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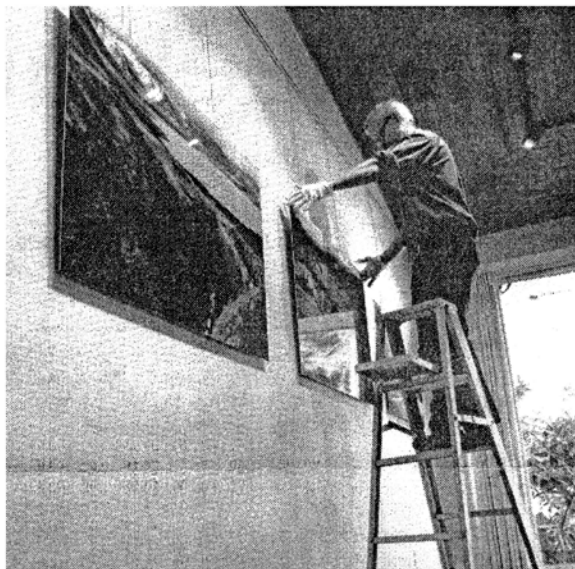
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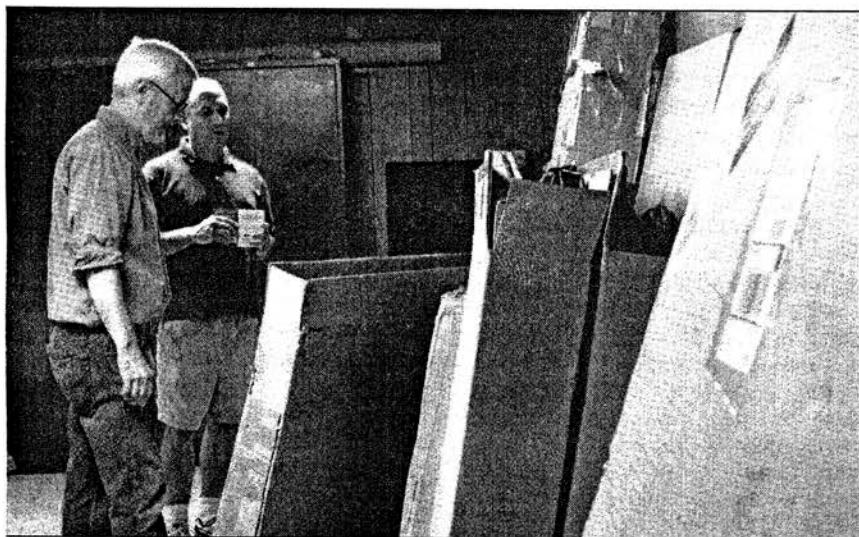
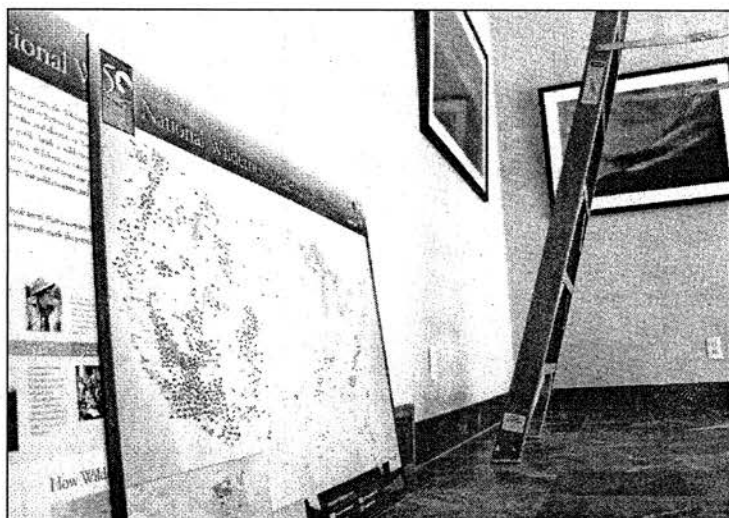
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The following is a list of upcoming local entertainment events. The Times Observer welcomes additions to the list that are of community interest. Club meetings and closed gatherings are not included. To add an event, call features editor Diana Paddock in the newsroom at 723-8200 by noon Monday.

Aug. 28-31: Holiday Camping at the Warren County Fairgrounds (730-2890 or 730-4644)

Aug. 29: Music in the Park sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank, "Chaz" (classic rock), Soldiers & Sailors Park, Hickory St. at Pennsylvania Ave. W., Warren, 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 30: Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Chapter "Q" of Warren hosts second annual "Crusin' for St. Jude," a motorcycle charity ride for all models and makes of motorcycles, Brokenstraw Campgrounds, Pittsfield; registration, 8 to 10 a.m.; 100 mile ride; lunch provided. To benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (723-7819 or e-mail: wing-n-it@verizon.net).

Aug. 30: Field of Flags set-up 9 a.m. – volunteers welcome – coffee, cocoa and donuts, Warren County Memorial Park, 20050 Rt. 6.

Aug. 30-Sept. 28: Crary Art Gallery, "Wilderness at 50: Photographic Reflections on the Legacy of Tionesta Visionary Howard Zahniser," large photographs of the nation's wilderness areas by nationally prominent photographers Robert Glenn Ketchum, Craig Blacklock, Anthony Cook, Clyde Butcher, Marc Muench, Robbie George and others, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964, authored by Howard Zahniser, a Tionesta native. Including the winner(s) of the Wilderness Photo Contest. Public opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30. Meet the photographers at 7 p.m. Gallery talk by former president of the Wilderness Society Bill Meadows and Mathias Zahniser, son of the Wilderness Act author (open Labor Day).

Aug. 31: Tidioute Fishing Tournament benefit turkey party, Tidioute Fire Hall, doors open, 6:30 p.m.; raffles start, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 5: Music in the Park sponsored by Northwest Savings Bank, "Old Dawg Bluegrass," Soldiers & Sailors Park, Hickory St. at Pennsylvania Ave. W., Warren, 7-9 p.m.

Sept. 6: Mile of Candles placement, 9 a.m. – volunteers welcome – coffee, cocoa and donuts, Warren County Memorial Park, 20050 Rt. 6.

Sept. 6-7: 35th annual Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival, Warren County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine.

Sept. 9-10: WGH Auxiliary will sponsor a "Pittsburgh Sports" sale, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., outpatient lobby of the hospital. Items will be available for the Steelers, the Pirates & the Penguins.

Sept. 11: Patriot's Day - Free-

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