.

Oct. 17: Cash & Cline. A Tribute to Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline. Terry Lee Goffee makes his third appearance with his popular Johnny Cash tribute concert, and is joined by another gifted tribute artist, Josie Waverly and her interpretation of country-western legend Patsy Cline! Exclusive area concert! 2 PM and 8 PM. \$23-33/ reserve seating. 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

***Oct. 17-18: Backpacking Trip for Women at Jennings Environmental Education Center.** Women are invited to join state park staff for an all-inclusive guided backpacking trip for beginners along the North Country Trail. Instruction, overnight accommodation in trailside shelters, all meals and snacks, and all backpacking gear are included. The pace and terrain will be moderate. Oct. 17 at 9 AM to Oct. 18 at 1 PM. \$50. Jennings Environmental Education Center, Slippery Rock. 724-794-6011. www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/jennings/index.htm.

***Oct. 17-18: Antiques & Artisans Festival at Whispering Pines Farm.** Biannual festival on our 34-acre farm with more than 50 antique and artisan vendors offering their wares. Live music, fabulous food, horse drawn carriage, horse communication demonstration. Sat. 9 AM-5 PM and Sun. 9 AM-4 PM. 201 Winsome Ln., Cabot. 724-568-PINE. www.whisperingpinesfarmpa.com.

Oct. 18: SRU Dance Dept. Shows. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Oct. 18: Harmony Museum's annual Pumpkin Pancake Brunch. Pumpkin and regular pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, maple syrup, fruit and beverages. Reservations suggested. 9 AM-1:30 PM. 218 Mercer St., Harmony. 724-452-7341. www.harmonymuseum.org.

Oct. 20: Oktoberfest Beer Dinner. 6:30-9:30 PM. \$40. Rachel's Roadhouse, 100 Fairfield Ln., Butler. 724-841-0333. www.springfields.com.

Oct. 23: The Pittsburgh Philharmonic: Music in Motion. Hear works that move our imaginations with Mozart's fantastic tale in the magic flute and inspire us to dance with a classic Strauss waltz. Music from the motion picture E.T. can lift our hearts and take a river journey with Smetana's Die Moldau. 8 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Oct. 23: Japanese Film Series "Kwaidan." Presented by Dr. William Covey of Slippery Rock University. A collection of four Japanese folk tales with supernatural themes. 6-9 PM. The Maridon Museum, 322 N. McKean St., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

***Oct. 23-24: Chiller Theatre - The Musical.** This brand new concert and variety show is reminiscent of those late night fright fests that kept us awake at night. An off-the-wall host attempts to keep the show on track, but colorful characters, odd circumstances, comedy sketches and music make it a daunting task! 8 PM. \$35/reserve seating, \$25/limited or obstructed view, \$30/with 'Tis the Season subscription. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Oct. 24: Tricks and Treats. Halloween at Alameda Park involves scavenger candy hunt, fire show from Sirkus Dayz, a fire and plenty of treats! There is a pre-registration fee of \$7/child through Oct. 9, after that, registration is \$9. Dress up in your Halloween costume and join all the ghouls at the Masonic Shelter. 6-8 PM. 184 Alameda Park Rd., Butler. 724-284-5383. www.co.butler.pa.us/parks-and-recreation.

Oct. 25: Andy Gross: The Split Man. Andy Gross is the hottest stand-up comic, magician and ventriloquist out there. He combines stand-up comedy, magic and ventriloquism together, making him one of the most hilarious and spellbinding entertainers in the world. 2 PM and 7 PM. \$20-25/reserve seating. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Oct. 25: Greater Harmony Chorus Show. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Oct. 26: Springfield Grille Wine Dinner. Five course wine dinner. Call for reservations. 6:30 PM. Springfield Grille, 7001 Crider Rd., Mars. 724-778-8700. www.springfields.com.

***Oct. 29-31: Evans City Hallo-Weekends: Halloween Weekend.** Activities include a Halloween Parade, trick-or-treat, children's Halloween party, and trunk-or-treat. Throughout Evans City. www.evanscityhalloweekends.us.

