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# Mifflinburg



## NEWS & VIEWS

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### German Oktoberfest in Mifflinburg

Friday, Oct. 3 • 3-10pm  
Sat., Oct. 4 • 11-10pm



Mifflinburg's 4th annual German Oktoberfest is Fri., Oct. 3 (3-10pm) and Sat., Oct. 4 (from 11am-10pm). Oktoberfest takes place on the VFW carnival grounds, just west of Mifflinburg on Rte. 45 — Under the Big Tents — rain or shine! This great family event celebrates Mifflinburg's German heritage. The Oktoberfest committee and MHRA, the sponsoring organization, works hard to make this two day event mirror the great Oktoberfest of Munich, Germany.

Just like Munich's Oktoberfest, there will be amusements for kids such as hayrides and marionette shows. There will be traditional Oktoberfest food and some American favorites, too. Come hungry— There will be lots to enjoy such as bratwurst and sauerkraut, homemade pot pie (chicken and ham), fish sandwiches, French fries, smoked beef brisket, baby back ribs, pork sandwiches, German potato salad, sauerkraut chowder, chicken corn soup, ribeye steak, hot ham & cheese sandwiches, hot dogs, krautdogs, hamburgers, battered fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks, jalapeno poppers, and onion rings, apple sticks, prime rib sandwiches, mushrooms, pub roasted ham sandwiches, German buttermilk cookies, wedding whoopee cakes, caramel apple ice cream sundaes, and homemade shoo fly pie. There will also be traditional German festival favorites including funnel cakes and soft pretzels— plus coffee, bottled water, cappuccino, tea (iced and hot), hot chocolate and cider.



No Oktoberfest is complete without great German beer and this is no exception: Hacker-Pshorr Oktoberfest, Paulaner Oktoberfest, Spaten Oktoberfest and Lager, Franziskaner Heffeweisen (Wheat) and Dark beer, all from Munich; as well as Beck's, Beck's Oktoberfest; and Pilsner-Urquell on tap. Great German style wines from Shade Mountain Winery will also be available.

The tradition of Oktoberfest began on Oct. 12, 1810 in Munich, Germany as a horse race and festival to celebrate the wedding of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and became an annual Munich event that celebrates the German heritage and continues today. Mifflinburg celebrates its own German heritage with its annual Christkindl Market (Dec 11-13) and its Oktoberfest. Come and Enjoy!

Sponsored MHRA, Oktoberfest is underwritten by Cole's Hardware, Farm & Home Oil, Swineford Bank, Roupp Funeral Home, Keith Dunlap State Farm Insurance, Wehr's Beverage, Ritz-Craft, Mifflinburg Lumber & Supply Dr. Paul Vidunas, Chapman-Lawton Insurance/Erie Insurance, Re/Max Country Homes, BZ Motors, Mid-Penn Engineering, and T-Square Drafting. For more details log on to www.mifflinburgpa.com.

### OCTOBER Calendar of Events

- Oct. Wednesdays . . . Club 39, senior center 2-4pm Union County Gov. Bldg.
  - Thurs., Oct. 2 . . . . . First Thursday Bingo 6:15pm Buggy Museum
  - Thurs., Oct. 2 . . . . . Christkindl Committee 7pm 300 Chestnut
  - Thurs., Oct. 2, . . . . . Market Street Sale Days Fri., Oct. 3 & Sat. Oct. 4
  - Fri., Oct. 3, 3-10pm . . . OKTOBERFEST Sat., Oct. 4, 11am-10pm VFW carnival grounds
  - Sat., Oct. 4 . . . . . Recycling 8-11am Industrial Park Drive
  - Sun., Oct. 5 . . . . . Candlelight Walk & Service 6pm UCC to Elias Church
  - Tues., Oct. 7 . . . . . MHRA Board Meeting 7pm 300 Chestnut
  - Sat., Oct. 11 . . . . . Kelsey's Fall Festival 11am-7pm VFW Grounds
  - Mon., Oct. 13 . . . . . Columbus Day / no school
  - Tues., Oct. 14 . . . . . PMI 7pm Ranney's on Saratoga
  - Tues., Oct. 14 . . . . . School Bd. Mtg. 7:30pm District Office
  - Tues., Oct. 14 . . . . . Garden Club 9am 300 Chestnut
- Homecoming Weekend**
- Fri., Oct. 17 . . . . . Parade (5:30) & Game (6:15)
  - Sat., Oct. 18 . . . . . Chicken Barbecue (3 - 5), HS Cafeteria & Dance
  - Sat., Oct. 18 . . . . . TOB Band Competition 6:30pm HS Stadium
  - Sat., Oct. 18 . . . . . Recycling 8-11am Industrial Park Drive
  - Mon., Oct. 20 . . . . . Shade Tree Commission 7pm Borough Hall
  - Tues., Oct. 21 . . . . . Planning Commission 4:30pm Borough Hall
  - Tues., Oct. 21 . . . . . Borough Council 7pm Borough Hall
  - Sunday Oct., 26 . . . . . Ghosts & Scandals Walk 3pm La Vielle Maison
  - Mon., Oct. 27 . . . . . Halloween Parade 6:30pm (forms 6:15) East on Chestnut from 4th St.
  - Wed., Oct. 29 . . . . . Apple Festival 7pm Methodist Church
  - Fri., Oct. 31 . . . . . Trick or Treat Night 6 to 9 pm



