



Recent and Upcoming Events

Diversity Picnic

On September 16, CARE held its annual diversity picnic. Those who attended had a wonderful time, enjoying music, food and most of all, each others' company.

The attendance was low in spite of good advertising. This is the third year that attendance has been low, therefore, CARE will be exploring the question of whether or not to continue having this picnic. If you would like to share your opinion about this (and we would really like to hear from members!), please contact us (care@dejazzd.com , 524-2273).

Stop The Hate Rally

The annual "stop the hate" rally will take place on Monday, October 9. It is being sponsored by a number of groups, and is being organized by Bucknell and CARE.

The rally begins at 6:30 PM with a walk from the Langone Center at Bucknell to Hufnagle Park. At 7:00, a series of short speeches will be given, including an opening speech by Lois Passi, co-chair for CARE, Babette Faison (Lewisburg resident and counselor for Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition), Margie Torres (CARE steering committee member and counselor for the Area Agency on Aging), Andrea Tufo (director of Donald Heiter Center), bucknell students and faculty, and others. The rally is expected to last approximately one hour.

Please come and join us on October 9th! We want everyone to know that hate is not tolerated in the Valley. Your presence makes a difference!

Multicultural Festival

CARE's annual multicultural festival for families will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 1:00 in Marlow Hall of RiverWoods, Lewisburg. The event is free. It will include tables with displays, food samples from different cultures, storytelling, and entertainment. Mark your calendars now, and bring the whole family!!

"God and Gays"

Bucknell University, CARE, and others are sponsoring "God and Gays", a powerful documentary about the effect of homophobia on the spiritual lives of gays. The movie will be shown at the Campus Theater on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 PM. Those interviewed in the documentary include clergy and non-clergy, and their insights are very powerful. Don't miss it!

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Festival will be held
on November 4th at
RiverWoods.
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Best-selling authors will discuss the problems of Native Americans, and especially Mr. Peltier and the American Indian Movement in the criminal justice system.

The Peltier defense attorneys will discuss significant FOI, Constitutional, and Legal/ethical violations in the government's case against Mr. Peltier

“[T]here is evidence in this record of improper conduct on the part of some FBI agents.” —Ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit (*United States v. Leonard Peltier*; 800 F.2d, 772, 778; 8th Cir. 1986.)

“Much of the government's behavior at the Pine Ridge Reservation and in its prosecution of Mr. Peltier is to be condemned. The government withheld evidence. It intimidated witnesses. These facts are not disputed.” —Ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (*Peltier v. Booker*; 348 F. 3d 888, 896; 10th Cir. 2003)

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**Bucknell University
Elaine Langone Center
Forum, 2nd floor**

1-3:30 p.m.

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Michael Blake –Author and Academy Award winner, *Dances with Wolves*

Peter Matthiessen – National Book Award winner and author, *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse*

Harvey Arden, – author and retired *National Geographic* staff writer

**Barry Bachrach and Mike Kuzma –Leonard Peltier Legal Team
Robert Robideau and Toni Zeiden –Co-Directors, Leonard Peltier Defense Committee**

AIDS Quilt to be on Display at Bucknell

The AIDS quilt will be on display again at Bucknell this year from November 29th through December 5th. During that time, the names of those who died from AIDS will be read continuously by many volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to read names, please contact Fran McDaniel at Bucknell's LGBT Awareness Office (mcdaniel @bucknell.edu or 577-1609).

High Holy Days



Do you have any
news or suggestions
for us? Please
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There are many sacred holidays at this time of year. We thought it appropriate to say a little about each one of them.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah was celebrated this year from September 22-23. It is celebrated from sundown to sundown, as is every Shabbat (Jewish Sabbath). Rosh Hashanah is known as the Jewish new year. It is a time for starting anew, a time for introspection. The shofar, a ram's horn, is played in the synagogue. One common custom eat apples dipped in honey, a ritual that stands for the hoped for sweetness of the coming year. Additionally, another custom known as "Tashlikh", or "casting off", takes place at this time. People put some bread crumbs in their pockets and empty the pockets at a nearby creek. This symbolizes the casting off of sins. For more information about Rosh Hashanah, you can check the website <http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday2.htm> .

Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr

Ramadan is known as one of the five pillars of Islam. It is a month-long observance in which Muslims fast throughout the majority of the day. Ramadan began this year on September 24. Muslims eat a meal before sunrise (sufoor), then refrain from eating or drinking anything until you can see the first star in the sky at night (iftar). Additionally, Muslims refrain from smoking and sex during this time. Energy is put into prayer and reflection.

It is expected that every person will keep Ramadan except for children, pregnant women, those who are sick and the elderly. In spite of this, keeping Ramadan requires discipline and is not easy.

Muslims believe that it is during the time of Ramadan (9th month of the Islamic calendar) that Mohammed, Allah's prophet, had the Koran dictated to him by the angel Gabriel. For this reason, special attention is given to reading the Koran in mosques during this time.

The month of Ramadan concludes with *Eid Al-Fitr*, or the breaking of the fast. The month long fast is broken with celebration of the strength and discipline that Muslims have to keep Ramadan. Eid Al-Fitr is celebrated with new clothes, gift and treats for children. For more information about Ramadan and Eid Al-Fitr, see <http://www.factmonster.com/spot/ramadan1.html>,

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the most holy day of the year for Jews, is celebrated this year from sunset October 12 through October 13. It is a day of fasting (no food or water), and a day to spend in the synagogue. It means "day of atonement". The day is spent in self-reflection, and in bringing to completion with God anything that is unresolved. For more information, see <http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday4.htm> .



Diwali

Diwali , or the “festival of lights” is a Hindu celebration. It begins on Saturday, October 21st and is celebrated over several days. Like Rosh Hashanah, it is also the beginning of a new year for Hindus. It celebrates the triumphant return of the god Ram to his people in Ayodhya after 14 years of exile. Ram’s return from the dark forest required light, and so, according to legend, people burned their houses in order to light the way for his return. Today, divas, or special candles, are lit (Diwali is the festival of light). All the lights in the house are turned on, and special pujas (services/ prayers) are offered. Fireworks are also common on Diwali.

Diwali is a time of starting anew. People clean their homes thoroughly, buy new clothes, and even businesses close their books before Diwali.

For more information, see <http://www.reachgujarat.com/diwali.htm> .

These are just a few simple facts about each of these important observances, facts offered by one who is not an expert. If you wish to add anything to our knowledge of these observances, please feel free to write to us (care@dejazzd.com of P.O. Box 250, Lewisburg, PA) and we will be happy to include your input in our next newsletter. Additionally, there are clergy in our region who can answer questions as well:

Judaism: Rabbi Nina Mandel of Congregation Beth-El, Sunbury, PA
Rabbi Serena Fujita, Hillel, Bucknell University

Islam: Ahmed Abdul-Hakim, amir of Williamsport Islamic Center

Hinduism: There is no Hindu temple in our area, however, if you have questions about Hinduism, contact CARE and we can put you in contact with a local Hindu.