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MAY Calendar of Events

- Each Wed. 2 - 4pm Senior Center UC Government Center
- Sat., May 1 8-11am Recycling Industrial Pkwy
- Sat., May 1 & Sun., May 2 Fishing Derby (details inside)
- Sat., May 1 8-11pm & 11:30-6am Prom & Post Prom Party HS Gym
- Tues., May 4 7:30pm School Board Mtg. Admin. Bldg.
- Tues., May 4 7pm MHRA Bd. Mtg. 300 Chestnut
- Thurs., May 6 7:30pm HS Spring Band Concert HS Auditorium
- Sun., May 9 Mothers' Day
- Tues., May 11 7pm Garden Club Murzda's Lwsbg.
- May 13-15 Market Street Sale Days Thurs, Fri & Sat
- May 13-15 Library Book Sale Thurs, Fri. & Sat. Herr Library
- Sat., May 15 8-11am Recycling Industrial Pkwy.
- Sat., May 15 10am-2pm Wellness Activities
- Mon., May 17 7pm Shade Tree Borough Hall
- Tues., May 18 Election Day
- Tues., May 18 4:30pm Planning Commission Borough Hall
- Tues., May 18 7pm Borough Council Borough Hall
- Sun., May 23 7:30pm Baccalaureate HS Auditorium
- Tues., May 25 7:30pm School Bd. Mtg. Admin. Bldg.
- Mon., May 31 Memorial Day No School
- Thurs., June 10 Graduation, 7:30pm & Last Day of School noon dismissal

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Cedar Green succeeding where others have failed...

Every once in a while something catches my attention and deserves my sharing it with you, our *News & Views* readers. Cedar Green Center owner Jeff Yount has managed to integrate a number of businesses in Cedar Green that complement each other but do not compete with each other. The building that houses all of the Cedar Green businesses is kept in immaculate condition with very attractive landscaping as well. Each of the businesses in the Cedar Green Center looks inviting to potential customers. You do not need to travel far in any direction in central Pennsylvania to see "strip malls" in wretched condition that could take a lesson from the appealing Cedar Green Center.

Jeff Yount, owner of the original Decorating Center, started the popular DC Coffee and has now purchased Cooley's Furniture. Cooley's has kept its name and owner David Cooley still works there several days a week. These three upscale flagship businesses draw in customers to the two smaller offices tucked into Cedar Green with window frontage. They are H&R Block (966-4211)—tax consultants by appointment and Edward Jones (966-3111) financial consultant—Darden Moore. A few years ago The Decorating Center added both designer kitchen and bath items.

The Cedar Green Center, along with the Elk Farm, makes a unique and handsome gateway to our town when driving into Mifflinburg from the east on Route 45. ■ *by Becky Hagenbaugh*

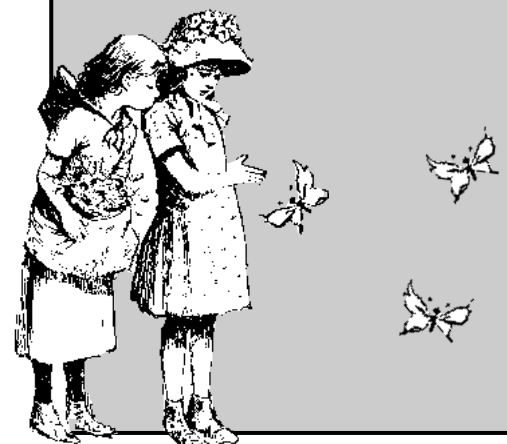
Mifflinburg Park and Pool Opens May 29 — ENJOY, ENJOY!

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 29, and open daily until Sun., Aug. 29. 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 14-Aug. 13 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 at 966-2181)

• **Again this year, there will be a 10% Discount off of pool ticket membership if purchased before May 28th.** 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 \$30 per session (see details below). Daily admission to the pool is \$3.50 (students), \$4.50 (adults) and economical season passes are available. Passes: students (Res. \$65, Non-res. \$75), adults (Res.