'tis Halloween nite and there's just no doubt that creatures quite spooky are lurkin' about

### Happy Halloween

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**BOROUGH BUSINESS... be in the know**

by Margaret Metzger & Steve Benner

**WHO NEEDS LIFE SUPPORT?**

We all need assistance in life if we want to be honest with ourselves. However, we have occasions in the Borough where a person or family has special medical needs that require continuous electric service. The Borough, as the provider of electricity, needs to know who (what properties) in the Borough has situations where constant electric service is critical and could mean the difference between life and death.

We strive to give everyone continuous electric service, but with routine maintenance practices and accidental outages that is not always possible. If you or someone you know lives in the Borough and must have electricity for life-support apparatus, please call the Borough Office and let us know at your earliest convenience. 🍂

**MY... HOW YOU HAVE GROWN!**

Due to the summer growing season, shrubs and trees have seen substantial growth. Property owners are reminded to "trim in the travel zones," particularly at intersections and other troublesome areas where safe vehicular traffic is a concern.

Please note, however, that Borough shade trees are governed by the Shade Tree Commission and fall under special permit requirements. If you have any questions, call before you cut. The Borough office hours are Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30 pm, 966-1013. 🍂

**LEAF COLLECTION TO BEGIN!**

It's leaf collection season and there will be lots of dust and debris flying everywhere. Your porches, cars, outdoor dried laundry, and slow moving pets will be covered! Let us explain why. Annually the Borough invests lots of time, effort, and money collecting fallen leaves from the tree-lined Borough streets. The process involves the use of very large truck pulled "vacuum cleaners."

However, unlike the vacuum cleaner you use at home, the leaf machines require an enormous volume of air flow to achieve enough negative pressure to suck up the leaves. In order to maintain adequate airflow, the vent or exhaust for the blower must be kept open. To date, we are not aware of an efficient system that can adequately collect leaves and provide exhaust filtration at the same time, and not require an extreme amount of cleaning and effort to keep sufficient air flow. As the technology improves, so will our process.

The Borough loves our tree-lined streets and we are committed to provide leaf collection for Borough residents as a responsibility and convenience. We are also asking for your understanding and consideration as we carry out this task. Residents are reminded that leaf collection will generally follow the regular street sweeping schedule as posted along Borough streets. However, as leaf volume increases, so too will our collection efforts. Please try to have your leaves raked and piled at curb-line during the regular street sweeping days. 🍂

**KEEP YOUR BASKETBALL HOOPS OUT OF THE STREETS!**

We can't say it simpler than that. The problem continues to grow as does the impatience of Borough staff and employees. Residents continue to place portable and in some cases permanent basketball posts and hoops within municipal street rights-of-way. We have dragged them with the snowplow and torn them apart with the leaf box. The Borough police department has been informed and will be enforcing the law. You have been informed and you are liable for personal injury and property damage. Thank you for your attention to this matter. 🍂

**HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:** 🍁 **Halloween Parade**, Monday, October 27th (forms at 6:15pm/ Lutheran Church, Market St.) parade starts at 6:30pm, travels north to Chestnut, east on Chestnut, and south on 2nd to the High School. (All Activities will be held at the high school if weather is inclement) 🍁 **Trick or Treat Night** will be held one night only Friday, October 31 from 6 to 9pm. It is a tradition for "trick or treaters" to stop only at homes with an outside light turned on— please be courteous and follow this custom. Those under 16 are reminded that the curfew is 10pm. Extra police, including plain clothes officers, will be on duty during the Halloween season. 🍁

**Penn State Cooperative Extension,  
a part of Mifflinburg**

The Penn State Cooperative Extension office is in its sixth year in Mifflinburg in the refurbished old bank building. The department relocated from Lewisburg to the site in 2002. The office houses a wide variety of programs and resources for county residents and businesses. The most well known and one of the oldest is the 4-H youth program age 7-18 begun in 1921. The newest addition is the county's West Nile Virus mosquito surveillance and control program. The office is also home for the Penn State Master Gardener program where trained volunteers assist residents with answers to their gardening, insect, weed and other pest problems. This program provides informal horticulture programs and workshops such as the popular backyard composting program.

Other available resources are in areas of family living and agricultural production. The office serves as a gateway to Penn State University's Outreach with technical supports such as getting soil or well water tested as well as timely unbiased public information which is extensions mandated mission. Topics such as family strengths, gas well leasing and energy are examples of recent public education efforts. The office is also home for the area Better Kid Care program which is a program for early childhood educators and parent training.

Recent innovations include a Polycom digital broadcast and receiving unit where staff and program attendees participate in programs that are broadcast and received at other county extension sites. More information can be obtained from the office website at <http://union.extension.psu.edu>, stopping by the office or calling 966-8194. 🍂

**A word from Chief Bickart  
SUMMARY OF PA'S SAFETY BELT LAW**

All drivers of passenger car, Class 1 truck, Class 2 truck or motor home transporting children 8 years of age or older but under 18 years of age are responsible to securely restrain those children in a seat belt system when riding anywhere in the vehicle.

Each driver and front seat occupant of a passenger car, Class 1 truck, Class 2 truck or motor home operated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt system.

A driver who is under 18 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle in which the number of passengers exceeds the number of available safety seat belts in the vehicle.

**Special Note:** The National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration recommend that all children 12 years of age and under ride buckled up in a rear seat. Small children should ride in a rear seat in a child safety seats approved for their height, weight, physical development, and behavioral needs. Infants in rear child safety seats should NEVER ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag.

**SUMMARY OF CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION LAWS**

All drivers operating a passenger car, Class 1 truck, Class 2 truck, classic motor vehicle, antique motor vehicle or motor home shall securely fasten infants and children under 8 years of age in an approved child restraint/booster when riding anywhere in the motor vehicle including the cargo area.

All drivers transporting children under 4 years of age are responsible to securely restrain those children in an approved child passenger restraint system.

All drivers transporting children 4 years of age or older but under 8 years of age are responsible to securely restrain those children in a seat belt system and an appropriately fitting child booster seat. 🍂

**Around Town...**



**Keystone Housewares**



**Pish Posh Designs**

Ed Zimmerman and his family have opened **Keystone Housewares** in the Buffalo Valley Shopping Center, next to Subway. The store carries a big inventory of kitchen items including hard-to-find gadgets, and gift items. Store hours are Mon, Tues and Thurs. 8:30am-6pm, Wed. and Sat., 8:30am-5pm, and Fri. 8:30am-8pm. The phone is 966-4100.

**Villa Roma** has opened a banquet room that holds 45 people. They are now booking for parties, receptions, and office meetings. The phone number is 966-3163.

**Off-Centre Tools** outgrew its downtown location and has moved to 47 Red Barn Lane in the Yoder Barns complex. The phone number remains the same 966-4000

Two new businesses have located in the Fry Building, on the corner of 4th and Chestnut. They are **Pish Posh** and **Pretas**. **Pish Posh** is owned by jewelry designers Joanne Troutman and Katie Knapik. The shop carries one-of-a-kind jewelry and other accessory items, such as scarves. The shop hours are Fri. 6-8pm, Sat. 9am-4pm and by appointment. The phone number is 966-0200. Next door is **Pretas**, a skateboard and clothing boutique. Owner Billy Wigo is a sportswear designer, who recently relocated from California. The shop will carry all the latest in skateboards and skateboard gear and clothing. Hours are Mon-Sat., 1-7pm. The phone is 966-3954.

