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Buggy Days — Saturday, May 16 & Sunday, May 17

In honor of International Museum Day, a day where museums world wide showcase their triumphs and challenges, the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum will be holding "Buggy Days." The event will be held Sat., May 16, from 10am to 5pm and Sun., 1 to 5pm. "This is a great opportunity for everyone, especially citizens of the Central Susquehanna Valley to see the Buggy Museum and learn about what we do," said Executive Director, Bronwen Sanders. "In the past, Buggy Days has been about crafts and entertainment, but we feel that we can put sponsor funding to better use in preserving our buildings and collections especially in light of the economic difficulties in the past year. We want to put the focus back on the Museum and its mission." There will be no admission fee during Buggy Days, but donations are always welcome.



During Buggy Days, visitors will be able to tour the Snyder Visitor Center and watch fiber demonstrations in the Degenstein Auditorium. In the Heiss House, the "new" tenant rooms and bathroom will be open to view. Visitors will be able to walk through the first floor of the original buggy factory which was restored in 2004. The restoration won two state and one national award for its excellence. The Repository or showroom will also be open for viewing. The Repository houses twenty-seven vehicles including the Mifflinburg Hose Company ladder wagon, which was the first vehicle purchased by the volunteer company when it was formed in 1898. The ladder wagon is on loan from the Fire Company. Demonstrators will be on the grounds of the Museum showing off their talents. There will also be buggy rides from Quarry Road to Market Street. There is fee for the buggy rides.

The Museum has been preserving and interpreting the region's buggy making annals, the Heiss family story and transportation history for thirty-one years. In addition to welcoming visitors from a multitude of states and foreign countries each year, it also serves seven school districts, is an internship site for undergraduate and graduate students, acts as an educational resource for teachers, students and others, serves as a training site for Experience Works (the senior training and employment service). Each year, the Museum chooses a theme and with its partners present exhibits, discussions, programs and trips to explore those themes. This year the theme is "Women: Not Frail Flowers." During May and June, the Museum will be hosting the National Historic Theater's presentation of "Miss Chase, Mr. Lincoln."

Looking ahead— June 7 - 8 is the Battle of Chamber's Ridge, June 24 is the bus trip to Gettysburg and June 28 is the Garden Tour.

Other Buggy Museum sponsored events:
May 1 to Aug. 31— Edwardian Era Elegance. Celebrate the elegance and grace of lady's fashions during the turn of the 20th century.

May 2 — Nurse's Month. Join Brenda Fluharty at La Vieille Maison des Livres in a celebration of National Nurse's month as she discusses the role of nurses in the 19th century, especially during the American Civil War.

May 6 - June 11 — Miss Chase, Mr. Lincoln. A National Historic Theater production of a new musical about the Lincoln presidency celebrating the Lincoln Bicentennial.

May 24 — History of Mifflinburg. Walk through the history of Mifflinburg from the Great Runaway to enjoying electricity.

For details about these events or the Buggy Museum, please call the Museum at 966-1355 or log onto www.buggymuseum.org. ■

MAY Calendar of Events

- Each Wed. 2 - 4pm Senior Center UC Government Center
- Sat., May 2 8am-11am Recycling Industrial Pkwy.
- Sat., May 2 8-11 & 11:30-6am Prom & Post Prom Party HS gym
- Tues., May 5 7:30pm HS Band Concert HS Auditorium
- Tues., May 5 7:30pm School Board Meeting Admin. Bldg.
- Tues., May 5 7pm MHRA Board Meeting 300 Chestnut
- May 6-9 Spring Drop Off W-F (12-8pm) Industrial Pk. Rd. Sat (8-12)
- Thurs., May 7 6:15pm First Thursday Bingo Buggy Museum
- Thurs., May 7 7pm Choir concert (grades 4 & 5) HS Auditorium
- Fri., May 8 7:30pm HS Choir concert HS Auditorium
- Sat., May 9 8-noon Spring Sweep meet at Community Park
- Sun., May 10 Mothers' day
- Tues., May 12 9:30am Garden Club 300 Chestnut (MHRA)
- Tues., May 12 7pm PMI Ranney's
- Sat., May 16 8am-11am Recycling Industrial Pkwy.
- May 14-16 Market Street Sale Days Thurs, Fri & Sat
- May 14-16 Library Book Sale Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Herr Library (8-3)
- May 16 & 17 Buggy Days Sat (10-5) Sun (1-5) Buggy Museum
- May 16 & 17 Kids Fishing Derby all day, both days North 8th Street
- Sun., May 17 7:30pm Baccalaureate HS Auditorium
- Mon., May 18 7pm Shade Tree Commission 300 Chestnut (MHRA)
- Tues., May 19 4:30pm Planning Commission Borough 5th & Walnut
- Tues., May 19 7pm Borough Council Meeting 5th & Walnut
- Wed., May 20 8pm House Tour Meeting MHRA (300 Chestnut)
- Thurs, May 28 1-7pm Blood Drive Church of God in Christ Mennonite
- Mon., May 25 7pm Memorial Day (details inside) (no school)
- Tues., May 26 7:30pm School Board Meeting Admin. Office
- Tues., June 2 7:3 Last day of school (noon dismissal) Commencement



