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David Cooney Receives Outstanding Business Building Revitalization Award

The Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association (MHRA), Mifflinburg's Main Street organization, has chosen to award its coveted Outstanding Business Building Revitalization Award to David Cooney for his transformation of 358 Chestnut Street into a handsome photography studio, while preserving an important historic building in downtown Mifflinburg.



Gallery358, David Cooney Photography's building interior is comparable to photo studios you would find in a large city. Cooney adds exterior interest by constantly changing window displays, often with a touch of his great sense of humor, and sets of seasonal flags that fly above the windows.

Cooney responded to receiving the award by saying "This is such a great honor. To be recognized for my efforts to help the downtown business community really means the world to me. As the downtown evolves, it's really important to do all we can to foster an inviting business climate. And taking care of our properties, inside and out, is a great place to start. Thank You so much."

Gallery358, David Cooney Photography can be reached by calling 966-4282. The website is DavidCooney.com or G358.com. ✨

Mifflinburg Holiday House Tour — Sun., Dec. 7

The annual Mifflinburg Holiday House Tour will be Sun., Dec. 7th, from 1 to 6pm. Enjoy a lovely winter afternoon touring lovely homes, decorated for the holidays, while sampling gourmet finger food and listening to live holiday musical entertainment. This year's festive tour will surely put you in a holiday mood. Tickets are \$10 and are available now at Country Farm & Home, the Stamm House, the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, The Mifflinburg Telegraph, MHRA and Remember When. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available, beginning at 11am, at Carriage Corner and Country Farm & Home. All proceeds from this event go directly to the many community projects underwritten by MHRA and, is possible only because of the generous support of tour sponsors Atlantic Broadband, Griffith Development, Dr. David Holman, Mark Holman, Remax Country Homes, Ritz-Craft Designer Homes and The Mifflinburg Telegraph. ✨



The Rodgers Home • 89 Chestnut St.

Our wishes for Happy Holidays to all...

from MHRA, the Borough Council, the Borough employees and the police

DECEMBER Calendar of Events

- Club 39 Union Co. Gov. Bldg
Every Wed./ 2-4pm All seniors welcome
- Mon., Dec. 1 & ... No school
Tues., Dec. 2
- Tues., Dec. 2 School Board Meeting
7:30pm Admin. Office
- Tues., Dec. 2 MHRA Board Meeting
7pm 300 Chestnut
- Thurs., Dec. 4 Christkindl Meeting
7pm 300 Chestnut
- Sat, Dec. 6. Recycling
8am - 11am Industrial Parkway
- Sun., Dec. 7. Holiday House Tour
1-6pm Mifflinburg area, 8 tour stops
- Tues., Dec. 9 MS Holiday Concert
7pm HS Auditorium
- Tues., Dec. 9 PMI
7pm Ranney's on Saratoga

 20th Annual Christkindl Market
Outdoor German Market

- Thurs., Dec. 11 (4:30 to 9pm) on Market Street
- Fri., Dec. 12 (10am to 9pm) between
- Sat., Dec. 13 (10am to 9pm) 4th and 6th Street

- Sun., Dec. 14. House Decorating Contest
Evening 6-9pm Judging
- Mon., Dec. 15. Shade Tree Commission
7pm Borough Hall
- Tues., Dec. 16 4th/5th grade Holiday Concert
7pm HS Auditorium
- Tues., Dec. 16 Planning Commission
4:30pm Borough Hall
- Tues., Dec. 16 Borough Council
7pm Borough Hall
- Fri., Dec. 19 .. HS Band/Choir Holiday Concert
7pm HS auditorium
- Sat., Dec. 20 ... Recycling
8-11am Industrial Parkway
- Tues., Dec. 23 ... Hanukkah
- Wed., Dec. 24 - Fri., Jan. 2
... Holiday Vacation
- Thurs., Dec. 25 .. Christmas
- Fri., Dec. 26 ... Kwanzaa
- Mon., Jan. 5 ... School reopens



Share in the wonder and magic of Christmas

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MHRA exists to help promote and maintain a supportive environment where business, community and government work together to foster growth and development, while preserving Mifflinburg's historic past.