***Oct. 30-Nov. 20: Nature & Wildlife Art Show.** Butler Art Center, 344 Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. www.butlerartcenter.org.

Oct. 30: Creatures of the Night. Fireflies guide you on our trails to encounter larger-than-life costumed nocturnal creatures. Crafts and refreshments provided. Come in costume for twice the fun. Registration required. \$6/member, \$10/non-member, free/children under 2 years. Starts at 6:30 PM, 7 PM and 7:30 PM. Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org/locations/succop.

Oct. 30: SRU Student International Fibers Art Show. 6-8 PM. Free. Bottlebrush Gallery and Center for the Arts, 539 Main St., Harmony. 724-452-0539. www.bottlebrusharts.com.

Oct. 31: Halloween Party at Cooper Station Restaurant. Entertainment by Cool Change. Serving pumpkin beer. 8-11 PM. 352 North Pike Rd., Sarver. 724-353-2100. www.cooperstation.net.

Oct. 31: Halloween Cruise on Lake Arthur. Seating is limited. Wear your costume. Prizes, spooky snacks and Halloween surprises! Reservations requested. 3 PM. \$16/adults, \$13/seniors, \$10/children. McDanels Launch on the north shore of Moraine State Park, 225 Pleasant Valley Rd., Portersville. 724 368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org/index.html.

Oct. 31: ShuBrew ShuBoo Halloween Party. Celebrate Halloween this year at ShuBrew Handcrafted Ales & Food. We will be hosting a private Halloween bash with a costume contest, fortune telling, food, pumpkin beer and more! Details and ticket purchase information will be available beginning in October! \$30. 5-11:45 PM. 210 S. Main St., Zelenople. 724-766-4426. www.shubrew.com.

Seasons of Shopping

Keep an eye out for our Seasons of Shopping promotion coming in November!

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EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2015

Nov. 1: The Amazing Kreskin. Kreskin has been wowing audiences for decades, with dozens of appearances on The Tonight Show, Late Night, FOX and countless national programs. Kreskin thoroughly freaked out Tonight Show Host Jimmy Fallon with a seance that took place live on the show. 3 PM and 7 PM. \$30/reserve seating. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Nov. 5: Japanese Film Series "Nobody Knows." Presented by Dr. Ishimaru of Slippery Rock University. In a small Tokyo apartment, twelve-year-old Akira must care for his younger siblings after their mother leaves them and shows no sign of returning. 6-9 PM. The Maridon Museum, 322 N. McKean St., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

Nov. 6: Pioneer Players Readers Theater. 7:30 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main

Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland

***Nov. 20-Jan. 3: Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland.** This award-winning Christmas light and music extravaganza is unlike any show you've seen. Guests simply tune in their radio, and watch the magic unfold as they drive through hundreds of thousands of brilliant LED lights dancing in perfect synchronization with the music filling their vehicle. Journey ends at kid-friendly Santa's Village. \$25/carload, \$40/mini-bus, limo, activity van. Big Butler Fairgrounds, 1127 New Castle Rd., Prospect. 866-856-8444. www.VisitButlerCounty.com/lights.

Nov. 23: Springfield Grille Wine Dinner. Five course wine dinner. Call for reservations. 6:30 PM. Springfield Grille, 7001 Crider Rd., Mars. 724-778-8700. www.springfields.com.

Nov. 24: Whiskey 'n' Wild Game Beer Dinner. Five courses and five whiskey pairings featured. 6:30-9:30 PM. Rachel's Roadhouse, 100 Fairfield Ln., Butler. 724-841-0333. www.springfields.com.

Nov. 27: Saxonburg Christmas Parade. Starts at 7 PM. Route travels from Dinnerbell Square to Roebing Park. 724-355-3129. www.saxonburgbusiness.org.

***Nov. 27- Dec. 31: Annual Christmas Art Show & Sale.** Butler Art Center, 344 Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. www.butlerartcenter.org.