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BOROUGH BUSINESS...

be in the know by Steve Benner & Margaret Metzger

Borough Building Update

If you have not already noticed the construction equipment sitting behind the old Borough Building at 333 Chestnut St.; Borough Council has moved forward with a decision to structurally stabilize the building. The stabilization contract requires the removal of a section of the failing load-bearing interior wall and construction of new steel girders to support the building.

Upon completion of this work, it is Borough Council's intention to place the former police and Borough office building on the market for sale. Council intends to purchase land elsewhere in the Borough for construction and relocation of the office and police department facilities. ■

Water Conservation Saves Money and the Environment

As the operator of a community water system, the Borough is responsible for accounting for not only the quality but the quantity of all the water we obtain from our various sources of supply as well. We are proud of the quality of water and service the Borough provides to you. Also, we are very conscious of the amount of water that is treated but does not make it to you, the consumer. This water is customarily referred to as "unaccounted for" water loss.

The Borough uses modern water metering and leak detection equipment to locate water leaks but you can help. If at any time you observe areas in the street or ground that appear to be wetter than normal for no apparent reason, please contact the Borough office. Additionally, you should be checking your home or business periodically for leaks: dripping faucets, shower-heads, toilet valves. It is suggested that you install low-flow aerators and shower-heads or low-flow toilets, and water your plants at night to conserve water. These water saving measures will be translated directly to you in lower monthly water and sewer bills.

The more efficient we all are at preserving our water resources now, ensures a better and brighter future for the water users of our future. There are some actions that all of us can take to reduce daily water use: Using washing machines and dishwasher with full loads only; Taking shorter showers; Replacing water fixtures with newer low-consumption models; Limiting vehicle washing; Sweeping sidewalks instead of washing them; and Holding back on lawn watering. Not only will these actions conserve water, but they will also help families save money. ■

Be informed, check out www.mifflinburgpa.com

Hydrant Flushing Schedule?

"If you fail to plan, you can plan to fail." The Borough has a tentative scheduled fire hydrant flushing date of **April 30th, with a rain date of May 14th**. Assuming that water supplies are adequate, the Borough will flush all of the fire hydrants on that date beginning in mid-day and ending in the early evening.

You may notice brief periods of discolored water or low water pressure during the flushing process. It is recommended that you refrain from clothes washing during hydrant flushing since the iron deposits may stain clothing. The flushing is done to remove settled material, loose deposits of iron and other deposits from the water mains. Your consideration and cooperation in this project is greatly appreciated. ■

Pets and Poop!

Seems to go hand-in-hand... well it should anyway! Let us explain; not only are residents required to keep dogs "at hand" and under control (on a leash) when walking them within the Borough, but Borough ordinance also requires that you take "poop matters" to hand as well. Please clean-up after your pet! Anyone who is caught purposely leaving animal waste on someone else's property is subject to fine. Residents are also reminded to keep all unattended pets confined on your own property. ■



**Quilts of all sizes
wanted for silent auction**

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Herr Memorial Library are requesting items for their silent auction fundraiser that will be held on Sat., June 6, beginning at 10am in the gymnasium of the United Methodist Church on Market St. The annual event will feature quilts and quilted items of all different sizes as well as a separate section of gift lots. New this year is a selection of dollhouse-sized quilts. Last year's event, raised more than \$3,800 for the library's general fund. For entry forms or more information contact the Library at 966-0831 or by e-mail at herr@herrlibrary.org. Entry forms also may be downloaded from the library's Web site: www.herrlibrary.org. ■

Herr Library salutes its volunteers

Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown in scope each year. Volunteerism reflects the American tradition of neighbor helping neighbor.