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BOROUGH BUSINESS... be in the know

by Margaret Metzger & Steve Benner

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Borough would like to thank all residents for their continued cooperation in the leaf pick-up process. We will continue trying to follow the Tuesday-Wednesday street sweeping schedule as much as possible. It is our intention to complete leaf collection this year on Fri., Dec. 5. Remember, the Christkindl Market set-up begins shortly thereafter and we have to have our equipment prepared for that project. Please have all of your leaves raked and gathered to the curb-line by this deadline. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this effort. ❁

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Residents are reminded to remove all vehicles from parking areas adjacent to public streets in instances when snowstorms are imminent. It will greatly help Borough employees in their plowing efforts. If you have available space on your property for off-street parking, please use it when it snows.

We are also offering another reminder to mark the edge of your lawns with brightly colored stakes or flags to aide in locating where the edge of pavement ends during snow plowing and remove all ornamental decorations, basketball structures, etc. that may end-up in the path of the snowplows. These simple yet conscientious efforts will greatly assist the Borough crew in clearing the snow and minimizing personal property damage. ❁

AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT REMINDER

Mifflinburg offers a convenient, time saving alternative for paying utility bills. The automatic Bill Payment System offers the opportunity to eliminate check writing, standing in line, late payment charges and postage. Payment is made electronically from a checking or savings account around the 15th of each month. The Borough will not have access to the bank accounts and there are no fees assessed. Contact the Borough Office at 966-1013. ❁

Important Words from Chief Bickhart

ALCOHOL AND THE HUMAN BODY (Part 2)

Short-term Effects of Alcohol

1. Reduces sensitivity to pain.
2. Affects vision in the following ways: narrows the visual field, reduces resistance to glare, interferes with the ability to differentiate intensities of light, and lessens sensitivity to colors.

Long-term Effects of Alcohol

1. Damage to vital organs: including liver, heart and pancreas.
2. Linked to several medical conditions- including: gastro intestinal problems, malnutrition, high blood pressure, and lower resistance to disease. Also linked are several types of cancer- including:esophagus, stomach, liver, pancreas and colon.

Effects with other Drugs

Alcohol produces a synergistic effect when taken with other central nervous system depressants. These include: sedative hypnotics, barbiturates, minor tranquilizers, narcotics, codeine, methadone and several analgesics. Alcohol can be addictive in nature when taken with antipsychotic medications. When used on a daily basis, in conjunction with aspirin, it may cause gastro intestinal bleeding. Also, when used with acetaminophen, an increase in liver damage may occur.

Special hazards involving the driving task

Alcohol (or drugs) impair one's ability to drive and operate machinery safely. **With the holiday season come holiday parties. Do not drink and drive, no one can afford a DUI or a drug related accident.**

(Part 3 will discuss blood alcohol concentrations.)



Jen Buck, manager of the Scarlet D stands in front of the demolition project of a long standing eyesore building at the corner of Chestnut and 3rd Streets. The Scarlet D purchased the corner property and will make it part of their restaurant, bar and hotel complex. ❁



Volunteers have painted the exterior of the Weirick House at 5th and Green sts. The Weirick House is part of the Historic Elias Church project. The house will become a gift shop, small bistro restaurant, public restrooms and overnight accomodations for actors when the church becomes a playhouse. ❁

Senior Center Calendar

Club 39, Mifflinburg's Sr. Center, will meet every Wed. from 2 to 4pm on the 2nd floor of the Union County Government Bldg. Scheduled Wednesday programs: Business Meeting (12/3), Bingo (12/10), Cookie Exchange (12/17), No Meeting (12/24 or 12/31). Other events: Breakfast out (Thurs., Dec. 11, 8:30am) at the Turnpike and Dinner Out/Christmas Party (Sat., Dec. 20, 5pm) at the Masonic Temple. Book Club (12/18) 11am at the Library and Trip to the Rainbow Dinner Theater (12/4). For more information call 966-0197. ❁

