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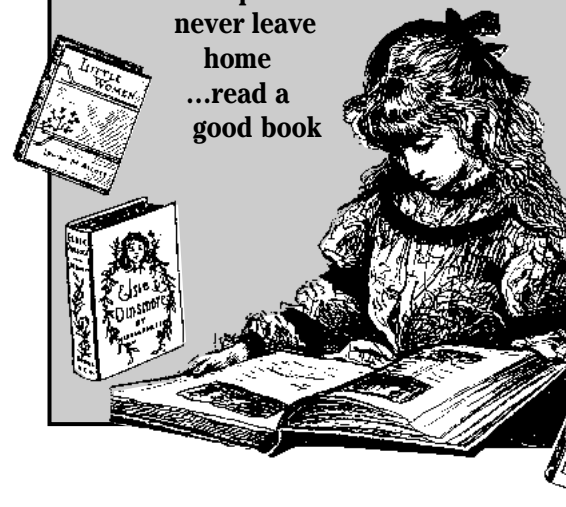
AUGUST Calendar of Events

- **Every Wed. 2-4pm** Club 39 Senior Center
UC Government Center
- **Sat., Aug. 1 8-11am** Recycling
Industrial Parkway
- **Mon., Aug. 3 Sat., Aug. 8** Union Co. West End Fair
Laurelton
- **Tues., Aug. 4 7pm** MHRA Board Meeting
300 Chestnut
- **Wed., Aug. 5 6-9pm** Kelsey's Dream Splash Hop
Community Pool
- **Thurs., Aug. 6 7pm** Headliners
Community Park Concert*
- **Thurs., Aug 6 7pm** Christkindl Meeting
300 Chestnut
- **Tues., Aug. 11 7pm** PMI
Gutelius House
- **Thurs, Aug. 13 7pm** Gift Troutman & Gift
Community Park Concert*
- **Sat., Aug. 15 8am-11am** Recycling
Industrial Pkwy
- **Mon., Aug. 17 7pm** Shade Tree Commission
Borough Hall, 8th & Walnut
- **Tues., Aug. 18 4:30pm** Planning Commission
Borough Hall, 8th & Walnut
- **Tues., Aug. 18 7pm** Borough Council
Borough Hall, 8th & Walnut
- **Thurs. Aug. 20 7pm** Larry Mitchell's One Man
Electronic Band
Community Park Concert*
- **Thurs. Aug. 20 5-7:30pm** Peach Festival
Methodist Church
- **Mon., Aug. 24 7pm** Sunbury Band
Methodist Church

* bring a lawn chair.

SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1 • 11 AM

take a trip and never leave home ...read a good book



Take Pride in Mifflinburg...

The Garden Club has worked very hard to make our town beautiful— each of us can do our part to keep Mifflinburg looking its best by keeping our own grass and plantings cut and trimmed.

Herr Memorial Library has more than just books for adults



While it is important to continue to offer materials in traditional formats, libraries must offer more than books to be relevant to their communities in the 21st century.

To that end, Herr Memorial Library, which has served residents of Mifflinburg and the surrounding area since 1944, strives to meet future needs of the community by using technological advances in information services and by offering free or low-cost programs for children and adults that educate, inform, and enrich.

The library's collection of 23,000 items not only includes historical books and current best-sellers but also features a range of audiovisual materials - including books on tape or CD, downloadable e-books, and even movies - that cover a healthy diversity of topics and perspectives to meet the community's educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs.

In addition, the library, which can be found on the northwest corner of Fifth and Market sts. as well as at www.herrlibrary.org on the Internet, offers a diverse selection of events and activities for adults along with its award-winning programming for children.

During the past year, adult programming at Herr Memorial Library included a Pennsylvania Humanities Council Commonwealth Speaker program by Dr. Cassandra Gunkel, a 5-week series of basket making classes, an author talk, a cultural program featuring food and tea of Thailand, a beading workshop, a knitting group, and basic computer classes.

On Fri., Aug. 14, adults are invited to dig out their poodle skirts and dust off their leather jackets to take a fun trip back in time during a special "50s Night" that will begin at 7:15pm. The event is presented as part of the library's "Be Creative" summer reading promotion. For more information, or to register to attend any of the program, call 966-0831 or visit the library at 500 Market St.

Ada Sampsell demonstrates a basic knitting technique for Carol Hollister. Mrs. Sampsell helps lead the "Special Stitches" knitting group, which meets regularly at the library.



Joanne Troutman, of Pish Posh Design Co., explains how to bead different items during a free workshop for adults.

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BOROUGH BUSINESS...

be in the know *by Steve Benner & Margaret Metzger*

Who Needs Life Support

We all need assistance in life if we want to be completely 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 provide everyone with 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. ■

Electric Rate Information

Our contract is reflecting the effects of electric de-regulation on the electric market. The Borough experienced this increase a few years before surrounding utility companies. This will affect everyone inside and outside the Borough in the very near future.

