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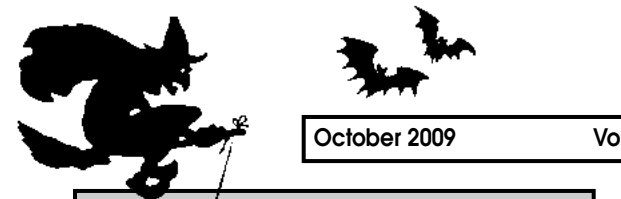


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German Oktoberfest in Mifflinburg

Friday, Oct. 2 • 3-10pm — Sat., Oct. 3 • 11-10pm

Mifflinburg's 4th annual German Oktoberfest is Fri., Oct. 2 (3-10pm) and Sat. Oct. 3 (from 11am-10pm). Oktoberfest takes place on the VFW carnival grounds, just west of Mifflinburg on Route 45—Under the Big Tent—rain or shine! This great family event celebrates Mifflinburg's German heritage. The Oktoberfest committee and the Mifflinburg Heritage and Revitalization Association (MHRA), the sponsoring organization, works hard to make this two day event mirror the great Oktoberfest of Munich Germany.



Black Run Bohemian Dancers

Just like Munich's Oktoberfest, there will be amusements for kids such as hayrides and games. And like Munich, there will be traditional Oktoberfest food, and the committee has added some American favorites, too.

No Oktoberfest is complete without Great German Beers and the Mifflinburg Oktoberfest is no exception:

— Great Entertainment —

Friday

- 3pm - Opening Ceremony
- 4:30 - 5:30pm - One Man German Band
- 5:30 - 6:30pm - Pleasant Valley Dancers
- 6:30 - 8:30pm - Musik Werke
- 9-10pm - Larry Mitchell's One Man German Band
- 10pm - Closing

Saturday

- 11am - Opening
- 11am - 5pm - Beer Making Demonstration for Beginners
- Noon- 1pm - Black Run Bohemian Dancers
- 1-2pm - Larry Mitchell's One Man German Band
- 1-2pm - Keg Toss
- 2-3pm - Black Run Bohemian Dancers
- 3-4:30pm - Musik Werke
- 4-6pm - Munich Mug Lifting Competition
- 6-10pm - Walt Groller's Internationally Known German Band
- 10pm - Closing

The tradition of Oktoberfest began on October 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 10-12) and its Oktoberfest. (Oct 2-3). Come and Enjoy!

Sponsored by the Mifflinburg Heritage and Revitalization Association, Oktoberfest is underwritten by Cole's Hardware, Farm & Home Energy, Swineford Bank, Roupp Funeral Home, Keith Dunlap State Farm Insurance, Wehr's Beverage, Dr. Paul Vidunas, Lawton Insurance / Erie Insurance, Re/Max Country Homes, BZ Motors, Mid-Penn Engineering, Norman's Mifflinburg Hotel, Bald Eagle Brewing, Co., and T-Square Drafting. For more details log on to the website www.mifflinburga.com. ☺

OCTOBER
Calendar of Events

- Oct. Wednesdays . . . Club 39, senior center 2-4pm Union County Gov. Bldg.
- Thurs., Oct. 1 Christkindl Committee 7pm Mkt. St. Log House
- Thurs., Oct. 1, Market Street Sale Days Fri., Oct. 2 & Sat. Oct. 3
- Fri., Oct. 2, 3-10pm OKTOBERFEST
- Sat., Oct. 3, 11am-10pm VFW carnival grounds
- Sat., Oct. 3 Recycling 8-11am Industrial Park Drive
- Tues., Oct. 6 MHRA Board Meeting 7pm 300 Chestnut

