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Herr Memorial Library names new director

After 15½ years as director of the Herr Memorial Library, Jeanne Roberts is retiring at the end of July. Kelly Walter, the head of children's services and program coordinator for the library for the past five years, has been hired as the new director.

"I'm thrilled to have gotten the position, and I look forward to steering the library into the future," Kelly said.

She is married to Steve Walter, and they have three sons: Matthew, 17; Austin, 12; and Andrew 11. Kelly is a lifelong Mifflinburg resident, and is a graduate of Susquehanna University.

Future plans for the library include a major expansion and renovation project. Because the main structure was built as a private residence in the 1920s, access to the library's basement and second floor is possible only by negotiating a full flight of stairs.

Even though the programs and services of the library are very popular — and even though there continues to be increased use as the economic situation in the area has declined — there is not enough room to add any more computer space, programming, or parking. To address these issues and others, the library's Board of Trustees has begun planning an expansion and renovation project. Union County Commissioners approved Herr Memorial Library for a \$150,660 Community Development Block Grant in April. Soon, the board will apply for other grants and will spearhead a local "Library for Life" Capital Campaign to help fund the project.

Meanwhile, the date of one of the library's major fundraisers has been changed. This year's "Stitch in Time" quilt auction, along with "Various & Sundry Treasures" gift section, will be held on Sat., Oct. 16, in the cafeteria of the Mifflinburg Intermediate School, 250 Mabel St. Donations of bed quilts of all sizes, crib quilts, miniature quilts, and stitched items in new or in heirloom condition are needed. The deadline for entries is Sept. 18. To print an entry form, go to www.herrlibrary.org. For information, call 966-0831 or visit the library at 500 Market St. ■



Jeanne Roberts, left, retired at the end of July after serving as director of Herr Memorial Library for 15½ years. Kelly Walter, right, is the new director.

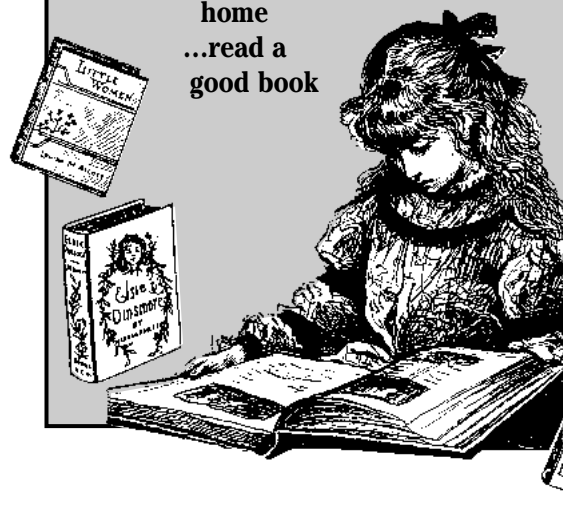
AUGUST Calendar of Events

- Every Wed. Club 39 Senior Center
2-4pm UC Government Center
- Sat., Aug. 7 Recycling
8-11am Industrial Parkway
- Mon., Aug. 2 Union Co. West End Fair
Sat., Aug. 7 Laurelton
- Tues., Aug. 3 MHRA Board Meeting
7pm 300 Chestnut
- Thurs., Aug. 5 Headliners
7pm Community Park Concert*
- Thurs., Aug 5 Christkindl Meeting
7pm 300 Chestnut
- Mon., Aug. 9 Sunbury City Band
7pm Methodist Church
- Wed., Aug. 11 PMI (TBA)
7pm (call 966-9484) Gutelius House
- Thurs, Aug. 12 Giff Troutman & Giff
7pm Community Park Concert*
- Mon., Aug. 16 Shade Tree Commission
7pm Borough Hall, 8th & Walnut
- Tues., Aug. 17 Planning Commission
4:30pm Borough Hall, 8th & Walnut
- Tues., Aug. 17 Borough Council
7pm Borough Hall, 8th & Walnut
- Thurs. Aug. 19 Larry Mitchell's One Man
7pm Electronic Band
Community Park Concert*
- Thurs. Aug. 19 Peach Festival
5-7:30pm Methodist Church
- Sat., Aug. 21 Recycling
8am-11am Industrial Pkwy
- Sat., Aug. 28 New Berlin Day

* bring a lawn chair.