The Herr Memorial Library would like to take the opportunity to thank the wonderful volunteers who help them with everything from historical research to organizing annual fundraisers and serving as members of the library's Advisory Board.

Without assistance from dedicated volunteers - especially in these difficult economic times - Herr Memorial Library would not be able to provide the high level of service the community deserves. ■

Senior Center Calendar

Club 39, Mifflinburg's Senior Center, will meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4pm on the second floor of the Union Cty. Gov't. Bldg. and is open to all seniors. Scheduled Wed. programs are: Business meeting (5/6), Bingo (5/13), Program, State Police (5/20), Fun & Games & birthdays (5/27). Book Club (Thurs. 5/21, 11am, Library); Breakfast out (Thurs. 5/14, Turnpike Restaurant, 8:30am); Dinner out (Thurs. 5/28, Carriage Corner). For more information call Glen Zimmerman at 966-0197. ■

Memorial Day Activities

Flags will be placed on the graves in the Mifflinburg Cemetery on Thurs., May 21 (Rain date - Fri., May 22).

A church service will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Sun., May 24 at Christ United Lutheran Church (4 Bells). Veterans and their families will assemble in front of the church at 10am. The VFW will hold brief services at Ray's Church Cemetery and Hartleton Hill Cemetery (call the VFW for details).

Mon. May 26th veterans will meet at the American Legion at 8:30am and proceed to Forest Hill Cemetery for a program starting at 9am; J.D. Kerstetter will speak. Also Monday, the annual Memorial Day parade will form at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 404 Market St. in Mifflinburg at 6pm, the parade will begin at 7pm. Veteran groups would appreciate seeing many young children carrying flowers from their own gardens enter the parade and deposit them on the graves in the cemetery designated by the Parade Committee at the end of the parade. ■

**An Important Word from Chief Bickhart
IMPACT OF DRUG USE ON DRIVING**

Necessary Driving Skills: 1. Several skills necessary for driving include: vision, reaction time, judgment, hearing and simultaneous task processing/ accomplishment. 2. Driving skills can be divided into cognitive skills, such as information processing, and psycho motor skills.

Drug impact on Driving Skills: Impairment is related to alcohol, in terms of its concentration in the blood stream; The brain's control of eye movements is highly vulnerable to alcohol. It only takes low to moderate blood alcohol concentration to interfere with voluntary eye movements and impair the eyes' ability to rapidly track a moving target; Steering an automobile is adversely affected by alcohol, as alcohol affects eye-to-hand reaction time, which are superimposed upon the visual effects. Significant impairment and deterioration of steering ability begin at approximately .03% to .04% blood alcohol concentrations and continue to deteriorate as blood alcohol concentration rises; Almost every aspect of the brain's information-processing ability is impaired by alcohol. Alcohol-impaired drivers require more time to read street signs or respond to traffic signals than unimpaired drivers. Research on the effects of alcohol on the performance of automobile and aircraft operators shows a narrowing of the attention field beginning at .04% blood alcohol concentration. ■

ANNUAL SPRING DROP-OFF

This year's spring drop-off will again be held at the Borough's maintenance facility near the recycling center. The times permitted for disposing items will be:

Wednesday, May 6 Noon-8:00 pm.
Thursday, May 7 Noon-8:00 pm.
Friday, May 8 Noon-8:00 pm.
Saturday, May 9 8:00 am-Noon

KIDZ TROUT DERBY

The annual "Kidz (12 and under) Trout Fishing Derby," sponsored by the Mifflinburg American Legion, will take place on Sat. and Sun., May 16 & 17 from 8am to 5pm along Buffalo Creek in the Borough. One thousand trout will be stocked for this event plus free food and drink for the "12 and under anglers." One hundred trout have been tagged; each tagged fish caught nets the skillful, young fisherman \$10! The first and second largest fish caught pays \$1 an inch and the three largest trout caught will be mounted free. ■

Mifflinburg celebrates Arbor Day



Mifflinburg Boy Scout Troop 525 helped plant trees at the community park as part of Arbor Day. Pictured (l to r) kneeling Philip Arneson and Daniel Sundberg and standing (l to r) Andrew Reedy, Tyler Lauver, Aaron Pursell, Jon Arneson (scout master), Mayor Dale Walize, John Portzline (Union County forester), Juergen Seefeldt and Bryan Rohland (Mifflinburg Borough shade tree commissioners) and Charles Kessler (Mifflinburg High School landscaping class teacher).

