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Celebration of the Arts, June 11

Twenty years! That's long enough to be considered a tradition, don't you think? Come and join in the fun of the 20th Annual Celebration of the Arts, Tourist Park, June 11 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Artists and artisans will be selling original items of fine art, hand blown glass, jewelry, pottery, textiles, garden art, wood carving and furniture and more. Several vendors as well as the Methodist Church group will make sure you don't go hungry. This year the proceeds from the popular used book sale will go to Cumberland's Thomas St. Angelo Public Library.

For the children there will be face painting and other hands on art activities. The Elementary School art display will be exhibited next to the ETC Art tent. Musicians David Hile, Dan Hoffmann, Jim Kerr and others will be performing throughout the day.

It is a day of non-stop fun for all ages. Plan to spend time to enjoy the day, and support the artists by purchasing something unique to be treasured. Celebration of the Arts truly is a gift to the Island City Community.

The Cemetery Club

April 29–May 7

Cumberland ETC will present the funny and heartwarming play *The Cemetery Club* by Ivan Menchell opening Friday, April 29 at the ETC Fine Arts Center in Cumberland.

The play features well-known local talents Dorene Weltzin, Meg Atkins, Vonnie Schell, Diane Thorp, and Dan Hoffmann.

The Cemetery Club is the delightful story of three Jewish widows who meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands' graves. Ida, played by Dorene Weltzin, is sweet-tempered and ready to begin a new life. Lucille (Meg Atkins) is a feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to have fun. Doris (Vonnie Schell) is quite judgmental, especially when Sam the butcher (Dan Hoffmann) enters the scene. He meets the widows while visiting his wife's grave.

Doris and Lucille squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida, but are guilt-stricken when this nearly breaks Ida's heart. Things get especially interesting when Sam brings a new date, Mildred, played by Diane Thorp, to meet the girls. The dramatic, surprise conclusion allows us a special glimpse into the hearts of the characters.

The Cemetery Club was originally produced by the Yale Repertory Theatre in 1987, and had a long run at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1990. The play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc, in New York City.

The play is directed by Mike Clay and Diane Thorp. "I am privileged to work with such a talented group," said Clay. "As for the story, it has some of the most dramatic scenes I've ever directed. I guarantee no one who sees it will be quite the same when they leave the theater."

The downstairs gallery will feature the paintings of Dan Hoffmann.

Production dates are Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at 7pm, and Sunday, May 1, at 2pm, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 5, 6, 7, at 7pm. Tickets are \$8, and can be purchased either at Peter and Annie's in downtown Cumberland, or at the door if seats remain available. For ticket information call Peter and Annie's at 715-822-9959, and for additional information, call the Cumberland Fine Arts Center hotline at 715-822-2787, or visit the ETC website at www.cumberlandetc.com.

The Cumberland ETC Fine Arts Center is located AT 1595 2nd Avenue across the street from the Cumberland Elementary School.



Lucille (Meg Atkins) puts a move on Sam (Dan Hoffman) while Doris (Vonnie Schell), Mildred (Diane Thorp) and Ida (Dorene Weltzin) show their reactions in a Cemetery Club Rehearsal.



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Dear ETC board and members,

On behalf of the European choir students and me, please accept our sincerest thanks for your generous donation towards our tour this summer. Your donation will provide our students with the opportunity to sing in some of the largest Cathedrals in the world including Cologne Cathedral and St. Stephens' Cathedral. Additionally, the students will see a London musical and, for many, their first opera at the Staats Oper in Vienna. The tour will also include trips to Salzburg and Bonn, the homes of Mozart and Beethoven. These are just some of the opportunities that you helped provide for our students. Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for you \$1,000 donation and know that you have made a difference.

Most Sincerely,

Michael S. Pechman
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Annual Membership Meeting

Our ETC fiscal year runs from July to June, so our Annual Membership Meeting and Board election will be in early July, probably Sunday July 10 or 17. Everyone interested in the arts in this community is welcome. We are always looking for new board members or other leadership positions. If you are interested in serving on the board or in another capacity, please contact President Tom Toftness, or President-elect Mike Clay.

Watch the ETC box ad in the Cumberland Advocate for further details on the Annual Meeting. Come on out- it'll be a good time.

Pump Boys and Dinettes

June 9–12, 16–18

The Pump Boys sell high octane on Highway 57 somewhere between Smyrna and Frog Level in Georgia, and the Dinettes, Prudie and Rhett Cupp run the Double Cupp diner next door. Together they fashion an evening of heartbreak and hilarity, singing about fixin' old engines, pie, fishin' and wooin'. They'll be playing guitars, piano, bass and yes, kitchen utensils. Troy Lynch is heading up this play with assistance from Ann Ethen. Y'all come down and see it, y'hear? You won't be sorry.

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