One component of our electric bills that seems to confuse most residents is the **purchase power** as shown on your monthly bill. This cost component varies every month based upon the Borough's electric consumption as a whole for the month as opposed to your individual monthly electric consumption.

One-way to understand this to imagine a car full of students that travel to school together everyday and leave at the exact same time every day. The students split the cost of gas based upon the distance each student lives from the school. However, different students need to get to school at different times on various days because of activities requiring an earlier arrival time. So the car has to drive faster and consume more gas on those days yet the cost of the extra travel speed is being spread out among all of the passengers in the car.

That is the purpose of the **purchase power** cost. It is a positive dollar amount on those months when we, as a whole exceed our normal "speed" of electric consumption (cold months and hot months), and is a credit on those months when we are lower or within our electric consumption "speed." Hopefully, this simple analogy makes sense. If you have more specific questions regarding your utility bills, please contact the Borough office. ■

Street Closings

Residents and contractors are reminded that it is unlawful to obstruct traffic on any public street or alley in the Borough without obtaining proper approval from Borough Management and the Mayor. Please be considerate of others and follow the rules so that we can work to minimize everyone's inconvenience and frustration. ■

Rail-Trail Update

This is a brief reminder that the former railroad right-of-way which is now formally under the control of the Lewisburg Area Recreation Association (LARA) is not nearly finished. As such, there are many potholes and "soft spots" along the future rail-trail.

LARA would like everyone to understand that this area is current deemed to be a "NO TRESSPASSING" zone and will soon be labeled as such. If you have any specific questions, you may contact LARA (524-4774) or call the Borough Office (966-1013). ■

For additional Borough information, log on to the town website www.mifflinburgpa.com

Around Town...

Manny Pina, a Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician, has opened his business in Mifflinburg. **MDJL Computers, 966-4121.** He can also be reached by email at mdjlcomputers@live.com. The business also has a website www.MDJLCOMPUTERS.com.

The Lewisburg Veterinarian Hospital has expanded west and has opened the **Mifflinburg Veterinarian Clinic** to better serve its clients in the western part of the county. The owners are veterinarians Beth Crombie and Borden Loving. The office is located in the rear of 836 Chestnut, the corner of 9th and Chestnut. It is the former office of Dr. Richard Ward. The phone is **966-7387.** Their Lewisburg office has recently opened a "Doggie Daycare"- call 524- 3640 for details.

The Stamm House, 347 Chestnut, has added a new section in the store for Gently Used Children's Clothing. You can count on finding clothing, accessories and equipment— all the most desired name brands such as Gap Baby, Old Navy, Calvin Kline, and Ralph Lauren in beautiful condition. The shop also has a great array of penny candy, retro toys, cool children's books and realistic stuffed animals. The shop phone is **966-4522.**

Mifflinburg is now home to the **Regina Hartman chapter of the Children of the American Revolution.** Leanne Keefer Bechdel is the president. The new organization will meet at the historic Gutelius House. For more information email sparrow@dejazzd.com.

Thursday evening concerts in August has a new schedule. Larry Mitchell's one man band (originally scheduled to play on Aug. 6) will now play on Thurs., Aug. 20 at 7pm. The Headliners will perform on Aug. 6.

Kelsey's Dream Splash Hop will be held Wed., Aug. 5, from 6 to 9pm. There will be pizza, soda, and tee shirts you can buy. Proceeds will go to Kelsey's Dream.

PEACH FESTIVAL, THURS., AUG. 20: The Mifflinburg United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Peach Festival at the Church on the corner of Market and 3rd sts. on Thurs., Aug. 20, from 5 to 8pm. Come for your supper topped off with delicious peach dessert.

The Sunbury City Band will perform a concert on Mon., Aug. 24, at 7pm in the Family Life Center of Mifflinburg United Methodist Church. The church is located at the corner of Third and Market sts. The public is invited to attend free of charge. The band will play its standard repertoire of Americana, symphonic, patriotic and march tunes, under the direction of Kevin Styer. Also featured during the evening performance will be vocalist Sharon Styer. The band is pleased to announce it has recorded a new CD of favorite marches. The album, titled "March Celebration," is available for purchase at all of their concerts. The cost is \$15 each. ■

Come to the Fair!

Don't miss the Union County West End Fair! Mark your calendar the Fair runs Mon., Aug. 3 through Sat., Aug. 8th. It is a wonderful, old fashioned county fair, where 4 H kids take center stage showing their projects from clothing they have made to animals they have raised. Expect many new events, vendors and carnival rides this year. After a 10 year absence, a ferris wheel ride will be part of the fair.

The new and improved family oriented gate price of just \$3 per person for Monday through Thursday and \$4 on Friday and Saturday is almost a 1/2 price reduction from previous years. Save even more by purchasing a season pass for \$18. As always, parking at the fair is free.

