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Sherrill has big plans

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SHERRILL -- Even though the annual fireworks extravaganza night and summer Playground program have come and gone, the recreational fun continues in the Silver City throughout the summer and beyond.

That's all thanks in a big part to the efforts of the new team of City Recreation Supervisor Sara Getman and Community Activity Center manager Steve Long, plus the commitment of Dr. Patrick Costello to area youth and the generosity and love of music of the Sherrill-based Gorman Foundation.

"I like to see people active and doing things. I don't think people should just sit around at home -- they should be out being active," Long said.

Getman said the city is now taking suggestions for their Movie Under the Stars night Aug. 20 on the lawn at the CAC. The film should be G-rated, family-friendly, and not longer than an hour and 45 minutes.

Movies Under The Stars will be free and open to the public, and guests should bring lawn chairs and blankets. The film will be shown on the lawn just east of the corner of Sherrill Road and Hamilton Avenue.

While the summer is traditionally the off-season for the CAC's bowling alley, there is no down time for Long as he is hard at work doing repairs to the machinery. There is open bowling Wednesdays from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there will also be open bowling the weekends of Aug. 20 and 21 and Aug. 27 and 29 with prices reduced to \$1 a game.

Sign-ups for fall leagues are going on now. The CAC is located at 139 E. Hamilton Ave. Call 363-6525 for more information.

The third annual Sherrill Kenwood Park Festival brings fun and food to the grounds of the CAC on Aug. 6 from 2 to 11 p.m. in a fundraiser organized by Costello to benefit the playground in Robertson Park.

With funds matched by the Sherrill-Kenwood Community Chest, the festival has already helped bring to the city the renovation of the old playground, and organizer Costello said future plans include the grooming of trails nearby with lighting and handicapped accessibility.

The first two years saw an increasing attendance, as residents came out to support the cause, listen to the music and try food items from various local restaurants. Class reunions have become popular at the festival as well.

Food samples from 15 select area restaurants will be available for \$1 and \$3, and the local music lineup includes Fritz's Polka Band at 2 p.m., the Deadline at 3:30 p.m., Matt Chase and the Thunder Canyon Band at 5 p.m., and Slug at 6:45 p.m. Headlining the event at 8:30 p.m. is Baltimore-based Irish roots band Donegal X-Press, back for their third Sherrill festival.

"It's just the greatest thing -- I can't say enough good about it," said Abe Acee, owner of Nothin' Fancy and a regular vendor attendee of the festival. "Pat's really been building this up to something big and I'm sure the 15 restaurants he has coming in will be reputable. We're bringing eight hot boxes full of food and have no intention of running out."

Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the gate and available at city hall or from any of Costello's offices in Oneida, Rome or New Hartford.

The Sherrill Merchants Association is organizing the Sherrill Field of Honor for Sept. 11 with the sale of flags celebrating local heroes that will be displayed at Reilly-Mumford Memorial Park -- originally planned for Triangle Park, the site was moved because of the space needed -- in observance of the 10th anniversary of the attacks in 2001. Spokesperson Vicki Andrews said flags can be bought for \$29 to honor military members, veterans, police and firefighters, EMTs, and any friend and family heroes, and are available now at Arnie's Produce, Alliance Bank, Emilio's Deli, the Oneida Company Store, at the Tuesday night concert series or by calling Andrews at 363-5638 for \$29.

The Sherrill churches are hosting their first Sherrill Friendship Festival Aug. 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. in Robertson Park, featuring the Elvis vocals of Doug Tudman and wife Pickie Tudman plus the hometown sounds of Ed Smith and Werner Koegst. There will be music, games, contests and food, and the event is open to the public.

In addition to the recent addition of new manager Jennifer Milligan, the Sherrill-Kenwood Free Library has had a busy summer, with patrons coming to borrow books and videos, use their computers, read their newspapers and magazines, or just to enjoy the escape from the heat.

"A lot of people have been coming in to take advantage of our air conditioning," said Principal Library Clerk Mary Kay Junglen.

Upcoming events at the library include their Young Writer's Workshop Aug. 4, Aug. 11, and Aug. 18, with sessions for first graders at 11 a.m., second and third graders at 12:30 p.m., and fourth through sixth graders from 2 to 3:15 p.m. All participants will have their work on display at the library. The Utica Zoomobile comes to the library on Aug. 4 at 6 p.m., and the movie "Rango" starring Johnny Depp will be shown Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at the library, with free admission and free popcorn.

Zumba classes by Esther Rosbrook will be held on Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17 and 22; and Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 10:15 to 10:55 a.m. There is a three-part job search skills workshop Aug. 23, 24 and 31 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and senior citizen one-on-one computer classes Fridays The Sherrill-Kenwood Free is located at 543 Sherrill Rd. For more information, call 363-5980 or visit their website at:

www.midYork.org/sherrill.

Sherrill Auto Repair and Machine on Route 5 is also a new face in the city, and one that has made an impression with their outreach to those in need thanks to their recent canned food drive for the local food pantry. That community spirit continues this month with a special benefit for the Rome Humane Society.

"For the month of August, we will taking donations for all the beautiful animals at the RHS and on Aug. 27 the Rome Humane Society will be at the shop to hold an adoption event," said Karin Musgrove. "We've already accepted a few donations but I want to make this as big -- if not bigger -- than the Food Pantry event."

Sherrill Auto Repair and Machine is located at 497 W. Seneca St. For more information call them at 367-0053 or 361-0054 or log on to:

www.sherrillauto.com

Upcoming concerts in the Gorman Foundation-sponsored Sherrill Summer Concert Series include the Causeway Giants on Aug. 9, Salt City Brass on Aug. 16, Wayne Curtis as Elvis on Aug. 23, Matt Chase and the Thunder Canyon Band on Aug. 30, and the rescheduled Easy Money Big Band on Sept. 6. All concerts are free and open to the public, and in case The city's farmers' market also continues on Tuesdays through Oct. 11 from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Getman said they are also considering a lecture series in the fall at the CAC, featuring residents as guest speakers to discuss topics they are knowledgeable about with slideshows, demonstrations, and workshops.

And if you don't see your own favorite activity on the list of upcoming Sherrill events, give Getman a call. Any serious suggestion will be entertained, she promised.

"I want people to feel free to contact me with their ideas," she said. "I want to know what they think is great and what they think isn't and to see what new things they want -- my job is to make it happen."

For more information on any Sherrill happening, log on to:

www.sherrillny.org

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