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

- Fri., Oct. 9 Parade (5pm), game, dance
- Sat., Oct. 10 Chicken Barbecue (3:30-5pm)
- Sat., Oct. 10 Kelsey's Fall Festival 11am-7pm VFW Grounds
- Mon., Oct. 12 Columbus Day / no school
- Tues., Oct. 13 Garden Club 9:30am 300 Chestnut
- Tues., Oct. 13 School Bd. Mtg. 7:30pm District Office
- Wed., Oct. 14 PMI 7pm Gutelius House
- Sat., Oct. 17 Recycling 8-11am Industrial Park Drive
- Sat., Oct. 17 Herr Library Open House 11am-2pm 75/65 Anniversary
- Sat., Oct. 17 Tournament of Bands 6:30pm Miff. HS stadium
- Mon., Oct. 19 Shade Tree Commission 7pm Borough Hall
- Tues., Oct. 20 Planning Commission 4:30pm Borough Hall
- Tues., Oct. 20 Borough Council 7pm Borough Hall
- Mon., Oct. 26 Halloween Parade 6:15pm Lutheran Church east on Chestnut from 4th St.
- Wed., Oct. 28 Apple Festival 7pm Methodist Church
- Sat., Oct. 31 Trick or Treat Night 6 to 9pm



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

Happy Halloween

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS:

Halloween Parade, Monday, October 26th (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 Saturday, 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. ☺

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 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 - 4:30pm, 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. ■

For up to the minute and detailed Borough information, log on to the Mifflinburg website www.mifflinburgpa.com

SUPPORT THE UNION COUNTY UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN THIS FALL

GIVE where you live. Did you know 97 cents of every dollar you give to the Union County United Way stays right here in our community to help local residents? Give, Advocate, volunteer. ■

Around Town...

Kelsey Kremer has opened **Shades of Black hair salon**. The salon is located at the north east corner of 4th Street and Chestnut St. Kelsey and her staff specialize in hair coloring from elegant to exotic, you will find "hair color to dye for." Shades of Black also offers the latest styling and hair cuts for women, men and children. Call **966-4010** to schedule an appointment. Shades of Black also accepts walk-ins and carries a very nice hair product line for purchase.

Terry and Mike Stimmel, "T & M Painting" (966-0403) of Mifflinburg recently completed some much-needed painting on the historic Market Street Log House as a community donation. T&M painted the east side of the log house that has been kept clad with German siding, original to the house, to demonstrate what it would have looked like as a town, log-constructed home. They also painted the trim on the exposed log sides. THANK YOU, Terry and Mike.

BeCo Propane has opened at 112 Red Barn in the Yoder Barn Complex. The new company will deliver propane tanks, do the set-up, and service with refills. Many sizes are available for home, farm and commercial. BeCo will also service your existing tank(s). Call **966-4000**.

Keith Phelps, manager of Country Farm & Home, was recently written up in a feature article on gardening in the Baltimore Sun. He also did a promotional video for the nationally well known gardening company, KINSMAN. The video premiered in Chicago.

The annual Apple Festival will take place at the Methodist Church on Wednesday Oct. 28 from 5-7pm. Come hungry – there will be hot dogs, bar-b-que, apple pie, apple dumplings and ice cream.

"LEAF IT TO US", Thurs., Oct. 8, from 10-11:30am, RB Winter State Park— Come play in the leaves and learn all about them! Collect leaves to learn about, play a game and do some leafy crafts during this program for students ages 5 to 8. **Pre-registration is required, please call R. B. Winter State Park at 966-1455 to enroll.**

Kelsey's Fall Festival, Sat., Oct. 10 from 11am to 7pm at the Mifflinburg VFW carnival grounds. Come and enjoy great food, fun events and entertainment for kids. Check out the details on the website – www.kelseysdream.org. ■

Herr Memorial Library celebrates 65 years



This photograph, from the library's archives, was published in The Mifflinburg Telegraph in 1967 with the following caption: 'Something to celebrate – Mrs. Clark Mensch serves Mrs. Charles Sanders at the Herr Memorial Library open house in Mifflinburg, while Mrs. G. Eugene Erdman (L.) and Mrs. Robert Minium, librarian (r.) smile their approval. The refreshments were served to visitors as they toured the remodeled library.'

As early as 1919, grocer Elliott J. Gutelius began to collect small donations of money from his customers so that Mifflinburg could have a public library. In the meantime, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur and Ethel Koons offered several shelves in their Chestnut St. store to hold about 200 donated books that residents could borrow. With the help of Miss Jessie C. Herr and other residents, the Mifflinburg Public Library opened on Nov. 24, 1934, in the School Board's room on the second floor of the Borough building. Mr. Donald L. Rexrode and his students from the high school constructed the shelving, and Mr. Gutelius, then 83 years old, was able to use the \$60 that he had collected over the years to purchase the "Literary Digest Encyclopedia" for the new library.