\$75, Non-res. \$85) and families (up to 5 living in the same house, Res. \$165, Non-res. \$180, \$10 for each add. family member). Sr. citizen discounts and student weekly passes are also available. • Swimming Lessons, ages 5 & up— registration begins June 12 at 10am at the pool. There are two sessions: July 5-16 and July 19-30. (Toddler classes Aug. 2-13) (Adult lessons July 5-28) • Pool hours are 1 to 8pm daily and 3 to 8pm until school closes for summer, Lap swimming is new this summer and is from 12:30 to 1pm, cost is \$1. Also be sure to look for more information coming on Aquasize classes. • Enjoy other park daily fun—tennis, playground and ball games at Haney Park. ■



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BE INFORMED, READ BOROUGH BUSINESS...

by Steve Benner & Margaret Metzger

BOROUGH BUILDING UPDATE

Here is a brief summary for purposes of keeping you the residents and property owners of Mifflinburg (the true "owners" of the Borough) informed about the status of our headquarters.

The Borough office and Police Department continue to be located at 5 N. 8th Street through a new lease agreement with Legacy Building Products (a division of Ritz-Craft) which extends through the end of 2010.

The Borough has purchased property at 120 N. 3rd Street and has contracted, designed and bid a project involving the demolition of the existing building on that site and the construction of a new combined Borough office/Police Department. The low bid which is made-up of five (5) individual contracts amount to a combined total construction cost of \$1,347,400. Borough Council is currently in the process of analyzing bids and securing a loan for the construction project.

Borough Council has not yet made a final decision regarding the fate of the old Borough building located at 333 Chestnut Street. As stated, this community truly belongs to you. So if you would like more detail regarding this continuing process, we encourage you to stop by the Borough office during normal business hours for more comprehensive update. ■

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. ■

HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE?

"If you fail to plan, you can plan to fail." The Borough has a scheduled fire hydrant flushing date of May 12th, with a rain date of May 13th. 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 depositions 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 me 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. Please also be reminded that pets are not permitted within the Borough parks and residents should keep all unattended pets confined on your own property. ■

Around Town...



The landscaping class at Mifflinburg High School, under the direction of teacher, Charles Kessler, planted 10 maple trees at Haney Park. 2010 marks the sixth year Mifflinburg was named a Tree City USA.

Coming soon... Linn's Quad D Salon — Linn's Salon will open soon at the corner of 8th and Walnut, in the same building as Rishels' Meats. The phone number is 966-8714.

Herr Library to hold book sale May 13-15— Throughout the year, Herr Memorial Library receives a nice assortment of used books and other materials as donations. Staff members sort through the items to choose those that can be used to expand the collection or to replace worn-out materials. The remainder is sold during the library's annual book sale. All items are available for a donation of the buyer's choice. Proceeds go to support programs offered by the library.

This year's book sale will be held during Mifflinburg's Market Street Sale Days on May 13, 14, and 15. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. each day and will continue until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and until 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

In addition to a wide assortment of hardcover and paperback books, the sale also will include books on tape, audiotapes, videotapes, CDs, and DVDs. For more information, call 966-0831 or visit the library at 500 Market St. in Mifflinburg.

Mifflinburg's Market Street Sale Days will take place on Thurs., May 13, Fri., May 14, and Sat., May 15. Blocks and Blocks of huge garage sales – the full length of Market Street. ■

The Service Clubs of Mifflinburg

A great way to get involved in Mifflinburg is to join one of the three service clubs here in town. The **Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club** meets every Monday evening at 6pm (dinner) at Carriage Corner Restaurant. For more information call Chuck Hagenbaugh 966-3873. The **Mifflinburg Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday evening at 6pm at the Daily Grind/Page After Page, Vicksburg. For more information call Ken Wright at 966-9358. The **Millmont West Union Area Lions Club** meets the first and third Thursday of the month at Carriage Corner Restaurant at 6:30pm (dinner). For more information call Connie Boyer 966-1518. ■

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 Gov't Bldg. All seniors are welcome. Wed. programs: Business meeting and scrapbooking (5/5), Bingo (5/12), Program, Harry Apfelbaum (5/19), Fun & Games & birthdays (5/26). Book Club (Thurs. 5/20, call for location); Breakfast Out (Thurs. 5/13, Turnpike Restaurant, 8:30am); Dinner Out (Thurs. 5/27, 5pm Bonanza). More information – call Gen Dreese at 966-2745. ■

Important Words from Chief Bickhart

WALKING AND JOGGING SAFETY TIPS

Spring is Here... Everyone who currently enjoys the sport of walking and jogging should be aware of certain crime prevention tips geared exclusively to them. These safety tips can apply to anyone that is on the street either walking, jogging, or running.

