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Fall in Downtown

As my wife and I sat on the porch of one of America’s most-storied inns located in one of our nation’s absolutely-iconic small towns, I admittedly leaned in to hear the conversation that was underway at the next table. While this whole experience could have happened right here in the Greater Susquehanna Valley, it didn’t.

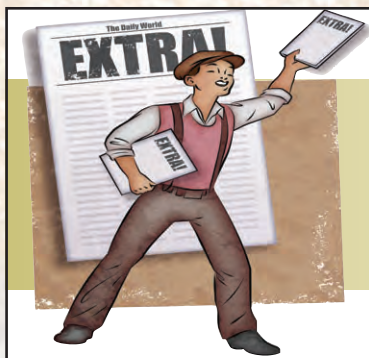


What’s truly impressive is that we were actually out-of-town on our Labor Day getaway and visiting Stockbridge, Massachusetts. While enjoying an afternoon drink on the porch of the Red Lion Inn, which has been made famous thanks to numerous Norman Rockwell paintings that used it as a backdrop, I overheard a group of people sitting right next to me and they were discussing the upcoming Woolly Worm Festival in Lewisburg.

This mid-October festival is a hoot. You, your family and your friends should certainly make plans to attend. I can tell you that people from Massachusetts are already making their plans to be part of the fun at this year’s festival. These folks have definitely decided that there’s still plenty of fun to be had in America’s great small towns, just like the ones that we have here in our valley.

So, please let this be your encouragement and your invitation to head downtown this fall. With the cooler temperatures and lots of other specials that are being offered just for you, our Main Streets and downtowns are perfect destinations for you to consider.

Please don’t feel that you need to wait for a festival to roll around either. There’s plenty of activity and lots of fun to be had every day of the week. All you have to do is: Go downtown!



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For a seasonal celebration, visit our two favorite corn mazes: Ard's Farm is celebrating 25 years and is featuring their pumpkin patch and small and large corn mazes, plus group packages for hayrides, and corn maze tours. Shoot the corn cannon, play in the corn bin, ride the slide, dig for fossils, and so much more. Hayrides to the pumpkin patch are available Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For more information, visit ArdsFarm.com or call 570-524-9820.

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every turn with the Corn Cannon and Pumpkin Chunkin, 20 life size lawn games, car show and BBQ, and much more. For more information about events call 570-437-3442 or visit KohlsStonyHill.com.

Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau will be launching another shop local initiative starting on Black Friday and continuing throughout the year to promote local businesses. Local businesses give a community its look and feel. Combining many local businesses gives a community a unique flavor and sets it apart from any other place in the world. Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to participate in the Shop Local shopping spree. More details will be available at VisitCentralPA.org in November.



TURN TO DANVILLE DOWNTOWN

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Danville in the Twilight of the Year: Muscle, Art, and Mistletoe

The days are beginning to shorten and the shadows lengthen as we approach the end of another year. Yet the next three months will still be a time of activities, events and festivities in downtown Danville.

Three very different races close out 2016. The River Towns Race Series concludes with the Robbins Run 5k/10k on October 15. The Robbins Run will occur on the Robbins Trail and the Old Reading Line at the Hess Recreation Area, a beautiful place that Danville area residents have enjoyed since the 1890's. Both the 5k and the 10k will happen on tree-lined trails paralleling Mahoning Creek. For more information and to register visit www.rivertownrace.com.

On November 13 the Central PA Cyclocross Race Series will hold the first of three races – the Meaty, Beaty, Big & Bouncy Cyclocross. Not for the faint of heart, the course features hairpin turns, a fire jump, and hurdles – what could go wrong? The venue will be in Riverside, only a short distance west of rash and reckless. For more information and registration please visit <https://david-decoteau.squarespace.com/competition/meatycx>.

The second of the cyclocross races will be the Boneshaker Cyclocross. Held December 17 at

the Hess Recreation Area in Danville, this will be a challenge for even the most experienced rider. Bikes, water, woods, mush and history – enough said. Information and registration are available at <https://david-decoteau.squarespace.com/competition/boneshakercx>.

The Danville Arts Council will be mounting an exhibit to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the 2011 flood, THE POWER OF WATER: 5 years after. The exhibit will be at the Council's gallery, the Artmill at 121 Mill Street, from September 2 to October 28. The pieces on exhibit will be both 2- and 3-dimensional art reflecting on floods and their aftermath, as well as simply showing the power of water. For more information visit the Council's website at www.danvilleartsCouncil.org.

