

Event Listing

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EVENTS – OCTOBER 2016

*Weekends in Oct.: Cheeseman Fright Farm and Pumpkin Festival.

Pumpkin Fest: Sat./Sun. 11 AM-5 PM. \$4/hayride, pumpkins extra. Petting zoo, hay jump, concession stand and holiday items. Fright Farm: Fri.-Sun. dark-10 PM. \$15-20/person. Haunted hayride, corn maze and multiple walk-through attractions. 147 Kennedy Rd., Portersville. 724-368-3233. www.cheesemanfarm.com.

*Fridays and Saturdays in Oct.: Haunted House and Corn Maze. Come join us for some adult haunting good times in the fields! 7:30-10 PM. The Beacon Hotel, 231 Beacon Rd., Renfrew. 724-586-6233. www.gotothethebeacon.com.

*Saturdays in Oct.: Fall Foliage Pontoon Cruises on Lake Arthur. Come see Western Pennsylvania's colorful foliage reflected on the lake. Reservations suggested. 1 and 3 PM. \$14/adults, \$12/ages 62+, \$7/ages 12 and under, free/age 2 and under. 118 North Shore Dr., Portersville. 724-368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org.

*Saturdays and Sundays in Oct.: Freedom Farms Fall Festival. A variety of fun activities such as hayrides, a hay maze, pony rides, face painting, contests and more. Local products including wines, chocolate, cheese and Freedom Farms foods. \$10. 11 AM-5 PM. 440 Overbrook Rd., Valencia. 724-307-5464. www.freedomfarmspa.com.

*Sundays in Oct.: Petting Zoo and Pony Rides. All ages fun this fall. 1-4 PM. The Beacon Hotel, 231 Beacon Rd., Renfrew. 724-596-6233. www.gotothethebeacon.com.

*Oct. 1-2: Portersville Steam Show Fall Fling. 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. 9 AM-4 PM. Portersville Steam Show Grounds, 1512 Perry Hwy., Portersville. 724-285-7038. www.portersvillesteamshow.org.

*Oct. 1-2, 4-8: Butler Little Theatre presents Vintage Hitchcock. Spies, murder. Love and other trademarks of Alfred Hitchcock come to life in the style of a 1940s radio broadcast of the master of suspense's films, The Lodger; Sabotage; and The 39 Steps. Triple feature with vintage commercials, live sound effects and musical underscoring. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blitgroup.org.

Oct. 2: Let's Decorate for Fall Sale at Meridian Station. Gifts 10% to 20% off. Shop for beautiful mums, cornstalks and pumpkins from local growers in our area. Enjoy sampling some of our savory dips and sweet treats. The Meridian Station Gift Shop & Confectionery, 298 Meridian Rd., Butler. 724-482-4436. www.themeridianstation.com.

Oct. 2: 23rd annual Chef Tasting Party & Auction. Sample the best in food and beverages by local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, wineries and craft breweries. Ticket and silent auctions. All proceeds benefit Community Care Connections, Inc. 4-7 PM. The Mansion, 141 Mansion Ln., Butler. 724-283-3198. www.communitycareconnect.org.

Oct. 2: Happily Ever After Wedding Show. \$10/preregister, \$15/door. Experience North Pittsburgh's destination wedding venue and build your dream wedding. Visit the area's top wedding vendors and have the opportunity to win your dream wedding reception. 1-4 PM. Pittsburgh Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Dr., Cranberry Twp. 724-779-4212. www.happilyeverafterweddingshow.eventbrite.com.

Oct. 2: OctoBEERfest at The Perfect Piece Home Furnishing. Partnering with ShruBrew to do a beer tasting event at the store. 12-5 PM. 22410 Perry Hwy., Jackson Plaza, Zelienople. 724-473-4111. www.thepiecestore.com.

Oct. 4: Live Clothed Drawing. Cranberry Artists Network sponsors a professional clothed model for drawing on the first Tuesday of each month through December. Bring all supplies needed. \$10. 6-8 PM. Cranberry Municipal Building, 2525 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Twp. 724-728-4658. www.cranberryartistsnetwork.com.

Oct. 5: Monthly doTERRA Essential Oil & Art Classes. From 101 classes to make-n-takes. Classes for all ages are planned. Please visit Facebook for class information and to register. Nicolette's Tailor Shop & Specialty Gifts, 1263 Perry Hwy., Portersville. 724-368-1100. www.nicoletteshop.com.