***Nov. 27-29, Dec. 1-5: Butler Little Theatre presents "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."** Focusing on a day in the life of Charlie Brown, the innocence of the characters in the original has been maintained, but a new perspective has been added. Feat. a cast of Charlie, Linus, Lucy, Schroeder, Snoopy and Sally. Fri. & Sat. 8:15 PM, Sun. 2:30 PM, Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 PM. \$12. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blgroup.org.

Nov. 28: 51st annual Spirit of Christmas Parade and Candyland Celebration. Held on Main St., Butler. Free hot chocolate at our warming station. Our downtown merchants will be celebrating Small Business Saturday and offering special deals and discounts. 5:30 PM 724-283-1500. http://insidebutlercounty.com.

Nov. 28: Annual Commemoration of Young Virginia Maj. George Washington's 1753 Mission. Guided hikes, reenactors, authors, exhibits, refreshments, 10 AM-1 PM. Presented by Harmony Museum, Old Stone House and Washington's Trail 1753. Stewart Hall, 218 Mercer St., Harmony's National Historic Landmark District. Reservations recommended. 724-452-7341. www.washingtonstrail.org.

Nov. 28: Christmas Open House. Will feature holiday specials and lots of tasty treats from local restaurants and bakeries. Free. 10 AM-6 PM. The Enchanted Olive, 120 N. Perry Hwy., Harmony. 724-473-0017. www.enchantadolive.com.

Nov. 28: Rudolph, Frosty, the Grinch and Friends. Relive the nostalgia of your youth and share it with your kids with this fast-paced, funny and heartwarming show that celebrates the music of your favorite TV specials! Live stage show. Exclusive production. 2 PM. \$15-20/adult, \$10-15/kids under 12 years. Reserve seating. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Nov. 28: 3rd annual Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast buffet, kids games, activities, and a Chinese auction. Slots available at 9 AM, 10 AM and 11 AM. Proceeds Benefit The Lighthouse Foundation. Rachel's Roadhouse, 100 Fairfield Ln., Butler. 724-841-0333. www.springfields.com.

EVENTS – DECEMBER 2015

Dec. 4: Kevin Spirtas presents: Nights & Days & Holidays. Let Kevin take you on an energetic tour of his career highlights, from his Broadway debut to his years as Dr. Craig Wesley on Days of Our Lives. \$20/adult, \$18/senior, \$16/youth, \$8/SRU student. 7:30 PM. Slippery Rock University, Smith Student Center ballroom (café-style seating), Slippery Rock. 724-738-2018. www.rockalumnicafe.com/performingarts.

Dec. 4: House Concert and Christmas Party featuring The Early Mays. 7 PM. \$15. Bottlebrush Gallery and Center for the Arts, 539 Main St., Harmony. 724-452-0539. www.bottlebrusharts.com.

***Dec. 4-5: The Butler Center for the Performing Arts Christmas Show.** Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***Dec. 4-6: 2nd annual Christmas Shopping Tour.** Celebrate Local! This is a special heartwarming Christmas shopping tour we put together for you. You will find everything on your list and surprises that are not! Gifts to win. Goodies to sample. 10 AM-5 PM. 724-368-1100. www.facebook.com/ArtStopsnShops.

Dec. 5: Holiday Traditions. Get into the holiday spirit, bring the whole family and join us for a cherished Butler County tradition. Kate Amatuzzo, vocalist. 7:30 PM. Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-738-1402.

***Jan. 27-Feb. 27: Celebrate America with the Associated Artists of Butler County.** Opening reception is Fri. Jan. 29. Underground Band Nights are Jan. 15 and Feb. 12 (Valentine's Day Show). Open Wed.-Fri. 12-6 PM and Sat. 12-4 PM. The Art Center, 344 South Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. butlerartcenter.org.

***Jan. 29-30: Heroes and Villains - Songs of Virtue and Treachery.** Celebrate the music performed by some of the most iconic characters in Broadway history. 8 PM. \$35/reserve seating, \$25/limited or obstructed view, \$30/with Broadway on Main subscription. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2016

Feb. 6: Marianne Cornetti Returns. Enjoy a special evening with Butler County native Marianne Cornetti. This renowned mezzo-soprano will delight the audience with select opera arias. 7:30 PM. Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. www.butlersymphony.org.