The downtown will be the venue for the area's largest Halloween parade on Thursday evening, October 27. Winding its way through the central business district, the parade will once again celebrate this macabre holiday with zest, humor and fun. Prepare early and stay until it's later than you think!

Complementing area events throughout the fall many of our restaurants will feature live entertain-

ment (karaoke anyone!), especially on the weekends. More information about our local restaurants and their events can be found at <http://visitdanvillepa.org/membership/>.

And, of course, we will end the year with our downtown holiday events beginning on Saturday, November 19, with our holiday kick-off and Running Springs Farms' free carriage rides through the historic and business districts. The next day will be the Annual Holiday Open House, and every weekend thereafter until Christmas Eve downtown Danville will feature a succession of events, such as our popular Shopping Pass Days, Small Business Saturday, Santa's Parade, Late Shoppers Night, visits with Santa and his reindeer, and an array of pop-up art exhibits and entertainment in random businesses. For a list of holiday events please visit <http://visitdanvillepa.org/events>. And for holiday gift shopping ideas in our downtown visit <http://visitdanvillepa.org/membership/>.

As this goes to print there are less than 90 days until the holidays, a time of great expectation and yearning. Best wishes to our readers for peace on earth and goodwill to all!









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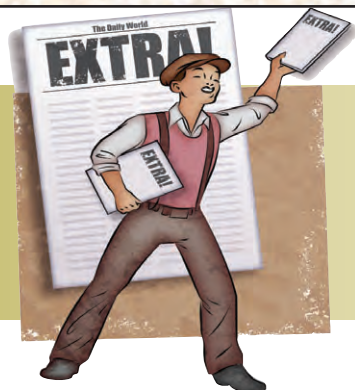
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On August 18, 2016 class members for the 2017 Leadership Susquehanna Valley program gathered for their orientation. This year's program will feature John Maxwell team leadership coach Caz Russell. Read here, thoughts shared by Caz as he looks forward to participating in the 2017 class.



GREATER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT (AND A FOUNDER OF LSV) BOB GARRETT SHARES THE HISTORY OF THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WITH MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017.

Learn to play second fiddle

Every day we hear the words "Teamwork!" Coaches tell their players they need to come together as a team. Supervisors remind the workers to work as a team. If we look at those people who have helped us become who we are, we can see a picture of a team of relationships.

No matter how you slice the pie, on a team there are leaders and a supporting cast. Each person on the team plays an integral part and not everyone can be the leader all the time. In fact, every team needs those who are willing to play second fiddle by supporting, helping, enabling and encouraging others on the team.

One significant behavior of any team player is having an attitude of gratitude. We all know these people, they are always upbeat, happy, supportive and willing to go the extra mile. They don't look for credit although they deserve it. Most of all they

have a desire for the team to achieve its desired goal. Their motive? Helping others to succeed.

Great team players know the difference between the journey and the destination. Reaching the goal set before them is desirable, but the relationships that are built along the way will help them reap rewards for years to come not just the ones immediately ahead.

Playing second fiddle means being a team player who looks out for the needs of others. And is willing to compliment the team by being humble. Effective team players are dependable, enthusiastic, prepared and relational.

"The most difficult thing for players to do when they become part of a team is to sacrifice. It is much easier, and much more natural, to be selfish." – Pat Riley. We have all heard it said that there is no "I" in the word team. When you are asked to be on a

team, set your intentions to be the most effective team player you can be and never, never, never quit. Email comments or questions to caz@cazrussell.com.



DERRECK FISHER, OF WOOD MODE, INC. INTRODUCES HIS NEW CLASSMATE, MATT GARDIL, OF SERVICE 1ST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, TO THE AUDIENCE OF THE 2017 LSV CLASS ORIENTATION.



