

♥ FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS... ♥

- Sat., Feb. 1** 8-11am **Recycling**  
Industrial Park Road
- Sat., Feb. 1** 11am to 12:30pm **Free Community Meal**  
First Evan. Lutheran Church
- Thurs., Feb. 6** 7pm **Christkindl Committee**  
401 Market Street
- Thurs., Feb. 6** 5:30pm **Buggy Museum First Thursday Bingo - Carriage Corner**
- Feb. 7-9** **Heart of Lewisburg Ice Fest**
- Tues., Feb. 11** 7:30pm **School Board Meeting**  
Admin Building
- Thurs., Feb. 13** 7pm **MHRA Board Meeting**  
300 Chestnut Street
- Sat., Feb. 15** 8-11am **Recycling**  
Industrial Park Road
- Sat., Feb. 15** Sun, Feb. 16 10am - 4pm **Cabin Fever Expo**  
Miff. Intermediate School
- Sat., Feb. 15** 7pm **Buggy Museum Gala**  
Rusty Rail Brewing Co.
- Sun., Feb. 16** 12-4pm **SnowFest**  
R. B. Winter State Park
- Mon., Feb. 17** 7 pm **Shade Tree Commission**  
Borough Offices
- Tues., Feb. 18** 4:30 pm **Planning Commission**  
Borough Offices
- Tues., Feb. 18** 7 pm **Borough Council Meeting**  
Borough Offices
- Sat., Feb. 22** 10 am **PACFI Chili Cookoff & Auction**  
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**2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Sat., April 18** . . . . . **The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe**  
1 p.m. Elias Center
- Sat., April 18** . . . . . **West Branch Chorus**  
7 p.m. Elias Center
- Sat., May 16** . . . . . **Wine & Brew Festival**  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. VFW Grounds
- Sat., June 27** . . . . . **New Jersey Snake Man**  
1 p.m. Elias Center
- Sat., June 27** . . . . . **Keystone Brass**  
6 p.m. Elias Center
- TBA in July** . . . . . **History Day Camp**
- Sat., July 11** . . . . . **Adventure in Fun**  
1 p.m. Elias Center
- Fri., July 17** . . . . . **Blueberries & Bluegrass**  
5 to 9 p.m. Community Park
- Sat., Aug. 8** . . . . . **Monkey Man Magic Show**  
1 p.m. Elias Center
- Sat., Aug. 22** . . . . . **Critter Connections**  
1 p.m. Elias Center
- Sat., Sept. 19** . . . . . **Exotic Adventures**  
1 p.m. Elias Center
- Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2-3** . . . . . **Oktoberfest**  
VFW Grounds
- Dec. 10-12** . . . . . **Winterfest at Christkindl**  
Elias Center
- Sat., Dec. 19** . . . . . **Christmas in the Parlor**  
7 p.m. Elias Center

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Arthur's Pet Pantry  
Nicole Spotts State Farm Agency



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MHRA exists to help promote and maintain a supportive environment where business, community and government work together to foster growth and development, while preserving Mifflinburg's cultural heritage.

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*Deadline Approaching! Get your tickets now!*

## BUGGY MUSEUM ROARING 20s FUNDRAISING GALA

You are invited to the Rusty Rail on Saturday, February 15, for a roaring good time with the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum as they host a special 20s themed Fundraising Gala beginning at 7 p.m. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day! Tickets for the fundraising event are \$75 and admission includes a buffet dinner, beer and wine, live music, dancing, 50/50 raffle, plus live and silent auctions. A cash bar is also available and Lori Lauver will be the evening's auctioneer. 20s dress is encouraged, but certainly not mandatory. There are also several VIP tables still available - They are \$2,000 for a table of eight with a special cocktail hour beginning at 6 p.m.



Live auction items include two overnight stays in the Rusty Rail Suites; a dinner paired with beer prepared by the Rusty Rail chef; two nights at the Rough Cut Lodge; a four night stay at a private home in the Poconos; Mark Alexander two hour live acoustic set; two pairs of boots or his or hers shoes from Tack Room, Inc. (value to \$300); a hot air balloon ride; an original Valerie Moyer painting and more.