*Oct. 7-9: Musical Theatre Guild Presents Into the Woods. "Be careful what you wish for" in Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Brothers Grimm inspired musical. The Baker and his wife wish for a child, Cinderella wishes to attend the King's Festival, and Jack wishes his cow to give milk. Oct. 7-8 at 7:30 PM. Oct. 9 at 3 PM \$17 unless a subscriber. Succop Theater, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-287-8243. mtgbutler.org.

Oct. 8: Cash and Cline at The Strand. A tribute to Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline. Terry Lee Goffe makes his fourth appearance at The Strand with his wildly popular Johnny Cash tribute concert, and once again, is joined by another gifted artist, Josie Waverly and her interpretation of country western legend Patsy Cline! 2 PM & 8 PM. \$25 to \$35 reserve seating. The Strand Theater, 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

*events lasting more than one day



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Winterfest at Moraine State Park. Photo by: Teri Getsay

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PENNSYLVANIA

Nov. 18: Santa's First Stop. Help him light the holiday tree and enjoy holiday crafts and refreshments in the Municipal Center. 7 PM. Cranberry Township Municipal Center, 2525 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Twp. 724-779-4386. www.cranberytownship.org.

Nov. 19: Drawing Class at Nicolette's Tailor Shop. Drawing in the style of Zentangle, you will create pieces of unplanned, abstract, black and white art through simple, structured patterns, in a small size to be relaxing and fulfilling. 10:30 AM-noon. \$15. Nicolette's Tailor Shop & Specialty Gifts, 1263 Perry Hwy., Portersville. 724-368-1100. www.nicoletteshop.com.

Nov. 19: Basic Watercolor Class at Nicolette's Tailor Shop. See Oct. 8.

***Nov. 19-20: Christmas Open House at Wagon Wheel Antiques.** Now in our 43rd year in the same location! 10 AM-5 PM. 1399 Pittsburgh Rd., (PA Rt. 8), Valencia. 724-898-9974. www.wagonwheelantiques.us

***Nov. 25-Dec. 3: Butler Little Theatre presents The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays.** Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of holiday revelry. When one of the guests is stabbed to death, it's up to Gillette to solve, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blitgroup.org.

Nov. 26: Holiday Desserts Cooking Class. The warmth of the hearth provides a seasonal background for the preparation of authentic 18th century dessert pies, tarts, cakes, "little" cakes and creams. 10 AM-2 PM. The Old Stone House Museum, 2856 William Flynn Hwy., Slippery Rock. 724-738-2409. www.oldstonehousePA.org.

Nov. 26: Spirit of Christmas Parade. Parade is open to businesses and organizations and will include local marching bands as well. Be sure to come early to enjoy all the downtown shopping and dining options. 5:30 PM. Main St., Butler. 724-283-1500. insidebutlercounty.com/spirit-of-christmas-parade.

Nov. 26: Rudolph, Frosty, The Grinch and Friends at The Strand. Come see this family favorite. 2 PM. 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

EVENTS – DECEMBER 2016

Dec. 2: Holiday Pops at Succop Theater. Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with the Pittsburgh Philharmonic and some holiday favorites. Bring a toy for Toys for Tots and get a coupon for an upcoming show. Plus, don't miss a special visit from Santa! 8 PM. 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. www.bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***Dec. 2-4: Annual Christmas Shopping Tour.** Celebrate local! Join eight Butler County shops all celebrating the holiday season on the same weekend with sales, goodies and prizes. Each shop will have something special happening. A list of shops and map will be available at each shop. 724-368-1100.

***Dec. 2-4: Christmas Open House at the Glass Blowing Center.** Browse our selection of hand-blown glass gifts and learn about this amazing art form. You can experience flame working demonstrations by watching one of our resident glass workers producing their wares in our in-store workshop. 10 AM-6 PM. 114 Leonard Rd., Hilliards. 724-791-2100. www.glass123.com.

Dec. 3: The Reindeer Race. This is a fun family 5K and 1-mile race. Join us for a fun race, great prizes, cool giveaways and more. Walk, run or skip your way to the finish and visit with Santa Claus. Kick off the Christmas season at this festive and fun event! 7 AM-1:30 PM. Downtown Harmony, Mercer St., Harmony. \$25. 724-321-4265. www.gettiffamilies.com.

Dec. 3: Winter Birding with Audubon. What birds are showing up this year at Succop? How do birds survive the cold of winter? Come explore with our naturalists and observe what species of birds are to be discovered and some of their strategies of survival. \$6/member, \$10/nonmember. 12-2 PM. Succop Nature Park, 185 W. Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org.

Dec. 3: 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. Register early! 11 AM and 3 PM. \$20/member, \$25/nonmember. Succop Nature Park, 185 W. Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org.