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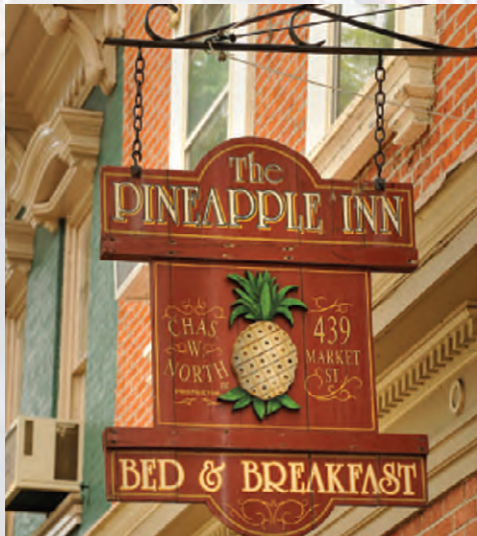
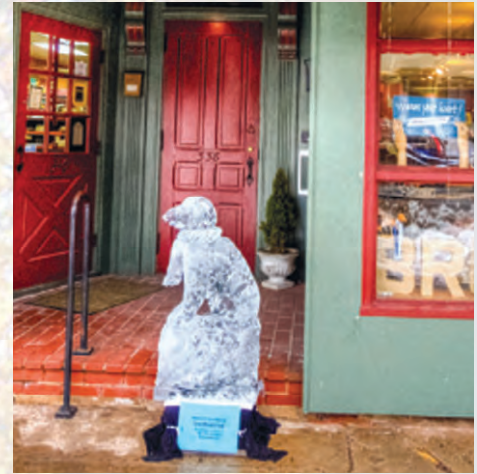


KARL CONRAD, LSV PRESIDENT, WELCOMES THE 2017 LSV CLASS AT THE CLASS ORIENTATION. THIS YEAR'S ORIENTATION WAS HELD AUGUST 18TH, 2016 AT THE GREATER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.



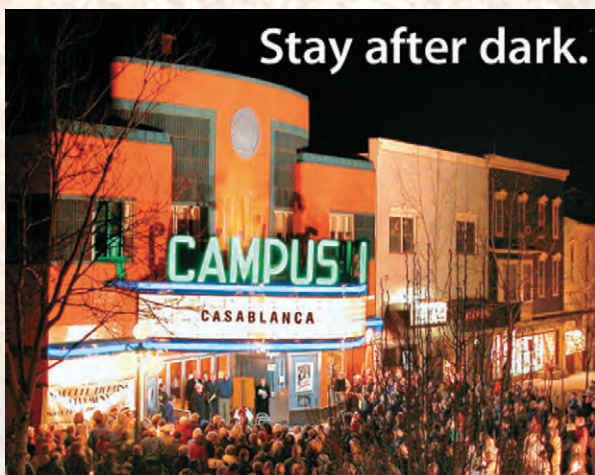
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- Stroll through the Arts, November 4
- Downtown Shopping Pass, November 25 & 26
- National Small Business Saturday, November 26
- Holiday Tree Lighting, December 1
- Holiday Shopping Weekend, December 2 & 3
- Santa at the Campus Theatre, December 17
- Heart of Lewisburg Ice Festival, February 3 & 4, 2017



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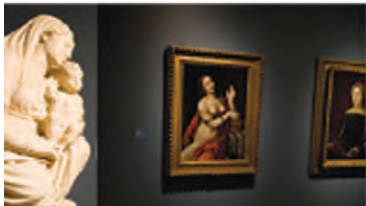
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Neighborhood Thinking – What Is On Our Minds?

While the Main Street organizations are in the limelight, what are the neighborhood organizations doing? How is it different? Downtown promotion groups have a broad agenda and a broader audience. They keep a close eye on economic development, foster a lively events calendar appealing to tourists and locals alike, keep the name of the town out there in the media ever in a positive light, and focus on design and presentation in the central commercial areas.

Meanwhile the neighborhood groups have a tighter and often more pragmatic range of interests. Where the Main Street group looks for a balance between regional draws and local services, the residents are concerned about maintaining outlets that serve everyday errands, like groceries, hardware, books, and convenience items. In addition, they work both to enhance the sense of community with neighborhood-oriented events and clean ups and to improve communications in the municipality with informational meetings and programs.

If you are in the Lewisburg Area, even if you don't live in the Borough, you may also be interested in the River Town Team events and activities like park planning or Bike/Walk promotions. In addition to the items printed on the schedule here, we also expect to hold a wetlands walk and a Route 15 crossing tour by the end of the year. Check out our website at LewisburgNeighborhoods.org/calendar to see what's coming up next that might be of interest for you.