Silent auction include items from Pompeii Street Aromatherapy, Country Farm & Home, Country Cupboard Inn & Suites, Hershey Inn & Suites, Reiff's, Brookpark Pet, Value Pet, Jersey Mike's, Lewisburg Mercantile, a framed David Seybold print, Open Door Art Gallery, Kelly's Steak and Seafood in Boalsburg, Mt. Nittany Vineyard & Winery in Centre Hall, and more.

Live music will be provided by 'Trip the Light,' an energetic nine piece party band from Williamsport, who will provide a variety of music include 20s ragtime during dinner!

The Buggy Museum needs help from our community - all funds raised help to keep the museum's doors open. This event will kick off their 2020 Capital Campaign to create a lasting endowment - they have been awarded an matching grant from the Degenstein Foundation and all donations up to \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. All donations - no matter how much - help assist the museum to meet it's goals.

**TICKET SALES WILL CLOSE FEBRUARY 5**, and are available at the Tack Room, Inc. in Vicksburg, Rusty Rail Brewing, Heritage Printing & Design, Dr. David Holman's office and Tussey Mountain Ski Area. You can also text 570-713-9202 to arrange to get them.

The Buggy Museum has several fundraisers planned for 2020 - for the first time, the Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association (MHRA) is partnering with them for the annual Wine and Brew Festival held May 16, at the VFW carnival grounds. It will be a fantastic day of wine and beer tasting, live entertainment, food and craft vendors and more. The annual Garden Tour returns Sunday, June 14. Look for more information soon. The popular First Thursday Bingo returns for 2020 on Thursday, February 6, at a location to be determined soon. Please watch for more information in *News and Views*, Facebook, and the *Free Press*. This is a pay as you play bingo. Games are just 25 cents each, with special games, special prizes, good neighbor gifts, and a coverall.

The Buggy Museum would like to thank it's generous Gold sponsors Mifflinburg Bank & Trust and the Rusty Rail Brewing Company. The gala is also supported by Art of Living Design Studio, the Tack Room, Inc.,and Heritage Printing & Design.

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# Borough Briefings...

by Margaret Metzger

## BBBBBBBBBBBB.....IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

### Here are some cold weather concerns for you to think about

**Frozen pipes and water meters.** Did you know that once the Borough installs the water meter, you, as the property owner are responsible for proper maintenance? It's true, just like you are responsible for all of the other plumbing in your home. So take a little time to check out the area that the meter is located in, is it well insulated? Is it in a heated area? Paying attention to these details can help save you the cost and inconvenience of broken pipes and frozen meters.

**High Electric Consumption.** How can you help control your electric consumption? Proper maintenance of your appliances, like furnaces, heat pumps, and electric water heaters can help to save energy and money on both your electric and in some cases even your water bills. Faulty thermostats and heating elements can become very costly. Please take some time each year to maintain these large appliances for both safety and energy conservation measures. For more ideas about energy conservation you can visit the Department of Energy's website at [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).

**Frozen sidewalks.** The Borough has ordinances which require that property owners clear their sidewalks of snow within 24 hours of a snowfall event, in addition these ordinances also prohibit placing this snow on the streets of the Borough. This Ordinance is intended as a Public Safety measure. Getting the snow or slush off of your sidewalks as quickly as possible helps prevent the buildup of ice and snow from becoming a hazard to pedestrians and a liability to you, keeping it off of an already cleared road helps keep motorists and pedestrians safe in their travels.

**Slippery Roads.** The Borough crew, like PA DOT, has to handle snow removal in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible. Decisions about when the streets are going to be treated and plowed are based on the weather forecast. Are they calling for snow followed by freezing rain? Then it may be better to wait to plow until after the freezing rain. Is the accumulation an inch or less? Then maybe salt and anti-skid are the best treatment, since there isn't enough accumulated to plow. Are the temperatures well below freezing? Salt alone will not work, so a combination of salt and anti-skid may be the best treatment. We endeavor to make the best plan based on the information available to us and the resources available. Sometimes it's hard to predict what Mother Nature will do. If there is an area that you find particularly slippery, please call the office to report it.

## ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENT

Hate going outside in the cold and inclement weather? Maybe it's time to sign up for Electronic Bill payment! The Borough offers you the opportunity to sign up to have your utility bill automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. It's quick and easy and can save you from battling the elements or from paying late fees. Call our office or visit the Borough website at [mifflinburgborough.org](http://mifflinburgborough.org) for more information.

## 2020 UTILITY RATES

The increase in electric, water and sewer rates will take effect with the February 2020 bill. The new rates are posted on the Borough's website; [mifflinburgborough.org](http://mifflinburgborough.org)

## SEWER CONNECTION BAN UPDATE

As you may remember from previous reports, the Borough's sewer system was placed under a connection ban in early 2018 resulting from several sanitary sewer overflow violations which occurred and were reported to PA DEP. The Borough, working with Engineering consultants, prepared a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which outlined the methods and work that the Borough would be using to try to correct the problems in our system. This CAP report was properly submitted to PA DEP within the prescribed timeline. PA DEP issued 5 EDUs to the Borough with the submission, review and approval of the CAP. These EDUs were advertised and distributed using the Borough's adopted Ordinance however, the connection ban remains in place. The Borough is required to submit the next CAP report to PA DEP in March of 2019 showing our progress and the work we plan to do next. The Borough will request that additional EDUs be permitted by PA DEP at that time. Updates will be provided as they are available.

## LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT?

If you are interested in summer employment, like the outdoors, and working with the public, consider applying to work at the Mifflinburg Community Pool. The Borough is accepting applications for the 2020 season. Applications and more information are available on the website; [mifflinburgborough.org](http://mifflinburgborough.org).

# What's Happening Around Town...

**CABIN FEVER EXPO**— The 21st Annual Valley Outdoors Cabin Fever Expo takes place on Sat., Feb. 15, and Sun., Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mifflinburg Intermediate School and will feature outdoor-related vendors with hunting, fishing, camping, trapping equipment, hunting and fishing guides and charters, and more. They offer free admission so you can bring the whole family. Door prizes will be given away throughout the two-day event with grand prizes being awarded at the close of the Expo on Sunday.

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**— Boy Scout Troop 536, Millmont, will be holding a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 1, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Christ's United Lutheran '4 Bell' Church, located 3 1/2 miles West of Mifflinburg on Rt 45. Meals include Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert. Dinners are available for eat-in or take-out. For more information or advance tickets, call Joel at 570-768-6582 or email [trop536@4bellschurch.com](mailto:trop536@4bellschurch.com).

**R.B. WINTER STATE PARK SNOWFEST - FEBRUARY 16 - 12 TO 4 PM**— Break out of the winter doldrums and experience some winter "adventures." Activities are dependent on weather conditions and may include Snowfest Trail Race, snow shoe hiking, cross country skiing, ice skating, ice rescue demonstration, ice fishing skills, snow mobile safety and rides for kids, a food concession, snow volleyball, broomball, an ice sculpture demonstration, winter search and rescue using dogs, and special activities for children including a winter story time, nature activities and crafts. This event is held rain, snow or shine! It is free and everyone is encouraged to attend! Some activities might require an equipment rental fee or a donation may be requested.

**UNION COUNTY CHURCH HOLDS INDOOR YARD SALE**— Come visit the Christ's United Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 15. They are having an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will have clothing bargains, furniture, glassware and all kind of items. Food and refreshments will be offered. Come fellowship and enjoy the day. Proceeds benefits Christ's United Lutheran's children's Sunday School ministry. Christ's United, also known as the "Four Bells Church," is located 3.5 miles west of Mifflinburg on PA Route 45.

**2020 BOARD MEETING DATES RELEASED**— The Union County Library System, along with its member libraries, have released the 2020 Board meeting dates. The Union County Library System Board will meet on the first Tuesday of the months listed at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates: February 4 at Herr Memorial Library, April 7 at West End Library, June 2 at the Public Library for Union County, August 4 at West End Library, October 6 at Herr Memorial Library, and December 1 at the Public Library for Union County.

**PACFI ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND AUCTION**— The Annual Chili Cook-off and Auction takes places Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Mifflinburg Hotel & Scarlet D Tavern. Doors open at 10 a.m. The Buffet opens at 11 a.m. and the judging will take place at 1 p.m. For up to date information, go to their Facebook page 'PACFI Chili Cookoff and Auction.'

**SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD**— The next meeting of SVSWG will be held on Sun., Feb. 9, at the Masonic Lodge, 361 Chestnut St., Mifflinburg. Parking is available behind the building. Light refreshments are served at 1:30 and the meeting begins at 2.

**THE BUGGY MUSEUM FIRST THURSDAY BINGO IS FEBRUARY 6TH.** First Thursday Bingo is back on Thursday, February 6, at the Carriage Corner Restaurant. Everyone is invited to play bingo to win cash prizes and more. Bring a donation for Arthur's Pet Pantry and receive a free game. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 5:30 with continuous play until 8:30 p.m. For more information, please check with the Museum's Facebook page. March bingo will be at the 4H Extension office.



## Herr Library offers chair yoga for older adult wellness

Natural light and the collective sound of chanting permeates a small corner room on the second floor of the Herr Memorial Library. "There is a connection we build with each other when we chant 'om.' We feel vibrations through each other, with ourselves and the universe," said yoga instructor, Paula Christy. A handful of patrons gather weekly at the library for a chair yoga session led by Christy, a former teacher at the Whole Life Society in New Berlin.

After the closing of the center, Christy looked for other venues to hold classes. "There are a lot of things going on in Lewisburg," she said. "We wanted to reach out to the people in this end of the county."

For nearly a year, anywhere from two to 10 library patrons show up every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. for Chair Yoga. Lori Bartholomew has been doing Chair Yoga for three years with Christy in various locations. "When you leave Paula's session, it's brings you into a singlemindedness," Bartholomew said. For Bartholomew, chair yoga is a form of physical as well as mental therapy saying many of her stressors are left behind after the class.

The low impact nature of the class particularly benefits older adults and aides in loosening and stretching painful muscles, reducing stress, and improving circulation. It also reduces anxiety, helps lower blood pressure, protects joints, and builds strength and balance. "Chair yoga connects the body, mind and spirit for an all over wellness," said Christy.

Chair Yoga and other programs happening at libraries today, are an indicator of its changing role in the community. "Libraries are a great resource and not simply a place to borrow books," said Sharon Leon, Interim Library Director. "Programs and services offered at our library allow people to make connections that can benefit their social literacy, technological skills, education and even health. Chair Yoga is one of those programs. We love having community members participate in programs like these every week at our library!"

For more information visit the Herr Memorial Library at 500 Market Street in Mifflinburg, call 570-966-0831 or go to [UnionCountyLibraries.org](http://UnionCountyLibraries.org). Herr Memorial Library along with The Public Library for Union County in Lewisburg and the West End Library in Laurelton make up the Union County Library System.



# Mifflinburg welcomes Nicole Spotts

Long time business man and State Farm Insurance agent, Keith Dunlap has retired as of December 31. We wish Keith and his wife the best as they enjoy retirement!

Nicole Spotts is State Farm's new Mifflinburg agent and she is still located at 93 Chestnut Street. The business phone number is 570-966-3199. Her website is [www.nicolespotts.net](http://www.nicolespotts.net) and she can also be found on Facebook.

Nicole is a life long resident of Union and Snyder County and we are very happy to have her working for and supporting our community. Make sure to stop by to say hello and see what State Farm can do for your auto, home, and life needs.



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Vixens host recruitment nights regularly at Sunset Skating Rink in Shamokin Dam, from 7:30 PM during Adult Skate night. Skaters, Referee's, Non-Skating Officials, and Volunteers are welcome! Can't wait and want more information now? Go to [www.svderbyvixens.com](http://www.svderbyvixens.com) now to get started!



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## CRAFTERS & ARTISANS WANTED

MHRA's annual Wine & Brew Festival takes place Saturday, May 16, at the VFW Carnival Grounds. We are seeking crafters and artisans for the event held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Email [mhra@dejazzd.com](mailto:mhra@dejazzd.com) or call 570-966-1666 for information.

## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT IN NEWS & VIEWS?

If so, please submit information no later than the 15th of the previous month. For example, information for the March edition needs to be to MHRA no later than February 15. Email to [mhra@dejazzd.com](mailto:mhra@dejazzd.com) or mail to MHRA, 300 Chestnut St. Mifflinburg, PA 17844