Great local entertainment will be featured on the free stage nightly with a special Johnny Cash Tribute Show Friday evening featuring Johnny's brother, Tommy Cash.

Dennis Boop, the new Fair President, has spearheaded a dedicated group of men and women who have worked diligently to make your county fair a fair to be proud of.

New this year at the Fair are designated special days. Wednesday (Aug. 5th) of Fair week is designated as Senior Citizen Day, sponsored by the PA Lottery. For those over 62, there is free admission and many special events such as "Old Time Couples Game," blood pressure screening, and the crowning of senior King and Queen. Other special days include Thursday, Teen Day and Saturday, Kids Day, where finger print ID printing will be available courtesy of CVS.

There is also the Miss Union County contest on Wed., Aug. 5th, tractor pulls, free entertainment nightly, carnival rides, and lots of good food. For more details log on to unioncountywestendfair.com. ■

SUN Area Dairy Queen crowned



2009-2010 SUN Area Dairy Promotion Team: Back Row, (l to r) Katelynn Boop, Rachel Reaser, Ashley Wetzel, Natalie Weber and Olivia Boop, Middle Row, L-R, 2008-2009 SUN Area Dairy Princess, Crissa Johnson, 2009-2010 SUN Area Dairy Princess, Marissa Ewing and 2008-2009 SUN Area Alternate Dairy Princess, Kasey Rishel, Bottom Row, Kayla Weber and Kayla Shaffer. Marissa is the daughter of Susan and John Hauck of New Berlin and Brad and Vicki Ewing of McClure. She lives with her family on a 300 acre dairy farm. Marissa has been active in the 4H and FFA dairy programs for nine years.

Senior Center Calendar

Club 39, Mifflinburg Senior Center will hold it's regular meetings at the Gov't Services Bldg., Chestnut St., Mifflinburg each Wednesday from 2 to 4pm. Scheduled programs are: Business Meeting meeting (8/5), Bingo (8/12), program: Sun Home Care (8/19), Fun & Games (8/26). Other events: Book Club (Thurs. 8/20, 11am), and Breakfast out 8/13 at Turnpike at 8:30am; Dinner Out - Chinese Buffet 5pm (8/27). Information -966-0197. Did you know?? Each month a cash collection is taken at the second Wednesday meeting and this money goes to the Mifflinburg Food Bank. Club 39 also gave \$200 to the camp cadets following a presentation to the Club by the state police. ■

Random Notes from the Elm Street project (Historic Mifflinburg Initiative)

Hello, Season here...

I recently attended the PA Downtown Center conference in Johnstown. This years theme was Community Marketing: Plotting a Course to Your Town's Tomorrow. The info gathered there will help me focus on the business of Mifflinburg enhancement.

I also attended two rallies held at the State Capitol to restore the funding cut by the Senate bill 850.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mifflinburgers - We will celebrate National Neighborhood Day on Sun., Sept. 20, with a gathering at the Log House. I am looking to make this an afternoon of fun, food, festivities and information all about Mifflinburg and the Elm Street project. I am looking for talented residents who are interested in entertaining or exhibiting their art or fine craft or bringing their special food dishes to a big ol' get together.

... and, FYI on this Elm Street thing. You may say, "That's all well and good, but I don't even know what Elm Street is. Heck, we don't have an Elm Street." Well, Elm Street designations, as defined by the PA Department of Community and

Economic Development and the PA Downtown Center, have been granted to very few communities. These projects approach the neighborhood enhancement idea with a 5-point approach: Design; Sustainability; Image/Identity; Neighborhood & Economy; Safe, Clean & Green. I need interested people to help me enhance YOUR neighborhoods by serving on these committees. Feel free to call me at 966-0888. Thank You! ■



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An Important Word from Chief Bickhart

DON'T ABUSE THE TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE

Some folks call the center two-way turn lane the "suicide" lane. That's a little EXTREME, traffic engineers will tell you these lanes are actually pretty safe. But every day, you see people using them in ways that were never intended, and some of these actions are NOT safe. The lane I'm referring to is the one in the center of many streets and highways that both directions of traffic can use to make LEFT TURNS ONLY.

If you're driving on a highway and it has a center left turn lane, all left turns from the highway must be made from this lane. It is not legal to use the lane for a rolling merge right turn into traffic. To make a left turn into the roadway correctly, you must STOP once you've made the turn into the center two-way left turn lane. Then visually clear the traffic and continue with your left turn. You should never use this lane to pass through any intersection. Remember that intersection can also be a side street with a major street, and you should never use the lane to pass other traffic. These are the most common errors, along with the natural tendency of drivers to make those rolling merges after making a left turn into a roadway.

So why do we call the "suicide" lanes? Having traffic moving in opposite directions using these lanes at the same time can be a stress-inducer. Normally, the low speeds involved keep conflicts at a minimum. Remember that even if the other guy was in the lane first, both directions of traffic still have the right to use it. ■