Arbor Day was celebrated in Mifflinburg, recently with a ceremony in the community park. Union County forester, John Portzline representing DCNR presented a 5th year Tree City USA certificate to the borough's Shade Tree Commissioners Juergen Seefeldt and Bryan Rohland. Mr. Seefeldt then introduced Mifflinburg Mayor Dale Walize who read the Arbor Day proclamation. Mr. Seefeldt also thanked Mr. Charles Kessler and his Mifflinburg High School Landscaping Class with the assistance from Boy Scout Troop 525 for maintaining the park area around the Gazebo and planting ten bare root trees in the park. ■

Around Town...

Curves has moved to 47 Red Barn Lane (in the Yoder Barn complex on the north side of rte. 45). Hours and phone number remain the same.

Mifflinburg Lumber and Building Supply will reopen at the former Farm Supply, rte. 45 east of town, the first week of May.

Lutheran Church Youth Happenings: Local teens & youth from First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren are hosting a 30 Hour Famine - Fri., May 15 and Sat., May 16. During the 30 hours, teens "will starve for food" - the theme for this year's Famine - by going without food (consuming only liquids) for 30 hours to experience what the poorest children and families face every day. They also perform hands-on community service projects during the weekend in order to make a difference in their own community as well. All area youth are invited to participate (call Brian Connolly, Youth Pastor, First Evangelical Lutheran Church (570)-966-0266).

A **Benefit Concert** open to the public will be held May 22, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mifflinburg. The concert will benefit the Mifflinburg Area Food Bank and The Hope shop of First Lutheran. The concert will start at 7pm and will feature IMAJN and Resonate-both Praise Bands from First Lutheran Church and IGNITE Worship Team from IGNITE Student Ministries. Admission is free, however there will be a Free Will Offering taken to support the Food Bank and Hope Shop. The event is being sponsored by the 8th grade Confirmation class of First Lutheran. Any questions, call 966-0266.

Library Book Sale: The book sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thurs., May 14, Fri., May 15 and Sat., May 16, in the basement of the library at 500 Market St. Donations are being accepted.

THE 26th ANNUAL MARKET STREET SALE DAYS Blocks and Blocks of garage sales - the entire length of Market Street from 11th St. to Mabel St. - for three days Thurs., May 14; Fri., May 15; and Sat., May 16.

The **Mifflinburg Area Relay for Life** is Fri., June 26 beginning at 4pm and continues until Sat., June 27 at 4pm. To purchase luminaries for the event to honor or in memory of a loved one, call Ada Sampsell 966-2986. ■

Mifflinburg Park and Pool Opens May 23 — ENJOY, ENJOY!

Mifflinburg's beautiful public park opens on Memorial Day Weekend. Be sure to take advantage of all the park has to offer all summer long beginning Sat., May 23, and open daily until Sun., Aug. 23. This summer, the park will again have "Thursday Evening Concerts in the Park" series (watch for upcoming info.). A playground program will run Mon. thru Fri., June 15-Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Park information: Pavilions and pool can be rented at a nominal fee for group events (For pavilion rental, call the Borough at 966-1014; for other inquires call the park/pool office or Ron Bollinger) • **Again this year, there will be a 10% Discount off of pool ticket membership if purchased before May 23th.** Memberships can be purchased at the Borough Hall at 8th St. and Walnut. Memberships are also 1/2 price after

August 1, with the exception of student weekly passes. Swimming lessons are \$20 per session (see details below). The Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club is sponsoring levels one and two by paying \$10 of the \$20 fee. Daily admission to the pool is \$3 (students), \$4 (adults) and economical season passes are available. Passes: students (\$60), adults (\$70) and families (up to 5 living in the same house, \$160, \$10 for each add. family member). Sr. citizen discounts and student weekly passes are also available. •

Swimming Lessons, ages 5 & up— registration begins June 13 at 10am at the pool. There are two sessions: July 6-17 and July 20-31. (Toddler classes Aug. 3-14) • Pool hours are 1 to 8pm daily and 3 to 8pm until school closes for summer • Enjoy other park daily fun—tennis, playground, miniature golf and ball games at Haney Park. ■