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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- BEYOND RAIN BARRELS: CONSERVATION
Wed, Oct 5, 6:30-8:30pm, Union Cmounty Govt Ctr
- BVRA FLAT 'N FAST 5K/10K RACE
Sat, Oct 22, 10am, Buffalo Valley Rail Trail
- CREEK AND RAILROAD CLEAN UP
Sun, Oct 30, 2-4, Hufnagle Park
- RAIL TRAIL CLEAN UP
Sat, Nov 12, 2-4, Earl's Bicycle Store
- CYCLOCROSS RACE
Sat, Nov 19, 9-1, Ard's Farm Market

For more info visit LewisburgNeighborhoods.org or find us on facebook at [Lewisburg Neighborhoods](https://www.facebook.com/LewisburgNeighborhoods) and [On the River -- Lewisburg](https://www.facebook.com/OnTheRiverLburg). We're also on [twitter](https://twitter.com/OnTheRiverLburg) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/OnTheRiverLburg) at [OnTheRiverLburg](https://www.instagram.com/OnTheRiverLburg).

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Middleburg Heritage Festival Highlights

Many towns were born where roads intersect and Middleburg was one of them. Its history is rich and it has endured through many changes and challenges. But with routes 104 and 522 dictating the towns' shape, the "downtown" section has had to shift and expand outward. More and more businesses are springing up on the outskirts of town where parking is easier to procure.

Over the past 50 years, many of the historical buildings in the downtown area were taken down or completely renovated, often in the interest of progress. However, that progress now feels rather hollow as much of the historical architecture is either missing or unrecognizable. As the Middleburg Revitalization Committee began to brainstorm about moving forward, they realized that moving forward would require looking back. The people of Middleburg need to know their history and celebrate where they came from; they need to be proud of their town and work together to make it a place where people WANT to work and live and raise their families.

With that in mind, the MRC is presenting "A Log Cabin Christmas" event on December 2, 2016 from 6-9 p.m. There is an amazing log building that sits just off the beaten path behind the IGA grocery store and in the interest of highlighting some of the historic sites that still exist, this building will be open to the public. In conjunction with the Snyder County Historical Society and Museum, the MRC is working to make history come alive this holiday season. Special staging of the log cabin will transport those attending back in time. Toy candy, popcorn balls and hot cider are just a few of the treats to be enjoyed by candlelight. A special Christmas ornament featuring

the log cabin will be on sale to raise money for future revitalization efforts—a unique gift for that person who has everything and a must-have for all who call Middleburg their home.

Put this special event on your holiday list for December. "A Log Cabin Christmas" promises to be a celebration of the past that you won't want to miss! Visit www.fb.com/middleburgpa for more information or to donate to the Middleburg revitalization efforts. Special thanks to Curator, Kim Mattern, Snyder County Historical Society.



Some log cabin facts: The Log Cabin located at the entrance to Glendale Cemetery was originally owned by George Motz, circa 1770's, originally constructed for the purpose of a Currier Business. On the same plot of land Mr. Motz built a home and a Tannery Business. This information is supposition according to land grant research at the Snyder County Historical Society. The land grant was signed by John Penn, brother of Thomas Penn and sons of William Penn in Philadelphia in 1773.



Event Calendar

October

October 1
Oktoberfest
 Mifflinburg

October 15
Robbins Run 5K/10K
Check-in 7:30 AM • Race 9:00 AM
 Danville

Woolly Worm Festival
 Lewisburg

October 17 - 18
Window Painting
 Bloomsburg

October 18
Halloween Parade
7:00 PM
 Selinsgrove - Downtown

October 20
Halloween Parade
 Sunbury

October 22
Boo's & Brew's
 Sunbury

Halloween Costume Judging
12:00
Downtown Trick or Treat
12:30 – 2:00 PM
 Selinsgrove

October 27
Halloween Parade
7:00 – 10:00 PM
 Danville

November

November 4 - 5
Stroll through the Arts Weekend
 Lewisburg

November 12
Traveling Lantern Children's Theater Presents "The Industrious Mr. Franklin"
1:00 pm
 Mifflinburg

November 13
Meaty, Beaty, Big & Bouncy Cyclocross
2:00 PM
 Danville/Riverside

November 19
Downtown Danville's Holiday Kick-off
5:00 – 9:00 PM
Free carriage rides provided by Running Springs Farm
5:00 – 9:00 PM
 Danville