Feb. 19: Veritas Performance at Succop Theater. Driven by a passionate spiritual and musical message imparting faith, hope, love and a commitment to ongoing musical excellence, five piece vocal powerhouse Veritas brings a fresh, dynamic twist to the contemporary classical genre. 8 PM. BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Feb. 20: Cherry Pie Hike. Annual hike commemorating George Washington's birthday with history and cherry pie. North Country Trail, Slippery Rock. 724-738-4964. www.oldstonehousepa.org.

Feb. 28: Jim Cunningham Sextet. 2 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

EVENTS – MARCH 2016

***March 2-12: The Associated Artists of Butler County Area Elementary Schools Show.** For grades 1 thru 6. Opening reception is Fri. March 4. Open Wed.-Fri. 12-6 PM and Sat. 12-4 PM. The Art Center, 344 South Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. butlerartcenter.org.

March 5: At the Movies with the Music of John Williams. "Join the Force" (your Butler County Symphony Orchestra) as they perform the most memorable themes from your favorite movies including Star Wars, Superman, Raiders of the Lost Ark, E.T. and Jurassic Park! 7:30 PM, Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. www.butlersymphony.org.

March 11: The Pittsburgh Philharmonic: Spring is in the Air. Come celebrate the end of winter and welcome spring with powerful works by Mendelssohn and Faure, and concluding with Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony #6. 8 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***March 11-13, 15-19: Butler Little Theatre presents "Inherit the Wind."** This play focuses on events of the famous Scopes trial. The portrait it draws of an explosive episode in American culture remains as fresh as it ever was. Fri. & Sat. 8:15 PM, Sun. 2:30 PM, Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 PM. \$12. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blgroup.org.

March 12: HeroFest - Family/Kids Festival. Have a little hero or shero? Bring them to this fun-filled, adventurous afternoon! Participate in interactive, exciting activities. Celebrate the heroes and sheroes in our community. Learn about heroes and sheroes who make the world a better place by saving the environment, saving animals, rescuing people from fires, rescuing people from illness and more! \$15. 1-6 PM. RLA Conference and Learning Center, 850 Cranberry Woods Dr., Cranberry Twp. 724-741-1008. http://heartprintsed.org.

***March 16-26: The Associated Artists of Butler County Area High Schools Show.** For grades 7 thru 12. Opening night is Fri. March 18. Underground Band Night is March 11. Open Wed.-Fri. 12-6 PM and Sat. 12-4 PM. The Art Center, 344 South Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. butlerartcenter.org.

***March 18-20, 24-26: Jesus Christ Superstar.** Whether you've seen it once or a dozen times, you've not seen Jesus Christ Superstar produced in the up-close-and-personal venue that is The Strand. This incredible show, which explores Christ's humanity, will take you to new levels of joy, sorrow and celebration during His final days of ministry on Earth. 2 PM on March 20. 8 PM on March 18, 19, 24-26. \$40/reserve seating, \$30/limited or obstructed view, \$30/with 'Tis the Season subscription. 119 N. Main St., Zelenople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

March 24: Vocaldente - A Cappella Art. Unlike other a cappella groups, Vocaldente doesn't rely on technical devices or amplifiers – their purely acoustic concerts take a cappella back to its roots. \$22/adult, \$20/senior, \$18/youth, \$8/SRU

Nov. 6: Pioneer Players Readers Theater. 7:30 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. www.bc3.edu/campus/butler/succop-theater/index.html.

Nov. 6: House Concert featuring David Childers with Jeff Wiley opening. 7 PM. \$15. Bottlebrush Gallery and Center for the Arts, 539 Main St., Harmony. 724-452-0539. www.bottlebrusharts.com.

Nov. 7: Buffalo Township Veteran's Day 10K. A community collaboration benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project. Enjoy the scenic Butler-Freeport Trail in a 10 kilometer (that's 6.2 miles) run hosted by Buffalo Township Parks and Recreation, Buffalo Township EMS and Sarver Volunteer Fire Department. Download registration form online. 7:30 -11:30 AM. \$30/before Oct. 24. \$35/Oct. 25-Nov. 7. Butler-Freeport Trail, Monroe Rd. access point, Sarver. 724-882-9953. <http://smileymiles.com>.