Be a part of the **Plan for Union County's Future**, the comprehensive plan for the next 10 years. A public meeting is planned for October 21, call 524-3840 for more information.

The **Buggy Museum's historic buildings** will close for the winter on Oct. 26. Limited days and hours for the Visitor Center (call before you go - 966-1355).

**October is the Union County United Way giving month.** United Way supports our own local agencies such as the Mifflinburg Food Bank and our Herr Library. You can send a donation for one agency of your choice or to all the agencies supported by the Union County United Way. Information and a pledge card has been mailed to you. You may also send your donation directly to: Union County United Way, 11 Reitz Blvd. (suite 107), Lewisburg, PA 17837. 🍂

**ATTENTION MIFFLINBURG BUSINESS OWNERS:**

**CHECK YOUR BUSINESS LISTING ON THE MIFFLINBURG WEBSITE.** If your business is not listed or you wish to update your information, you can do so online. Visit [www.mifflinburgpa.com/directory.php](http://www.mifflinburgpa.com/directory.php) to add or submit changes to your listing. 🍂

**October Events, Around Town**

The **Herr Library** is offering individual basic computer instruction. Call the library for information: 966-0831. Library hours are Tues. -Thurs. 11am-5pm, Mon. and Fri. 7pm-9pm and Sat. 10am-5pm.

**St. John's United Church of Christ** is holding their 2nd annual candlelight walk from St. John's (417 Market) to the Elias Church at 6pm on Sun., Oct. 5. There will be a short candlelight service at the Elias Church, followed by a hymn sing and refreshments at St John's.

**Kelsey's Fall Festival** will take place on Sat., Oct. 11 from 11am-7pm at the VFW Carnival Grounds. Great food, fun and games, live music and dance performance. Proceeds help support Kelsey's Dream, Helping Children in Need. - visit [www.kelseysdream.org](http://www.kelseysdream.org).

**Fall events at Halfway Dam: Fall colors hike, Fri, Oct 17, 10am-noon** (starts at the Halfway Run environmental learning center and **"Dam Half," marathon trail race, Sun., Oct. 19** (contact Kevin Warren at [wkwarren@ptd.net](mailto:wkwarren@ptd.net)).

The **Buggy Museum** is sponsoring their **"Ghosts and Scandals" Walk** on Sun., Oct. 26, 3pm. The walk leaves from LaVielle Maison, 344 Chestnut. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

**Apple Festival** at the United Methodist Church, Wed., Oct. 29 from 5-7pm - hot dogs, barbecue, apple pie, apple dumplings, ice cream, chips and beverages. Lots of food and fun. 🍂

**MIFFLINBURG GARDEN CLUB  
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**

**Thurs., Nov. 20th, 7pm  
at Carriage Corner Restaurant**

The Garden Club of Mifflinburg will once again be putting on its popular holiday workshop with Keith Phelps and array of other talented presenters demonstrating holiday creations that you can make yourself. There will also be delicious refreshments to enjoy. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Country Farm and Home or from Mifflinburg Garden Club members. Attendance is limited to 100. 🍂



**Club 39 Mifflinburg Senior Center Happenings**

Club 39, Mifflinburg's Senior Center, meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm on the second floor of the Union County Government Building. Scheduled Wednesday programs: Business Meeting (10/1), Bingo (10/8), "Bring a childhood photo of yourself" fun program(10/15), Meeting (10/22), Fun & Games & Birthdays (10/29) Other events: Breakfast out 10/9 at Turnpike at 8:30am and Dinner Out 10/23 at the Forest House, Forest Hill 5pm. For more information call 966-0197. 🍂

**An Opportunity to Become a  
Mifflinburg EMT**

The Mifflinburg Ambulance is looking for new members to help run calls... The next EMT class will be starting in late November in Lewisburg. For more information call Stacy Mast, Mifflinburg Ambulance Captain, at 966-6880 or email her at [station14@dejazzd.com](mailto:station14@dejazzd.com). 🍂