November 20
Annual Holiday Open House
12:00 – 5:00 PM
 Danville

November 22
Tree Lighting
6:30 PM
Selinsgrove – Commons

November 24
Downtown Decorating
9:00 AM
 Selinsgrove - Downtown

November 25
Parade of Lights
 Bloomsburg

Tree Lighting
5:00 PM
 Bloomsburg

Santa Parade
 Sunbury

Model Train Museum Christmas Season Open House Begins
Nov 25 and 26
 Milton

November 25 & 26
Downtown Shopping Pass
 Lewisburg

Shopping Pass Days
9:00 – 6:00 PM
 Danville

November 26 - 27
North Pole Express
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Bloomsburg

November 26
Small Business Saturday
 Bloomsburg

Small Business Saturday/Shop Local
 Mifflinburg

Event Calendar

Small Business Saturday
9:00 – 6:00 PM
Danville

Small Business Saturday
Lewisburg

November 27
Business Open House & Community Tree Lighting
4:00 – 8:00 PM
Mifflinburg

December

December 1
Holiday Tree Lighting
7:00 PM
Lewisburg

Late Shoppers Night
Sunbury

December 2
Late Shoppers Night
Lewisburg

Welcome Santa Parade & Late Shoppers Night
6:00 – 10:00 PM
Danville

Log Cabin Christmas
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Middleburg - East Market

Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling
Milton – Lincoln Park

December 3
Santa Claus Comes to Town
Lewisburg

Visit Santa's House
12:00 – 3:00 PM
Danville

Celebrate the Season in Old Town Selinsgrove - Santa Sprint 5K Race
9:00 AM
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- **Stocking Decorating & Stuffing**
10:00 – 2:00 PM
- **Santa Pets Parade**
2:00 PM
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December 6
Late Shoppers' Night
6:00 – 11:00 PM
Selinsgrove

December 8 - 10
Christkindl Market/Elias Tours & hot toddie sales
Mifflinburg

December 9
Visit Santa's House
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Danville

Shop, Wine & Dine Fest Late night!
Selinsgrove - Downtown
10-Dec

Santa Fest!
5:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Selinsgrove - Downtown

Musicraft (formerly Black Tie)
4:00 PM
Mifflinburg – Elias Center

December 10
Visit with Santa's Reindeer & Visit Santa's House
12:00 – 3:00 PM
Danville

December 16
Free Carriage Rides provided by Running Springs Farm
5:00 – 7:00 PM
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Visit Santa's House
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Danville

December 17
Santa at the Campus Theatre
Lewisburg

Visit Santa's House
12:00 – 3:00 PM
Danville

Free Carriage Rides provided by Running Springs Farm
12:00 – 3:00 PM
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Boneshaker Cyclocross
12:00 PM
Danville

"Christmas in the Parlor"
7:00 PM
Mifflinburg – The Elias
NOTE: Half of ticket sales donated to Kiwanis for holiday baskets

December 31
New Year's Eve Celebration
Sunbury



Fall Happenings in Mifflinburg

As the end of the year creeps up on us, Mifflinburg has plenty to do to keep you busy.

The Elias Center for the Performing Arts has a few special programs yet this year. On November 12, Traveling Lantern Children's Theater will be bringing "The Industrious Mr. Franklin" to the stage. Ben Franklin, in an interactive and humorous romp, will get the audience to travel with him, meet his friends, help him in his work and learn about the man who tamed electricity with a kite and a key. The show is at 1 pm.



On Saturday, December 17 at 7 pm, the Elias will be host to "Christmas in the Parlor" with Kj Reimensnyder-Wagner, Larry Lawson, Kimbo Reichley, Tom & Gina Rosencrantz and Tom Fladmark performing new and traditional holiday music. Half of the ticket sales will be donated to the Mifflinburg Kiwanis to help with their holiday food baskets for our local families.

Tickets to shows at the Elias are \$10 and children under 12 are free with a paid adult. Advance tickets to any of the shows are available by sending a check and SASE to MHRA, 300 Chestnut St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844 or by purchasing them directly at Barb's Bouquet & Gift Basket, Heritage Printers, Tastecraft Market and Whispering Willow Primitives & Antiques in Mifflinburg. The Elias is located at 212 S. 5th St. in Mifflinburg.

The Elias will also be open Dec. 8, 9 and 10 for tours, entertainment, local vendors and there will be hot toddies for sale. The hours are the same as the hours for the Mifflinburg Christkindl Market which are: Thursday, December 8 from 4:30 to 9 pm; Friday, December 9 from 10 am to 9 pm and Saturday, December 10 from 10 am to 8 pm.

