

Nelson Volunteer Fire Company's 3rd Annual

Car Show

Saturday,
September 19



31 Trophies Awarded!

Silent Auction • Raffles • Rip tickets

Show Schedule

9:00am - 3:00pm
Craft Show & Flea Market

9:00am - 11:00am
Car Registration

11:00am
Chicken BBQ

11:00am - 1:00pm
Public Voting

Noon
Live Entertainment TBA

2:00pm
Trophy Ceremony

Where: Nelson Fire Dept.
Time: 9am - 3pm

For Car Registration or Vendor info
Call April 570-944-0066

LEISURE ~ ARTS & TRAVEL



On Stage Off the Wall *Larry Biddison*

Destination Tioga

My wife and I try to make a point of being home during most of August, the traditional “getaway” month. Although other destinations call out, August is a time to enjoy Tioga County as our own destination of choice. I often mention that exploring the woods, streams, and lakes is one of our favorite outdoor activities in any season. Although we’ve recently experienced most of the convenient local trails in autumn’s golden light and winter’s snowy white, the Stephenhouse Trail at Ives Run, the Pine Creek Trail at Darling Run, and the Tauscher’s Pond trail in Hills Creek State Park now offer new delights in their late summer vistas—and opportunities for foraging for mushrooms. Our newly adopted golden retriever is sure to enjoy splashing in the stream at the Asaph picnic area and in Darling Run where it joins Pine Creek.

But August also offers indoor events that command my attention. I’m especially looking forward to Hamilton-Gibson’s summer comedy, *The Sugar Bean Sisters*, reputedly the weirdest play ever staged by the nineteen-year-old community theatre organization. There’s also the fourth annual Endless Mountain Music Festival, which features fourteen separate concerts in a variety of venues in the Twin Tiers. And we are fortunate to have extremely talented photographers in our midst. Their annual juried show at the Gmeiner is always a must-see.

Readers of this column, including the folks who live here, are aware that our small rural community is exceptionally rich in musical, artistic, and theatrical talent. And, like those of us active in performing arts organizations, they are particularly aware that Wellsboro lacks a permanent central gathering place where all those creative people can meet to rehearse and perform. That’s why there’s so much support for the building of a performing arts center to serve our region and provide a home for Hamilton-Gibson and other arts groups. Happily, the proposed Deane Center has raised well over half of its local goal of \$6.5 million, and ground-breaking for Phase One is imminent. I hope like-minded readers of *Mountain Home* will join me in supporting this project.

THE SUGAR BEAN SISTERS

What: Hamilton-Gibson’s hilarious summer treat, a Southern Gothic comedy with romance, murder, and alien abduction.

Where: Steadman Theatre, Butler Music Center, Mansfield University.

When: July 31, August 1, 6, 7, 8 at 7:30 and August 2 at 2:30.

Information/Reservations: Admission by FlexPass or \$6–\$15 at door, except August 1 (Adults \$10, Children free) and August 2 (Pay What You Can). Reserve tickets at 570-724-2079, hamgib@epix.net, or www.hamiltongibson.org.

ENDLESS MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

What: The 2009 Endless Mountain Music Festival, conducted by Maestro Stephen Gunzenhauser. Offers fourteen concerts including solo recitals, chamber music, and the festival orchestra. More information at www.endlessmountain.net.

Where: Venues in Wellsboro, Mansfield, Troy, Canton, Liberty, and Corning.

When: July 31–August 16.

Information/Reservations: info@endlessmountain.net or 570-787-7800.

PHOTOGRAPHIC IMPRESSIONS

What: Juried exhibit by members of the Grand Canyon Photography Club.

Where: Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center, 134 Main Street, Wellsboro.

When: August 9–30, with opening reception Sunday, August 9, from 2–4 p.m. Awards presentation at 3 p.m.

Information: Gallery is open 2–5 p.m. daily with free admission; 570-724-1917.

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