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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. ■

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. The Borough has been informed by LARA that the overall trail project is tentatively scheduled for bid in late July of this year. In Mifflinburg, the project will include trail development and rail removal at all street crossings. In addition, a trail access point with parking spaces and a comfort station (restrooms) will be constructed on the rail right-of-way adjacent to the community park. However, LARA would like everyone to understand that this area is current deemed to be a "NO TRESSPASSING" zone. If you have any specific questions, you may contact LARA or call the Borough Office. ■

SIDEWALK AND SHADE TREE MAINTENANCE

Residents are reminded that maintenance of sidewalks and shade trees adjacent to public streets are the responsibility of property owners. Shade trees are regulated by the Shade Tree Commission which is a Borough Council appointed board having the authority and responsibility of enforcing the shade tree ordinance. The ordinance contains provisions for the regulation, planting, removal, and trimming requirements for all Borough shade trees located in street rights-of-way. A permit from this commission is required for any of these activities. However, often these trees and tree roots cause damage (cracking and uplifting) to adjacent sidewalks. The Borough has developed a method to partially compensate homeowners who replace sidewalks that are adjacent to streets and have been damaged by shade trees. For details or a sidewalk replacement reimbursement application package, please contact the Borough office. ■

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

If you haven't already noticed, construction activity is beginning on Mabel Street, Meadow Green Drive, and East Walnut Street. The Borough, through a federal grant, is constructing curb and sidewalk connecting the street sidewalk corridor between the Middle School and North Second Street. This route will include new ADA compatible curb ramps, new pedestrian signals, and curbing. If at all possible, please choose an alternate travel route during this construction project. If you would like further details on the project, please call or stop by the Borough Office. ■

RIBBON CUTTING/OPEN HOUSE or is it OPEN "OUT-HOUSE"?

The Borough of Mifflinburg will be having a ribbon cutting and open house at the newly upgraded wastewater treatment plant located at the end of Gessner Lane (200 Gessner Lane) on Sat., Aug. 7, at 9:30 am. The formal ribbon cutting will be followed by a treatment facility tour. The project was funded by grants and loans through PENNVEST. The new wastewater treatment facility which has been operational since March 2010 includes equipment and instrumentation which automatically control plant processes. The plant design is intended to meet all of the regulatory requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy. If you enjoy biological sciences, want to see where your utility bill is being spent, or if you are just curious, please make plans to attend this worthwhile event. ■

Local Banks support Fireman's Parade

by Tod Steese



M&T recently donated money to the Mifflinburg Hose Company toward their annual Fireman's Parade and Carnival. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Jason Neidig, M&T Bank Mifflinburg Branch Manager; Chuck Klose, Parade Chairman; and Tod Steese, Mifflinburg Hose Company President.



Swineford also donated money to the Fire Company. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Nicole Sovic, Jamie Hill, Samantha Swope, Wendy Heintzelman, Bank Manager; Chuck Klose, Parade Chairman; and Tod Steese, Mifflinburg Hose Company President.

The Mifflinburg Hose Company is proud to announce wonderful cooperation from two of our area banks, in assisting with the annual Fireman's Parade.

Swineford National Bank, Mifflinburg has donated the full amount necessary to the Hose Company, to enable your Fire Dept to present the National Champion Drum and Bugle Corps, the Reading Buccaneers, at our annual parade on July 31st beginning at 4 p.m. sharp. M&T Bank, Mifflinburg, has made a sizable contribution to the Hose Company, for your Fire Dept. to present the State College Highlander Bag Pipe Band, at our annual parade, as well.

It is cooperation like this, that the Mifflinburg Hose Company is able to put on the largest fireman's parade in Union County, followed by our annual fund raising carnival. The Officers and members of the Hose Company would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Swineford National bank and the M&T Bank for their fine community effort. ■

Around Town...



COME TO THE FAIR

Don't miss the Union County West End Fair! Mark your calendar the Fair runs Sun., Aug. 1 through Sat., Aug. 7th. 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 again this year. Some of the 2010 highlights are: Sun., Aug. 1 – a car show, Mon., Aug. 2 – Talent contest, Tues., Aug. 3 – Brad Crum Elvis impersonator, Wed., Aug. 4 – Miss Union County contest, Thurs., Aug. 5 – 4H & FFA Dairy Shows, Fri., Aug. 6 – Marty Haggard sings a tribute to his father, Merle Haggard, and Sat., Aug. 7 – Farm Tractor Pull.

The Union County West End Fair has special events every day of the fair. Tuesday (Media Day), Wednesday (Senior Citizen Day, sponsored by the PA Lottery), Thursday (Teen Day, sponsor is Gunzy's), and Saturday (Kid's Day sponsored by Degenstein).