Mifflinburg's 20th Annual Christkindl Market

Christkindl runs Thurs., Dec. 11 (4:30-9pm), Fri., Dec. 12 (10am-9pm), and Sat., Dec. 13th (10am-9pm)

If you are looking to experience an authentic German Christkindl market there is no need to travel to Europe. Mifflinburg's 20th annual Christkindl Market runs Thurs., Dec. 11th through Sat., Dec. 13th. The Market is held outdoors in the German tradition, along the 400 and 500 blocks along Market St. and on 5th between Market and Green. A special theme exhibit of The Twelve Days of Christmas will be at the Buggy Museum Visitors Center.

During Christkindl, Market Street is transformed into a magical wonderland, lined with decorated wooden huts from which vendors sell delicious food or wonderful unique crafts. Craft favorites include the miniature pyramids and nutcrackers imported from Germany just for the market and beautiful knitted items made by the local weavers' guild. There is also German master woodcarver who will be making exquisite small Christmas trees for purchase. A portion of his trip cost is underwritten by a grant from PA Council of the Arts, RC&D. Food at the market is a festive sampling of German-style holiday treats including German pastries and sausage, decorated Christmas cookies and gingerbread houses. Popular each year is the market's pork and sauerkraut dinner served family style on Saturday, beginning at noon, in the United Church of Church, located within the market area.

The Christkindl Market officially opens on Thurs. evening, Dec. 11th at 5pm with a procession escorting Saint Nicholas into the Market on horseback. From that moment on, the market is chock full of entertainment and events until the closing ceremony Sat. evening. Entertainment highlights are Marty Keller playing his 10 foot long Alhorn, Mifflinburg High School's choirs and bands, the Die Shippensburg Blaskapelle German Band, Hilby the Skinny German Juggle Boy, and much more. At 400 Market St., there are continuous videos of the Mifflinburg Christkindl Market and the world's most famous Christkindl Market in Nuremberg, Germany, so that visitors may learn more about this wonderful tradition, as well as the Nutcrackers of Steiffen and other German customs. In addition, a raffle is held each year to benefit MHRA, the market's sponsoring organization—the winner receiving two roundtrip airline tickets to Germany (need not be present to win).

Recent additions to the Market include "Breakfast with the Elves" (see right), horse and carriage rides, a Chinese auction in the Lutheran Church, marionette shows in Kinderwelt (near 6th St.), a German paper stars workshop and new specialty crafters and food vendors. When visiting the Market, take advantage of the shuttle service located at the east end of town just off of Rte. 45, watch for signs. For more details: contact MHRA at 966-1666, call the Christkindl Hotline: 877-225-0737 or visit www.mifflinburgchristkindlmarket.com. A Christkindl calendar of daily events is also on this website. ❁

NO NEED TO BUCK THE CROWDS AT WALMART AND THE MALL

You can actually ENJOY Christmas Shopping - if you do it right here in Mifflinburg. Big gifts, unique gifts, stocking stuffers - gifts for everyone in the family, even the family pet.

CHRISTKINDL MARKET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have an hour? have a day? If you have time to offer help whether it be manning a booth, being a Roving Character, helping with set-up and tear-down, or any of the other the many jobs necessary to make the Market happen, please call either Paula at 966-1730 or Joannah at 966-3373. ❁

Around Town...

The Malt Shop has opened in the Valley Video complex. Autumn and Kevin Shuck are the owners. The shop will feature 32 flavors of Hershey's ice cream. Cones will include regular, sugar, pretzel and homemade waffle cones. The Malt Shop will also be serving soup and sandwiches, plus homemade apple dumplings and pie. Winter hours are Sun.-Thurs. from 11am-8pm and Fri.- Sat. from 11am to 9pm.