Mrs. Charlotte Steans served as librarian the first year, when more than 260 people subscribed as charter members of the library association. After Harry B. Young petitioned the borough council in 1936, the library was moved to a 5-room apartment on the east side of the second floor of the borough building.

The neo-Georgian at 500 Market St. where the library is now was constructed in 1925 as the Herr family's private residence. The yellow-brick house was willed, along with an endowment, to the Mifflinburg community by Miss Jane I. Herr in April 1944 to serve as a public library. The "Jane I. and Annetta M. Herr Memorial Library," which opened its doors on Oct. 18, 1944, is named for Jane's and Jessie's paternal grandmother, Jane Irwin Herr, and their mother, Annetta M. Young Herr. It contained about 5,000 books in 1944. In 1998 Herr Memorial Library joined the West End Library in Laurelton and the Public Library for Union County in Lewisburg as an independent member of the federated Union County Library System.

To celebrate 75 years of library service to the Mifflinburg community, with 65 of those years in the former Herr home on the corner of Fifth and Market streets, Herr Memorial Library will hold an Anniversary Open House on Sat., Oct. 17, from 10am to 5pm.

To celebrate the anniversary, the library is sponsoring a poster contest and a "Library Card Challenge" for area school children. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to enter a black-and-white poster on 8.5 by 11-inch white paper that illustrates the theme "Books and More for 75 Years." Entries may be turned in to Herr Memorial Library staff during regular hours of operation through Wed., Oct. 14. Local judges will determine one winner of \$25, and visitors during the library's Open House will vote to determine the winner of a "Viewer's Choice" award of another \$25. The goal of the challenge is to remind people about the value of a library card. The first 65 students who sign up at Herr Memorial Library for their own library cards or who check out materials from the Mifflinburg library with their own library cards will get a coupon for a free ice cream treat. The challenge is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade through Wed., Oct. 14, or until the 65th student participates. For more information about the poster contest or the library card challenge, call library director Jeanne Roberts or children's librarian Kelly Walter at 966-0831. Herr Memorial Library is open Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■

An Important Word from Chief Bickhart

PA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

When you meet a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you must STOP

When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended you must STOP.

You must STOP at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus

You must WAIT until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.

Do not MOVE until all the children have reached a place of safety.

SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers do not have to stop on highways with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

Physical barriers include concrete median barriers, metal median barriers, guide rails, etc.

Clearly indicated dividing sections include trees or shrubs, rocks or boulders, a stream, grass, etc.

REMEMBER. If in doubt, STOP!!!! Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands. ■

SAVE THE DATE —
Thurs., Nov. 5th – **The Mifflinburg Garden Club Holiday Workshop** will be held at Carriage Corner at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 available from Garden Club members and Country Farm & Home. ■



YMCA to offer Art Classes

The Greater Susquehanna Valley YMCA presents Art classes in Mifflinburg in conjunction with the YMCA Arts Center in Sunbury. YMCA membership is not required to enroll.

Classes meet once per week for one month sessions. Cost is \$20 for YMCA members, \$25 for non-members. All classes will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market St., Mifflinburg and will be taught by local, certified art teacher Angela Haines.

For more information or to register for a class, please contact the YMCA Arts Center: 286-0818, www.ymcaartscenter.org. ■

Senior Center Calendar

Club 39, Mifflinburg Senior Center will hold its regular meetings at the Gov't Services Bldg., Chestnut St., Mifflinburg each Wednesday from 2 to 4pm. Scheduled programs are: Business Meeting & Col. Tom Duke will speak (10/7), Bingo (10/14), Program Ernie Delp, Dep. Sheriff of Union County (10/21), Fun & Games & Birthdays (10/28) Other events: Book Club, 11am (10/15), Breakfast out 10/8 at Turnpike at 8:30am and Dinner out 10/22 at Bonanza, 5pm. Information: 966-0197. ■