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Connellsville Canteen to offer educational programs

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The Connellsville Canteen will begin 2020 with three educational programs designed with the future in mind.

Covering diverse subjects, the events will address business planning, estate planning and holistic living.

All are scheduled by the Fayette County Cultural Trust, which operates the Canteen at 131 W. Crawford Ave.

A four-part seminar on business planning will feature the return of Lyz Marshall, business counselor from the Wukich Center for Entrepreneurial Opportunities at Seton Hill University of Greensburg.



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In the fall, Marshall spoke at the Canteen during a program designed to help military veterans start businesses.

She teaches both undergraduate and graduate business courses and has assisted nearly 1,000 individuals in achieving entrepreneurial interests, the Cultural Trust noted.

The Business After Hours program will begin Wednesday, with additional sessions scheduled Jan. 15, 22 and 29. Each session will run 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In announcing the program, the Cultural Trust stated: "There's a difference between running a business and running a successful business."

Planned topics are "Plan for Success," "Plan for Marketplace Needs," "Plan for Cash Flow Needs" and "Plan for Business Operations."

The sessions, valued at a total of \$500, are free and each includes a meal.

However, reservations are required and can be arranged via email at fcctrust@zoominternet.net or by calling 724-320-6392.

The programs are designed to help people become successful," said Dan Cocks, Cultural Trust executive director. "It all falls into a he

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Cocks said the Cultural Trust has operated the Downtown Connellsville Initiative for a long time and has seen some businesses open and close after a couple months.

“They see a big pot of gold that is not really there,” he said. “Our goal is to see people open a business and stay open. With knowledge, the pot of gold can be there.”

The series will be sponsored by Chevron Corp., Community Foundation of Fayette County, Walmart, Seton Hill, Connellsville Redevelopment Authority and Downtown Connellsville.

The future

“Becoming One of the Grateful Dead” is the Cultural Trust’s next Dinner and Dialogue program.

Scheduled over three sessions, it will take place 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14, 21 and 28.

Three area attorneys will lead the sessions:

- Carmine Molinaro Jr., “Estate Planning.”
 - Carolyn Maricondi, “Inheritance Tax and Settling Estates.”
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- Tim Witt, “Asset Protection and Long- Term



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Cocks said estate planning is important, adding many people don't know how to write a will or do not have wills.

"If you have kids, you should have a will," he said. "People end up paying a lot of taxes, and you can avoid those pitfalls."

"If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail," Molinaro said.

"That's a trite saying, but it's essentially true. Many people are surprised when somebody dies, and they find out who gets what," he continued.

Molinaro said when someone dies without a will, the state handles the distribution of possessions.

"When you make a will, you can specify exactly what you want, who handles the business affairs and the tax affairs for your estate," he said.

Molinaro said the law is constantly changing, and people often do not understand the relative statutes.

"As attorneys, we are counsellors at law, and we have an opportunity to counsel people," he said. "The way you get a medical checkup, you need a legal checkup."

Light dinners will be available at 5:30, and a \$10 donation will be appreciated, the Cultural Trust stated.

Participants may attend any or all sessions.

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The third program will be a Lunch and Learn session aimed at developing a healthier lifestyle.

Emily Richter, owner of Youghiogheny Holistic Living, will speak noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 21.

The program will include a 10- to 15-minute guided meditation exercise.

Richter's business provides holistic guidance and empowerment, and specializes in massage, reiki, holistic nutrition and herbal wellness.

Cocks said the business is well established and is located along the Great Allegheny Passage on Connellsville's West Side.

He said the program, just an hour in length, will provide people with an opportunity to learn about aspects of healthy living.

The Cultural Trust requests a \$5 donation for lunch.

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The event is being sponsored by Downtown Connellsville, Seton Hill University and Connellsville Redevelopment Authority.

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