Many joggers have mistaken idea that because they usually do not carry large sums of money with them as they jog, they are not likely candidates for an attack. Unfortunately, that is not true. They must always be aware of their surroundings and take appropriate action to protect themselves. One of the most serious problems for walkers and joggers is not paying attention. They become so preoccupied with the physical act of walking or jogging that they lose touch with the moment. They are so busy concentrating on how much further they have to go and on putting one foot in front of the next, that they don't pay attention to what is happening right here, right now.

When they allow themselves to become preoccupied, they have jeopardized their security. When they are not paying attention, it gives the would-be attacker the opportunity to surprise them. Bring alert and being aware is vital at all times.

Safety Tips for Walking and Jogging:

- Walk or jog with a know companion
- Walk or jog in familiar area
- Do not walk or jog after dark
- Walk or jog facing the traffic
- If followed, go to the nearest house and call the police or carry a cell phone
- Wear bright colored clothing to improve your visibility
- Carry a whistle or shrill alarm to summon help, if needed
- Vary your route and pattern of travel
- Always be aware of you surroundings

Keep Alert: Walk or jog away from bushes where someone could hide and take a key with you when you walk or jog. Don't leave your house unlocked. Someone might be watching you and your house to see when it will be empty or unlocked. ■

KIDZ TROUT DERBY

The annual "Kidz (12 and under) Trout Fishing Derby," sponsored by the Mifflinburg American Legion Post #410, will take place on Sat. and Sun., May 1 and 2, 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." Come see the trout put in Buffalo Creek the day before the event. 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. ■

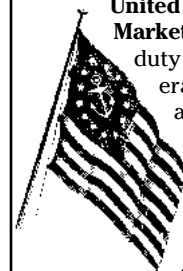


ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 18

Polling places are the high school auditorium (East St. entrance) for the east ward and the Lutheran Church (Market St., just west of 4th) for the west ward. The two wards divide at the north/south center line of 4th St.. Polling is open from 7am to 8pm. Your voice counts, vote on Tuesday, May 18th!

Memorial Day Activities

The Memorial Day church service will be held at 10:15 a.m. on **Sunday, May 30th at the Mifflinburg United Methodist Church at Market and 3rd Street.** Active duty military personnel, veterans and their spouses and veterans' widows are urged to attend this 10:30am worship service.



The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 31 evening, beginning at 7pm. The Memorial Day Service will be at the Mifflinburg Cemetery immediately following the Parade.

Memorial Day is a day for all to reflect on those who went into war and on whose valor our country's greatness was built. We salute and give thanks to them all. ■

The Kindness of Mifflinburg's Earl Ressler

Appreciated by a visitor....

Poughkeepsie, NY

My son Eric races for the U. Del cycling team and was in town to race at Bucknell. He was involved in an accident during the race and cracked his carbon fiber bike. We were referred to Big Earl's Bikes in Mifflinburg. They tried to fix the bike so he could race the next day but they did not have the right part on hand. Earl Ressler loaned him a new \$10,000 bike so he could compete the next day. Earl never asked for money or a deposit or a credit card.

WHAT A GREAT SPORTSMANLIKE GESTURE. HOPE THAT YOU CAN LET EVERYONE KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE WHAT HE DID FOR US. —Rick Adams

Get Moving Mifflinburg!

Mifflinburg Community Wellness Day, Saturday, May 15, 10 am-2 pm, Mifflinburg Area High School, Rain or Shine.

Wellness Day is coordinated by Evangelical Community Hospital and it is sponsored by the Mifflinburg High School Key Club. Learn some great ways to keep your body and family healthy! Learn physical activities for better health and wellness for people of all ages to do at home. There will be. Bike Rodeo- Mifflinburg Police Department, Helmet checks and Bike Inspections-Big Earl's Bike Shop, Family Obstacle Course – for Kids and adults and many more. For more information call Mayor David Cooney - 966-4282. ■