Dec. 3: Citizen Science: Christmas Bird Count and Project Feederwatch Training. Learn or review the birds most likely to be seen. Beginners welcome! Act 48 credit available. Classroom session and a short birding walk, conditions permitting. Free. 10 AM-12 PM. \$6/members, \$10/nonmember. Succop Nature Park, 185 W. Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org.

Dec. 3: Paint a Watercolor Greeting Card. This class is during our Christmas Shopping Tour which makes it special. Learn how to blend a soft watercolor wash with simple watercolor technique to create a beautiful greeting card. Frameable too! Includes prepared greeting card and use of supplies. \$38. 10 AM-12 PM. Nicolette's Tailor Shop & Specialty Gifts, 1263 Perry Hwy., Portersville. 724-368-1100. www.nicoletteshop.com.

***Jan. 20-21: The Chief at The Strand.** Rob Zeller and Gene Collier's one-man play about the life of Pittsburgh Steelers owner Art Rooney is praised by theater patrons and sports fans alike. See this iconic play in The Strand's intimate setting. \$20-25/reserved seating. \$5 off per ticket for Broadway on Main subscribers. 8 PM. 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

***Jan. 20-22, 24-28: Butler Little Theatre presents God of Carnage.** A playground altercation between 11-year-old boys brings together their parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, tensions emerge leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blitgroup.org.

Jan. 21: Wolf Moon Hike at Succop Nature Park. The wolf moon is named for the lean, dead-of-winter times of January, but survival never takes time off. Search the landscape for resources for a cold winter's night under a full moon. Eat supper before you come. We'll warm up around the campfire at the end. This is an outside program appropriate for adults. \$6/member, \$10/nonmember. 5:30-7 PM. 185 W. Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org.

***Jan. 27-29: Ella & Basie at The Strand.** Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie are two titans of jazz that, surprisingly, hadn't collaborated on a full album until July of 1963. This original concert revue tracks the careers of these jazz greats. \$35/reserved seating. \$25/limited or obstructed view, \$30/Broadway on Main subscription. 8 PM. Jan. 29 at 2 PM. 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

Jan. 28: 11th annual Butler County Wine Festival. Event featuring wine, food, music, photo booth and vendors. Sample from 10 Pennsylvania wineries, local restaurants and caterers and shop the unique merchandise. Basket raffle. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program of Butler County. Must be 21 years or older to attend. Session I: 3-5:30 PM. Session II: 6:30-9 PM. \$20/online presale, \$25/day of event. Butler Days Inn, 139 Pittsburgh Rd., Butler. 724-283-1500. wisr680.com/wine-festival.

Jan. 29: Cloud Chamber performance at Succop Theater. These formally trained musicians are a violin and guitar duo specializing in folk and jazz. Their performance experience includes classical, blues, folk, jazz and rock genres. 2 PM. 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. www.bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Jan. 29: Citizen Science: Frog Watch Program. Learn how to identify local frogs and submit your counts to the Frog Watch citizen science data collection. Appropriate for adults and interested youth. Free. 2-4 PM. Succop Nature Park, 185 W. Airport Rd., Butler. 412-963-6100. www.aswp.org.

EVENTS – FEBRUARY 2017

Feb. 3: John Ford Coley at SRU. Best known as half of the Grammy-nominated duo England Dan and John Ford Coley. This singing legend and audience favorite has multiple double platinum and gold records to his credit. \$20/adult, \$18/senior, \$16/youth, \$8/SRU student. 7:30 PM. University Union MPR, 103 Central Loop, Slippery Rock. 724-738-2018. www.sru.edu.

Feb. 4: 7th annual Winterfest. A great cure for cabin fever! 5K run/walk, chili cook-off, visit with "Iceburgh" the Pittsburgh Penguin Mascot, ice carving, horse-drawn wagon rides, dog sleds, live music, snowshoe workshop, chainsaw carving, North Country Trail hike, cross-country skiing, crafts, food, bonfire and Smokey the Bear. On the South Shore this year, Moraine State Park, 225 Pleasant Valley Rd., Portersville. 724-368-9185. www.morainepreservationfund.org.

Feb. 4: Butler County Symphony Orchestra presents Great Romantics. Tanya Satteson, violin. Schubert: Rosamunde Overture, Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto. Dvořák: Symphony No. 7. 7:30 PM. Butler Intermediate High School, 551 Fairground Hill Rd., Butler. 724-283-1402. www.butlersymphony.org.

Feb. 10: Teresa Walters at Succop Theater. Teresa has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist on six continents and in most of the 50 United States at venues in New York, London, Paris, Moscow, Australia and Jerusalem. 8 PM. College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. www.bc3.edu/succop-theater.