Nov. 7: A Swinging Good Time. SRU Jazz Ensemble and dance students will teach, demonstrate and perform your all-time swing favorites. Come prepared to dance or just watch. How much you participate is up to you! \$20/adult, \$18/seniors, \$16/young, \$8/SRU students. 7:30 PM. Slippery Rock University, Smith Student Center ballroom, Slippery Rock. 724-738-2018. www.rockalumnicafe.com/performingarts.

Nov. 7: Psycho Live @ 55. Watch Alfred Hitchcock's 55-year-old classic film Psycho (1960) as you never have before, with the live orchestral accompaniment of Bernard Hermann's groundbreaking film score. Mature audiences only. 7:30 PM. Tickets available at Symphony (259 S. Main St., Butler). Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402.

Nov. 7: Barbra and Frank: The Concert that Never Was. A sensational tribute to Sinatra and Streisand. Another triumphant return of a show that was one of our fastest sellouts in 2014! Sharon Owens and Sebastian Anzaldo's incredible team-up tribute to pop culture icons Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra gave Strand audiences goosebumps with delight. 2 PM and 8 PM. \$20-25/reserve seating. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Nov. 9: The Incredible Disappearing Bat. Bats are facing a new threat. A disease called "white-nose syndrome" has caused die-offs of many hibernating bats in Pennsylvania and throughout the east. Collin Shephard, Forest Ecologist with the Allegheny National Forest, will share her expertise with us in an entertaining and informative program. 7-9 PM. Jennings Environmental Education Center, 2951 Prospect Rd., Slippery Rock. 814-732-0258. www.bartramianaudubon.org.

Nov. 11: Butler Veterans Day Parade. 10:30 AM start. Main St., Butler. 724-287-4781.

***Nov. 13-15: Mary Poppins by Sing Hosanna.** Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***Nov. 14-15: Harmony Museum's annual WeihnachtsMarkt (Christmas Market).** Juried regional artisans and other vendors present a marketplace in the tradition of Germany's famed Christmas markets, with quality artwork and hand-crafted goods as well as German and other European imports, plus entertainment and foods in the old-town center of Harmony's National Historic Landmark District. Harmony is at I-79 exits 87-88 about 10 miles north of the PA Turnpike. 724-452-7341, www.harmonymuseum.org.

Nov. 19: Collector's Series "Elephants—Gentle Giants." Cyndy Sweeney will explore the wonders of elephants: A Collector's Tribute! As a child Cyndy chose the elephant as her favorite animal and found that the traits of the elephant, "were me." Her collection includes jewelry, clothes, paintings, books, statues, etc. 7-8:30 PM. The Maridon Museum, 322 N. McKean St., Butler. 724-282-0123. www.maridon.org.

Nov. 20: Santa's First Stop. Santa will arrive at 7 PM. Help him light the holiday tree and enjoy holiday crafts and refreshments in the Municipal Center, along with "Stuff the Ambulance" run by the Cranberry EMS. Activities and crafts for all ages in our Santa Land! 6-10 PM. Cranberry Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Township. 724-776-4806. <http://pa-cranberrytownship2.civicplus.com>.

Nov. 21: Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt. We are going to be looking for all the candy canes that have been rumored to be hidden around the Carousel Shelter! Bring your flashlight. Clues will be read aloud to help you know the location of the treats. Pre-registration required. \$7 through Nov. 6. \$9/after Nov. 6. 6-8 PM. Carousel Shelter, 184 Alameda Park Rd., Butler. 724-284-5383. www.co.butler.pa.us/parks-and-recreation.

Nov. 21: Prong Pendant Jewelry Making Class. Do you love those beautiful shaped stones you've collected but don't know what to do with? Make just about any stone into a piece of jewelry in our prong pendant workshop. Turn some of your favorite stones into wearable art. 1-5 PM. \$40 plus materials. Appalachian Rock Shop & Jewelry Emporium, 508A Perry Hwy., Harmony. 724-452-9356. www.appalachianrockshop.com.