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The Milton Model Train Museum



The Milton Model Train Museum, which is under the umbrella of TIME, is a unique and nostalgic place for people of all ages from throughout the area to enjoy.

The creation of the museum and display stems from the generous donation of the Rev. A. Robert Walker's personal collection and layout in 2007. The centerpiece is a permanently installed, 20 ft. by 60 ft. platform layout with many operating O gauge scaled model trains, set within a 1950's era replica of Milton featuring numerous landmark buildings and familiar settings.

A group of local model train hobbyists, some highly regarded as specialists, oversee continuing operations. Barry Mabus is the committee chairman. The Milton Moose Family Center, at 139

South Front Street, generously donates the use of its third floor for the display. This space is filled with memorabilia relating to the trains and to Milton, and the banquet facility on the second floor is available for occasional gallery displays and other special events.

Primarily, the Milton Model Train Museum is open to the general public during the Christmas holiday season, with free admission. It is also open during the Moose Children's Fishing Derby and the Milton Harvest Festival. The Model Train Museum is available throughout the year for private events such as high school class reunion visits, educational school field trips, and private parties. It promotes tourism from many local communities, particularly involving model railroad enthusiasts.

The Milton Model Train Museum's annual Christmas Season Open House schedule for 2016 is as follows:

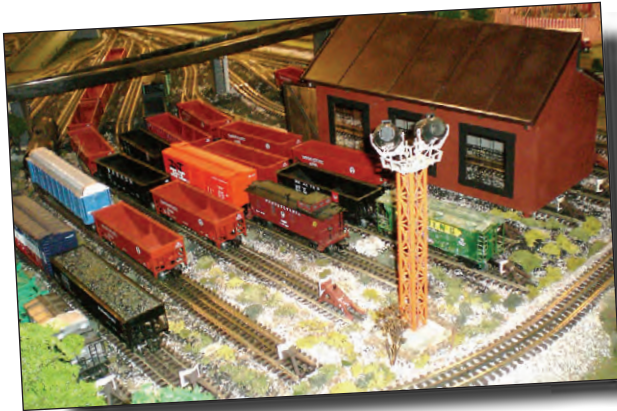
Friday, Nov. 25th 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, Nov. 26th 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 3rd 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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Saturday, Dec. 10th 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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Saturday, Dec. 17th 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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October starts the season off with Selingsgrove Projects, Inc.'s (SPI) very popular annual Halloween Parade which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 (rain date is Wednesday, October 19) starting at 7:00 pm with the parade route beginning at the north end of Market Street (by CVS) and travels to the south end of Market Street to the Sunoco A-1 Plus station. Each year, State Farm Agent Chris Kenawell, has volunteered to chair the parade and because of him and his team's efforts, thousands of children and parents line the route

to enjoy this two-hour event. Those organizations participating continue to amaze the crowds with their entries and this year we are sure the floats will even be more spectacular.

On Saturday, October 22 there will be the Halloween Costume Judging and Downtown Trick or Treat Day. This event is sponsored by the Snyder County Arts Council and Selingsgrove Area Chamber of Commerce (SACC) and the Costume Parade Judging will be at 12:00 noon (registration begins at 11:00 am) and the Trick or Treating with downtown businesses will take place from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm. This has become a true family fun event; so enjoy one of the most favored holidays of all times by spending the day in Selingsgrove!

November we see our downtown transformed into a winter wonderland with beautiful lighted snowflakes atop our decorative street lamps that are wrapped in white lights as well. The businesses will be decorated with holiday garlands and ready for the annual SACC Christmas Tree Lighting and caroling on the Commons in town center, scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm; an event you won't want to miss!

December starts off with the first Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 am the Santa Sprint 5K race and at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm will be the 2nd



Annual Stocking Stuffing activity for children, followed by the Santa Pets Parade beginning at 2:00pm. All of these family fun holiday activities are sponsored by the SACC.

Continuing tradition in the Grove, "Late Shopper's Night" will be held on Tuesday, December 6 from 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm. Our downtown businesses will be open late so you can visit, shop, and enjoy some refreshments. There will be carolers, carriage rides and much more to get you in that holiday spirit.