Feb. 11: Butler A.M. Rotary's 2nd annual Carved in Ice. DiMartino Ice Company will transform ice into one-of-a-kind works of art. Chili-cook-off with local restaurants and organizations competing for the Chili Bowl trophy, voted on by attendees who sample. Ice skating rink, food, hot drinks, wine tastings, music and entertainment, plus appearance by the Snow Queen, Snow Princess and their hugging snowman! 11 AM-4 PM. Diamond Park, Main St., Butler. 724-991-2212. www.ButlerAMRotary.com.

Feb. 25: 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.

EVENTS – MAY 2017

May TBD: 4th annual Butler County Chainsaw Carving Invitational. Witness top chainsaw carvers in action from all around the world, including Damien Skal and Butler's own Ken Tynan. Live music, auction, food, beer and more. Butler Farm Show Grounds, 625 Evans City Rd., Butler. 724-822-3349. www.butlerchainsawcarving.com.

***May 4-6: Mars New Year.** Celebrate the New Year on the planet Mars in the town of Mars! Highlighting innovation and exploration. Join chairman Mike Harvey of WTAE for three days of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) fun! Thursday night blast-off dinner. Friday and Saturday activities downtown. 724-652-1858. www.marsnewyear.com.

***May 5-7: Butler Little Theatre presents Flowers for Algernon.** A compelling story of Charlie, a mentally handicapped man, and the strange interweaving of his life with Algernon, a mouse. Experimental surgery performed on Algernon increased his intelligence fourfold. The operation is tried on Charlie, who rapidly changes to a genius. It's a race against time in which Charlie tries to keep his new intelligence. One Howard St., Butler. 724-287-6781. www.blitgroup.org.

May 7: An Afternoon with Lindsay Fisher. Lindsay Fisher, originally from Butler, who has spent the bulk of her career in NYC, is currently on the dance faculty at SRU. Her autobiographical piece "Over Exposed" will be represented. 2 PM. Succop Theater, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. www.bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***May 12-14: Groucho: A Life in Revue at The Strand Theater.** According to the Pittsburgh Post Gazette Theater Critic, this show is an energetic romp through the life of one of Vaudeville's pioneers. Fast-paced, but also heartfelt and sentimental. \$35/reserved seating. \$25/limited or obstructed view, \$30/Broadway on Main subscription. 8 PM. May 14 at 2 PM. 119 N. Main St., Zelienople. 724-742-0400. thestrandtheater.org.

May 13: Glacier Ridge Trail Ultramarathons and Trail Race. 50 mile, 50K ultramarathons and 30K trail race. 5 AM - 8:30 PM. Moraine State Park, 118 North Shore Dr., Pavilion #7, Portersville. www.glacierridgetrailultra.com.

May 19: The Pittsburgh Philharmonic performing Tchaikovsky. Two monumental pieces by the great Russian master Pyotr Lich Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 and Violin Concerto in D major, featuring soloist Sam Rotberg. 8 PM. Succop Theater, 107 College Dr., Butler. 724-284-8505. www.bc3.edu/succop-theater.

***May 20-21: Portersville Steam Show Spring Gas-up.** We provide a large variety of activities for the whole family. A vintage village, saw mill, cider press, gas engines, oil field equipment, farm animals, train rides, steam engines, flea market, crafts, food, kids' pedal tractor pulling, tractor pulls, and a steam building are some of the features you may enjoy. Portersville Steam Show Grounds, 1512 Perry Hwy., Portersville. 724-285-7038. www.portersvillesteamshow.org.

May 22: Bus Tour: Murals and More. The Walldogs consist of volunteers who travel to different cities each year and paint murals around the town. In 2016, Butler was the lucky city to host this event. Our daily tour package will include viewing the various wall murals around town, with bonus stops featuring our favorite hometown shops and restaurants. Butler Motor Transit, Inc., 210 S. Monroe St., Butler. 724-282-1000. www.coachusa.com/butler.

***May 26-29: Outdoor Extravaganza.** Weekend full of outdoor activities, fun workshops and evening entertainment, meals and camping. Sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club. Camping and food are optional. Activities leave from Breakneck Campground. Various levels of hikes, water trips, bike trips and workshops. 724-526-5407. www.outdoorextravaganza.org.

***May 27-28: PyroFest.** PyroFest is an affordable community event to promote and celebrate the international art of pyrotechnics through innovative and unique presentations. Techniques and products from around the globe create both daytime and nighttime pyrotechnic displays, providing a sensory and visual experience. PyroFest also includes live music, food and a kid's zone. Cooper's Lake Campground, 205 Currie Rd., Slippery Rock. 800-854-4705. www.pyrofest.com.

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