

Sherlock Holmes lends a hand for Fonthill gates

“Murder at the Castle” set for Elkins Gallery

Connie Wrzesniewski

“Murder at the Castle,” a one-man show featuring Neil Hartley as Sherlock Holmes, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, March 27, in the Elkins Gallery at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown.

The show is based on Arthur Conan Doyle’s “Sherlock Holmes and the Speckled Band.” The fundraiser is sponsored by Quester chapters to benefit the Concrete Gateways at Fonthill Castle.

Hartley has taken on the personas of Ichabod Crane, Charles Lindbergh and P. T. Barnum in the past.

Nancy Bergere of Doylestown, former president of the Pennsylvania Questers, is an active Quester within chapters that have been invited to support “Saving the Gates at Fonthill.” It is estimated that \$100,000 is needed to restore the gates – \$20,000 has been raised so far. That amount will finance the restoration of the North Street Gate beginning in the spring.

“We are appealing now to a



Kings Path Questers.

broader community to raise the remainder to restore the remaining four gate posts,” said Bergere. “We are all volunteers in this effort, so none of the money goes to “overhead” – every dollar will be committed to gate restoration,” said Bergere.

“We invite businesses, individuals and organizations to join us

in raising funds to restore the gates at Fonthill. We also offer the opportunity for community projects to Scout groups and other youth oriented groups to learn the woods in and around the old 1700s farmhouse.”

There are six unique Henry Chapman Mercer gateposts guarding four entrances to



Featherbed Questers.

Fonthill. Like most of Mercer’s works they are built of concrete to his design, evoking the images of Mercer’s other buildings.

“We believe the gates contribute to the overall beauty and individuality of Fonthill guarding each entrance,” said Bergere.

The six gateposts are in serious disrepair. The effects of the weather and age threaten to cause their complete collapse.

“As one of the signature fea-

tures of the property, we want to see them preserved to enhance the beauty of this gem in our community and we hope you will share in this aspiration,” said Bergere.

The cost for the event is \$75 per ticket, which includes cocktail receptions, educational program, coffee tea and dessert.

Tickets must be purchased by March 21. Only 150 tickets will be sold. Order at fonthillgates.com.



Fonthill Questers.

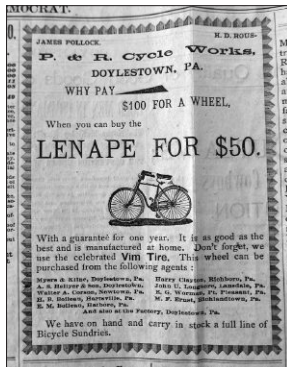
Presentation explores early history of cycling in Doylestown

The Doylestown Historical Society presents “Wheelmen: An Early History of Cycling in Doylestown,” 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Syd and Sharon Martin Barn Gallery, 56 S. Main St., Doylestown.

Brian Bogen of The Doylestown Bike Works will give a presentation based around John Foster, Henry Ruos’ Lenape Bike Works factory, the Doylestown Wheelmen, the Doylestown Velodrome and the transcontinental bike trip of Frank Kolbe.

The Bike Works was the original site of Foster’s home and bike/toy store. On display that evening will be one of the two known existing Lenape Racers on loan from the Mercer Museum, as well as other early bike memorabilia.

An 1895 edition of the Doylestown Democrat featured this ad for a Lenape Racer. Two of these bikes will be on display during “Wheelmen: An Early History of Cycling in Doylestown” March 26 at Syd and Sharon Martin Barn Gallery in Doylestown.



Ye Olde Almshouse Questers.



Doyle Questers.

Fighting homelessness at The Fuge

Family Service Association of Bucks County will host a benefit to raise funds for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter on Saturday, March 21 at The Fuge in Warminster.

The benefit will begin at 7 p.m. with live music, cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, followed by dinner and a live auction. Guests can also tour The Fuge, which houses one of the largest human centrifuges, and have their photo taken inside the gondola of the actual centrifuge used by America’s early astronauts

including Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and John Glenn.

The Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, a program of Family Service, is a temporary shelter for families and individuals who have lost safe housing. Proceeds from the benefit will help residents move from homelessness towards independence.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or learn more, visit fsabc.org/benefit or contact Eric Nocito at 215.757.6916 ext. 208 or enocito@fsabc.org.

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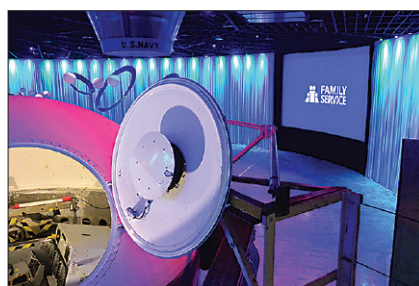
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A benefit will be held at The Fuge in Warminster to raise funds for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter.

BYOB and paint at the Solebury Schoolhouse

The Solebury Township Historical Society will host a BYOB painting party from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Participants will paint a spring scene inspired by Fern Coppedge’s “Red Bud Time.” The event will take place in the STHS

Schoolhouse. The BYOB painting party is sponsored by Freeman’s and Tinsman Bros. The cost is \$50 per person and includes all art supplies and snacks. Visit soleburyhistory.org or call 215-297-5091 for more information.

Dance up a storm at Spring Formal in Warrington

Justine Time to Dance, a local ballroom and Latin dance program offered within Serenity Day Spa in Doylestown, hosts a Spring Formal at the Warrington County Club 4 to 8 p.m. March 22.

This evening will cater to dancers and new dancers, offering four hours of general dancing in the main ballroom, and an

introductory class in the Sun Room at the start of the evening giving new dancers an opportunity to learn a pattern or two and step onto the dance floor with confidence, style and grace.

Guests are invited to dress formal, enjoy hor d’oeuvres and seven contemporary stations of food, and enjoy live music and DJ music courtesy of Dwayne Dunlevy.