In addition, SPI's Santa Fest,

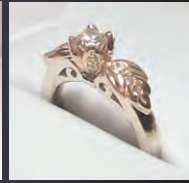
another annual favorite that has you roaming from designated establishments in downtown, in holiday costumes (which could be just a Santa hat) of your choice, will be held on Saturday, December 10 starting at 6:00pm.

Finally, we hope that you will spend the holiday season, exploring our downtown businesses and restaurants. There is sure to be something for everyone this holiday season. We hope you will mark your calendars for these events and be sure to visit selingsgrove.net for updates on these and more. – Love the Grove!



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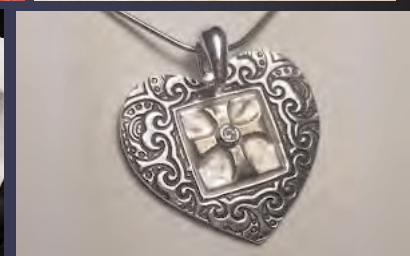
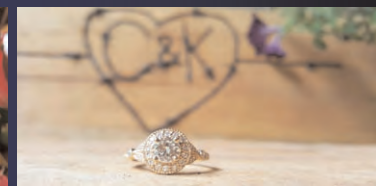
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Sunbury, once the shopping capital of region, still has a number of quaint retail shops and restaurants. Pull up a barstool at places like Chestnut Street Inn on South 3rd Street and listen to the trains rumble by as you enjoy gourmet tapas (small plate fare) from Chef Scott

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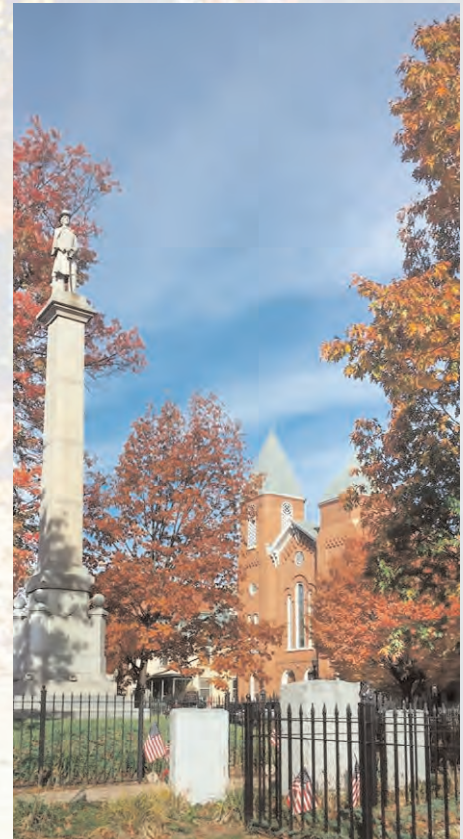
Sunbury New Year's Eve Celebration

Ring in New Year at Sunbury's annual Countdown in the Downtown. There will be something for everyone, including children's activities in Cameron Park, live entertainment at 4th and Market streets, fireworks, and the lighting of the famous Edison Light Bulb. The VIP is a ticket-only event for those 21 years of age and older that will include eatables from

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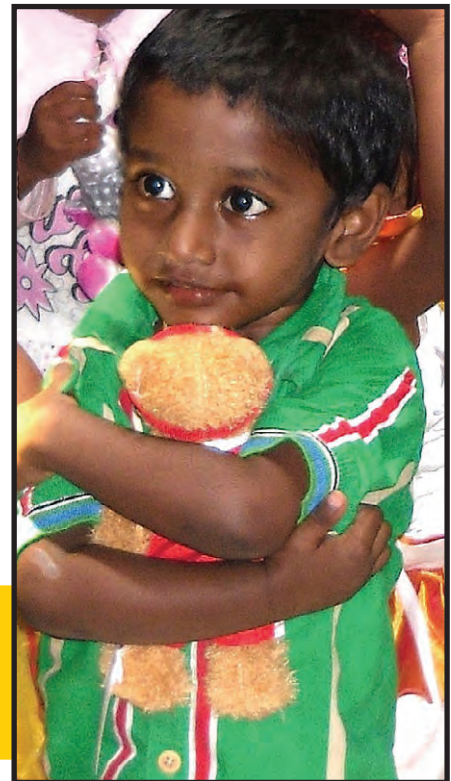
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Hopefully, through the stories these men shared, you learn a little more about the Vietnam War, easily the most misunderstood in America's history.