Admission to the fair is \$3 a person (3yrs and up) Mon.- Thurs. and \$4 per person on Fri. and Sat. Parking is free. The Fairgrounds are easy to find: take route 45 west from Mifflinburg (8 miles) to Fairgrounds Rd. (watch for Fair sign) - follow Fairgrounds Rd. for a half mile. Details on the website www.unioncountwestendfair.com.

Annual Peach Festival, Thurs., Aug. 19, from 5-7pm, at the Methodist Church located at the corner of 3rd and Market St. Lots of great food – hot dogs, barbecue, peach pie, peach sundaes, and Peach Tea. Children's games provided by Girl Scout Troop 1098. Proceeds go to the Church fund More information call- 966-2746.

Sunbury City Band will perform in Mifflinburg on Mon., Aug. 9th at 7pm in the air conditioned Family Life Center of the United Methodist Church. The band will play an exciting repertoire of Americana, symphonic, patriotic, and march tunes, under the direction of Kevin Styer with featured vocalist Sharon Styer.

In the Movies... Senator Gene Yaw has made a movie featuring historic Mifflinburg. Enjoy it by logging on the Senator's website senatorgeneyaw.com, click on July 10 link.



Each month the Borough underwrites News & Views, the Town Newsletter you receive free of charge. It takes work to produce News & Views. Step one the Main Street Manager, Becky Hagenbaugh, writes and edits the newsletter. Step two is the label prep work which is done by Becky's husband Chuck or the "grunt" as he would say. The Telegraph editor, Heidi Criswell, puts the final job together, often catching a mistake now and then. Then 2,100 newsletters are delivered to the MHRA office from the Telegraph. And now it is time for the final step putting on labels and closure stickers on each newsletter. This job is done by a group of loyal volunteers – without them there would be no monthly News & Views. Most are pictured, however some were missing that day. We owe thanks to them all: Joan Emery, Mary Alice Diehl, Judy Everitt, Pat Smith, Leona Wagner, Peggy Reimensnyder, Christine Boop, Barbara Miller, Jim & Jan Beckley, Nancy Wentzel, Carol Mensch, Carol Schwartz, and Joan Herman. ■

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 & Name that Tune meeting (8/4), Bingo (8/11), Gettysburg Civil War program (8/18), Fun & Games and birthdays (8/25). Other events: Book Club (Thurs.8/20,11am), and Breakfast out 8/19 at Turnpike at 8:30am; Dinner Out – Skeeters BBQ 5pm (8/26). Plan now for great upcoming events Oct. 7 Lake Wallenpaupack, Dec 1 & 2 Welling Virginia Christmas Lights, and Dec 16 Allenbury Christmas Show Information -966-0197 ■

Most asked Motorcycle and Scooter Questions *answered by Chief Bickhart*

- Q Do I need a helmet or eye protection to operate a moped?
A No helmet or eye protection is required while operating a moped, (but is recommended)
- Q Do I need a Class M (motorcycle) license to operate a moped?
A No, as long as you have a valid class C, driver's license you may operate a moped.
- Q Do I need a Class M (motorcycle) license to operate a motor-driven cycle?
A Yes, if you are interested in obtaining a license to operate a motor-driven cycle, you can apply for a motorcycle learner's permit on a Penn Dot form. A motor-driven cycle is a motorcycle, including a motor scooter, with a motor that produces 5 horsepower or less.
- Q Do I need a helmet or eye protection to operate a motor-driven cycle?
A Yes. All motorcycle riders and passengers must wear eye protection. Since a motor-driven cycle is registered as a motorcycle and Pennsylvania law requires any person who operates a motorcycle to wear protective headgear, you are required to wear a helmet. (there are exemptions to the helmet law)
- Q Do I need to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle?
A Pennsylvania law requires any person who operates a motorcycle to wear protective headgear, unless he or she is at least 21 years of age and has either been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years or has completed a motorcycle safety course approved by Penn DOT or the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. If you are exempt from wearing a helmet and your passenger is at least 21 years of age your passenger is also exempt from wearing a helmet.
- Q My learner's permit has expired. How do I get an extension?
A You must complete the Motorcycle Learner's Permit Application, submit the \$10 fee, and pass a vision screening and knowledge test. However, you may extend your learner's permit before it expires without taking the knowledge test again.
- Q I lost my Motorcycle Learner's Permit. How can I obtain another permit?
A. You must complete the Motorcycle Learner's Permit Application and submit a \$10 fee.
- Q. Can the Motorcycle Learner's Permit be issued at all Driver's License Centers or must the applications be mailed to Penn Dot?
A. All Motorcycle Learner's Permits must be applied for at a Penn Dot Driver License Center.