A new chapter of **C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution)** is being formed in the area. It is open to boys and girls under 21, who are descendents of soldiers, sailors, civil officers, or known patriots of the American Revolution. For more information contact Leanne Keefer Bechdel, 966-4347 or email her sparrow2@gmail.com

The **Union County Red Cross** will sponsor a **CPR and other important first aid training for Mifflinburg businesses** on Tues., Jan. 13, from 6-10pm at the Union County Gov't. Building. The cost is \$30 and each attendee receives the latest, up-to date personal first aid kit free. For more information call 524-0400 or visit online www.unioncountypa.redcross.org

Mifflinburg Area Military Moms Association (MAMAS) will be sending Christmas Cookies to area troops serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. To be a part of this great project, **bake your cookies the weekend of Dec.13th and deliver them on Mon., Dec. 15 to the Red Cross Office, 249 Farley Circle (Brookpark Farm complex) Lewisburg.** Cookies should be well packed in disposable containers with mailing "peanuts" in the empty spaces to keep the cookies from breaking in transit. Helpers are needed to address labels and pack boxes. Call 524-0400 to help. Financial donations are gratefully accepted, make your check out to MAMMA and send it to Union County Red Cross (att. Annie) 249 Farley Circle, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

The MHRA office has received numerous phone calls wanting information on where to get **Mifflinburg stoneware pottery. The Mifflinburg Pharmacy**, at the corner of Chestnut St. and the Forest Hill Rd. is the place. ❁



The second annual Breakfast with the Elves will be held on during Christkindl on Sat., Dec. 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Green St. Breakfast is \$5 per person of all ages and will include juice, fruit, muffins, cereal and a hot entree. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Linda Cooper at 966-4725 by Dec. 8. Walk-ins will be limited. Children are encouraged to bring their letters to Santa which they can give to him personally. Each child will receive a special treat. ❁

**WELCOME HOME and
Happy Holidays to you,
VINSON SHEMORY**

Thank you for serving our country in Afghanistan, and also sharing your thoughts about home with us.

We are pleased to inform News & Views readers that Vinson Shemory has completed his service in Afghanistan and returned home just before Thanksgiving. However we want to share his final email from Afghanistan because it has such a rich holiday message for all of us.

AS I SIT HERE IN AFGHANISTAN THINKING ABOUT HOME WHICH FOR ME IS 101 BLUE SPRUCE LANE, MIFFLINBURG. I THINK OF MY WIFE AND CHILDREN AND HOW MY TOWN MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE I HAVE BEEN AWAY FIGHTING THIS WAR. I AM GLAD TO BE A PART OF MIFFLINBURG AND AM PROUD TO RAISE MY CHILDREN THERE. I WANT TO THANK THE BOROUGH OF MIFFLINBURG FOR HOLDING MY JOB FOR ME WHILE I HAVE BEEN GONE THIS PAST YEAR. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR DOING EXTRA PATROLS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD WHILE I HAVE BEEN GONE. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME THAT MY LITTLE HOME TOWN WOULD DO THAT FOR ME.

I CANNOT WAIT TO RETURN HOME. IF THERE IS ONE THING I HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THIS WAR IT IS THAT YOU SHOULD LIVE YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST AND NEVER LET ANY THING STAND IN YOUR WAY BECAUSE LIFE IS TOO SHORT - SO CHERISH WHAT YOU HAVE AND ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE NOT AS LUCKY AS WE ARE IN THE GOOD OLD USA. SO LIVE YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT TOMORROW WILL BRING.

SO MANY MEN AND WOMEN HAVE DIED FOR THE FREEDOMS WE ALL ENJOY. SO THANK A SOLDIER FOR WHAT FREEDOMS WE HAVE. TRUST ME IT MEANS ALOT TO HEAR A THANK YOU.

SINCERLY,
STAFF SGT. VINSON SHEMORY