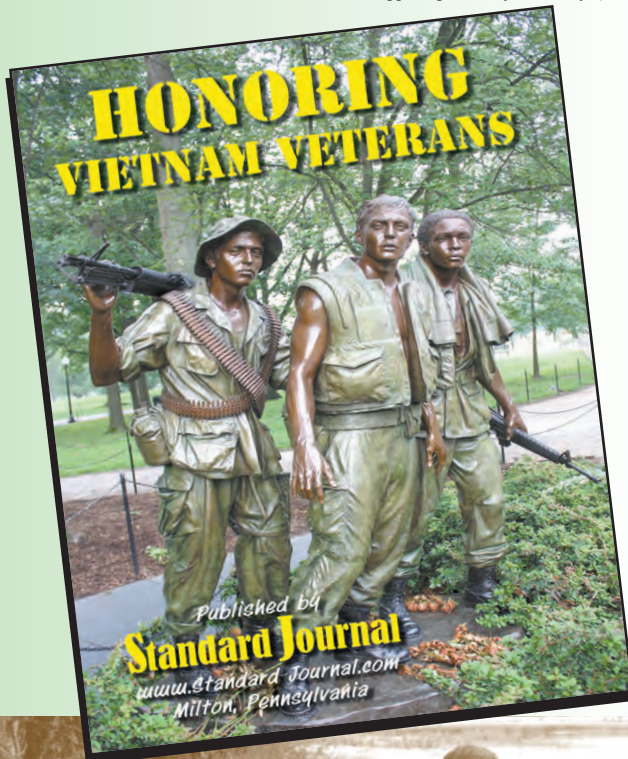
Vietnam was the first war in which American combat soldiers were outnum-

bered so significantly by those in support roles. As a general rule, there were roughly 10 troops supporting every combat soldier in the field.

It took everyone to wage the war in a country tens of thousands of miles from home on terrain the enemy was more than familiar with, having ousted invaders for centuries, including the French in the years prior to America's involvement.

Vietnam became known as the "Helicopter War" due to the necessity of the chopper, specifically the Huey (UH-

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1), to get troops in and out of areas largely inaccessible to traditional vehicles.

Nearly 59,000 Americans lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Hundreds of thousands more were wounded.

Those who made it home were often treated poorly, ignored or chastised for their service. As the war progressed into the late 1960s and early 1970s, anti-war sentiment escalated stateside with protests amid growing misconceptions about the war fed predominantly by media reports and speculation.

One of those misconceptions revolved around the draft. Public perception was that the war was being fought largely by draftees, which simply was not the case. Around 70 percent of those who died in Vietnam were volunteers. Of the more than 58,000 who died in Vietnam, only 17,425 were draftees.

Many of those who served in Vietnam did so for the same reason their fathers and grandfathers served during World War II and Korea — out of a sense of duty. They returned home to an unsympathetic public and, at times, were greeted by commanding officers advising they remove their uniforms to avoid protesters at airports.

Still, the Vietnam veteran fought admirably, heroically, for country and for his fellow brother in arms. It was not the fault of the soldiers, airmen, Marines and seamen that the war became political.

The politicization of the war became evident following Tet of 1968 when Gen. William Westmoreland requested Congress send more troops to defeat the depleted forces of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army. That request

was not granted and in fact, Westmoreland was soon pushed out, replaced by Gen. Creighton Abrams, who advocated the pacification program. When Richard Nixon, who was elected on a platform of "Win With Honor," took office, the troop drawdown began.

The opportunity the United States had to "win" the war was snatched from it by a Congress unwilling to finish what had been started. The Vietnam War veteran was a stalwart, ranking among America's finest fighting forces.

Hearing the stories of these heroic men is at times heart-wrenching. Not only did they answer the call of their country and serve with honor in what at times can only be considered horrific conditions, these men had to endure another war raging stateside once they returned.

It's a sad chapter in American history. I'd like to thank these brave men for sharing their stories. It is my hope that through their service and sacrifice, we can all learn a little more about this wonderful generation of American heroes.

Let us all promise to never subject another generation of American servicemen and women to the treatment endured by the Vietnam veteran. When the call is made, it is the soldier that answers the call — without question.

To all Vietnam veterans, thank you for your service and welcome home.

Chris Brady is managing editor at the Standard Journal and author of "Remembering Firebase Ripcord," which detailed the longest battle of the Vietnam War.

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