Nov. 22: Wire Wrap Jewelry Making Class. Learn the art of wire wrap jewelry making. This class involves information on material, tools and techniques used to create a channel ring. 1-4:30 PM. \$45 plus materials. Appalachian Rock Shop & Jewelry Emporium, 508A Perry Hwy., Harmony. 724-452-9356. www.appalachianrockshop.com.

join us for a cherished Butler County tradition. Kate Amazio, vocalist. 5:30 PM. Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. www.butlersymphony.org.

Dec. 5: Breakfast with Santa. We have managed to talk Santa into joining us for what is sure to be a fun-filled breakfast with crafts, goodies, and of course, Santa! Designed for children ages toddler thru 10. Pre-registration is required. \$7/child through Nov. 25. \$9/after Nov. 25. 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. Butler Township Park Building, 468 South Duffy Rd., Butler. 724-284-5383. www.co.butler.pa.us/parks-and-recreation.

Dec. 5: Girls and Dolls Holiday Tea. Bring your favorite little girl, along with her doll, for a tea party fit for a princess! We'll have tea, snacks, holiday carols and a craft. These events fill quickly, so register early. \$15/members, \$20/non-members. 11 AM and 3 PM. Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org/locations/succop.

Dec. 11: The Pittsburgh Philharmonic: Holiday Pops. Celebrate the most wonderful time of year with the Pittsburgh Philharmonic and some holiday favorites! 8 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***Dec. 11-13: It's a USO Christmas.** Inspired by those classic USO shows of the 40s and 50s presented for our troops overseas by the likes of Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and The Andrews Sisters. Only available at The Strand. 8 PM on Dec. 11-12. 2 PM on Dec. 13. \$35/reserve seating, \$25/limited or obstructed view, \$30/with Tis the Season subscription. 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Dec. 12: Holiday Tea. Succop Nature Park is beautifully decorated for the holidays! Join us for tea, snacks, holiday carols and a craft. \$15/member, \$20/non-member. 11 AM. Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org/locations/succop.

Dec. 12: Mars Christmas Parade and Light-Up Night. Taking place in downtown Mars, hosted by the Adams Fire District. 4 PM. 724-625-1210.

Dec. 12: Brunch with Santa. Enjoy a delicious brunch with Santa at Cranberry Highlands Golf Course! Scrambled eggs, carved ham, home fries, toast, donuts, juice, coffee and tea. \$14.95/adult, \$8/children 3-9, free/children under 2. 10-11:30 AM and 12:30-2 PM. Cranberry Highlands Golf Course, 5601 Freshcorn Rd., Cranberry Township. 724-776-4806. www.cranberrytownship.org.

***Dec. 12 & 19: Rudolph, Frosty, the Grinch and Friends.** See Nov. 28 for full description. 2 PM. \$15-20/adults, \$10-15/kids under 12 years. Reserve seating. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

***Dec. 18-20: HobNob Theatre's "A Christmas Carol."** Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Dec. 31: Harmony's Silvester New Year's Eve Celebration. Welcome the New Year on German time. 6 PM EST is midnight in Germany. 5K and 1-mile races, museum tours, pork and sauerkraut dinner, comedic short film "Dinner for One" that's become part of Germany's New Year's Eve tradition, foretelling what new year may bring with little Bleigiessen melted lead shapes, refreshments, entertainment, specialty shops' year-end sales, all capped by ball drop and fireworks. 2-6:30 PM. 724-452-7341. www.harmonymuseum.org.

EVENTS – JANUARY 2016

Jan. 2: Kids' Christmas Bird Count. Kids and parents are invited to participate in a family-friendly version of the Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count. Our naturalist will guide you. This event is appropriate for school-age and up. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Advance registration is required. Free. 10 AM-12 PM. Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org/locations/succop.

Jan. 15: The River City Brass Band. The incredible River City Brass Band will be back on the Succop Theater stage for another magnificent concert! From classical to jazz and original compositions, the renowned River City Brass Band is back at BC3 under the direction of James Gourlay. 8 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Jan. 16: 6th annual Winterfest. Ice skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, ice sculpture and dog sledding demos, crafts, chili cook-off and hot food. North Shore, Moraine State Park. 724-368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org.

***Jan. 22-24, 26-30: Butler Little Theatre presents "Crimes of the Heart."** Three sisters await news of their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the hospital. Their troubles, grave and yet, hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin and an awkward young lawyer. Fri. & Sat. 8:15 PM, Sun. 2:30 PM, Tues.- Thurs. 7:30 PM. \$12. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.bltgroup.org.

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concerts take a cappella back to its roots. \$22/adult, \$18/young, \$8/SRU student. 7:30 PM. Slippery Rock University, Smith Student Center ballroom (café-style seating), Slippery Rock. 724-738-2018. www.rockalumnicafe.com/performingarts.

EVENTS – APRIL 2016

***April 4-9: Slippery Rock University Seminar Class Exhibit at The Associated Artists of Butler County.** Opening night is Wed. April 6. Underground Band Night is April 15. Open Wed.-Fri. 12-6 PM and Sat. 12-4 PM. The Art Center, 344 South Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. butlerartcenter.org.

April 9: Beethoven's Ninth by Butler County Symphony Orchestra. Our season ends with the last symphony that Beethoven wrote – his ninth. The Slippery Rock University Concert Choir will join soloists Shannon Kessler Dooley, Katherine Drago, Robert Frankenberry and Timothy LeFebvre. 7:30 PM, Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. www.butlersymphony.org.

April 15: The Duquesne University Tamburitzans. After a sold-out performance last season, this world famous ensemble will return to delight and entertain our appreciative Butler audience. 8 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***April 20-May 21: The Associated Artists of Butler County Annual Spring Show.** Opening reception is April 22 (Earth Day). Underground Band Nights are May 20 and June 17. Open Wed.-Fri. 12-6 PM and Sat. 12-4 PM. The Art Center, 344 South Main St., Butler. 724-283-6922. butlerartcenter.org.

***April 22-23, 29-30 & May 1: Musical Theatre Guild's productions of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.** A group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home life, the tweens spell their way through a series of potentially made up words hoping to never hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! 7:30 PM. William A Lehnerd Performance Hall, MTG Production Center located near the rear of Butler Memorial Park. 724-287-8243. mtgbutler.org.

April 28: Barrage 8 Performance. From the creators of the hit show Barrage, this show features all the instruments in the modern string family, played with energy and panache by virtuosos performers. The instrumentation drives a rich and powerful sonic palette that explores music from many genres – and will leave you wanting more. \$22/adult, \$20/senior, \$18/young, \$8/SRU student. 7:30 PM. Slippery Rock University, Smith Student Center ballroom, Slippery Rock. 724-738-2018. www.rockalumnicafe.com/performingarts.

EVENTS – MAY 2016

May 6: The Tornado Big Band at Succop Theater. The Butler Tornado Big Band will be back again this year to entertain and amaze with their solid performances on jazz and big band standards as well as new and challenging arrangements. 7:30 PM. BC3 Main Campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***May 6-8, 10-14: Butler Little Theatre presents "Come Blow Your Horn."** Alan Baker, a 30-ish bachelor with time, money and women to spare, welcomes his 21-year-old brother, Buddy, into his den of iniquity while their parents can only watch and pray. Fri. & Sat. 8:15 PM, Sun. 2:30 PM, Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 PM. \$12. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.bltgroup.org.

***May 13-15: "Murphy's Law" at The Strand Theater.** A comedy about a man escaping his miserable life by going on a cross-country road trip. As the title suggests, everything that can go wrong, pretty much does! May 13-14 at 8 PM. May 15 at 2 PM. \$35/reserve seating, \$25/limited or obstructed view, \$30/with Broadway on Main subscription. 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

May 20: The Pittsburgh Philharmonic: Russian Finale. A tremendous ending to our 40th season! These masterpieces by Glinka, Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky have traveled through the centuries all the way from Russia to bring a powerful close to our year! 8 PM. Succop Theater, BC3 Main campus, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. bc3.edu/succop-theater.

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