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CRAFT LOOP SHUTTLE BUS service will run among the craft display areas from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm, Sunday. See map at center of program for bus stops.

REMINDERS

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All of us at Fort Ligonier Days, Inc., our tireless volunteers and our gracious sponsors are so proud that many of you choose to visit us every year. We hope that this year's event is like a reunion of sorts, and that you, and your family and friends will make memories and traditions of your own in the Laurel Highlands!



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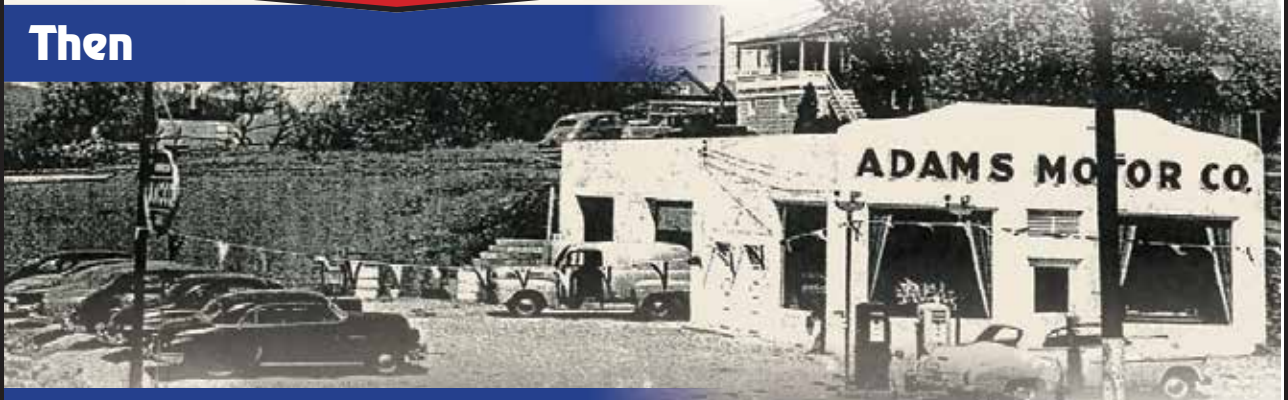
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Team 211, a Westmoreland County volunteer assistance team based in Latrobe, also helps with traffic control, although they specialize in rough terrain search and rescue utilizing all-terrain vehicles. PA State Police are also involved, mainly keeping traffic flowing and pedestrians safe at the US 30-PA 711 intersection near Fort Ligonier.

"A lot of it involves traffic control," he says. This includes setting up detours, placing and installing signs including no parking signs, keeping routes open for emergency vehicles, and placing barricades where needed. Officers also place signs related to Ligonier Borough's Fort Ligonier Days ordinance – signs reminding everyone that pets and backpacks are prohibited in the festival area, along with open containers of alcohol in public places throughout the borough.

"We start Wednesday setting up with help from the borough's Public Works Department," noted Sgt. James Friscarella, pre-staging barricades for the state-approved detour route. That detour takes traffic off the Diamond area, utilizing Loyalhanna, St. Clair and Church Streets to North Market (PA 711). "For us it doesn't start Friday – it starts in August with planning and scheduling. Officers start on Wednesday before Fort Days with assigned activities."

Controlling traffic is one of their bigger tasks when the festival begins. For that, LVPD gets help from the Indiana Fire Police Association with some officers from Cambria County.

Chief Matrunics noted there will be no MPs from Johnstown assisting this year because that unit is deployed. "They were very vital in the past, so like everyone, we are experiencing manpower issues this year." The extra help with traffic control "helps our officers respond to any calls and assist with fire and EMS if needed," added the chief.

His department will have all 11 officers scheduled throughout the festival, many working 12-hour shifts. In addition to Fort Ligonier Days duties, they have to be ready to respond to any calls in the borough and the township, covering nearly 100 square miles. "Most of our officers are experienced with Fort Days and know the procedures. I welcome their knowledge and dedication."

The chief also noted the Laurel Highlands DUI Task Force will be available for the weekend as a deterrent to driving while intoxicated.

"We're using the plans we've developed over the years, but will adapt as needed," Chief Matrunics concluded. "We hope it's an event without any incidents. We want everyone to be safe."

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Race Day Information

Check-In/Packet Pick-up

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Check-in/Packet Pick-Up open from 7am-8am

Pre-Race brief from 8:20 AM

Racers assemble at start @ 8:20 AM

Races Start @ 8:30 AM SHARP

(Walk wave starts 3 minutes later at 8:33 AM)

Registration

Online registration will remain open through race day morning.

Directions

Ligonier Valley High School,
40 Springer Road, Ligonier, PA 15658
(Coordinates for LVHS:
40.2535657665084, -79.24381712876591)

Parking

Free race event parking is available on site at Ligonier Valley High School. There will be signs and parking attendants to help guide you to a parking spot.

Race Procedure- Runners and Walkers

Runners can walk any distance if unable to sustain a running pace and then resume running again as one is able. However, Walkers can ONLY walk. Walkers must have one foot always in contact with the ground. A violation of this rule is called "lifting." Please use an honor system to adhere to this rule. There will be no observers on the course

Course Marking

The course will be marked by start time Sunday morning.

Aid Stations

There will be one (1) Aid Station located midway on the course. The aid station will be stocked with water and/or Gatorade.

Course

This is a fun and friendly 5k road event course. The course will be monitored by volunteers to ensure participants' safety.

Restrooms

Porta-potty toilets will be located at Ligonier Valley High School in the race registration area and in parking areas.

Timing

Race timing will be provided by Gingerbread Man Timing Services

NO LOUD AUDIBLE MUSIC

The use of EARPHONES is permitted, however LOUD AUDIBLE MUSIC from portable speakers is not permitted on the race course.

Post-Race Food/Drink

Post race food will be included for participants and volunteers.

Awards

Awards ceremony will be held following the event.

Race Photos

While we will not have a professional photographer for this event, please take lots of pics and videos and post to the Fort Ligonier Days 5K Facebook page.



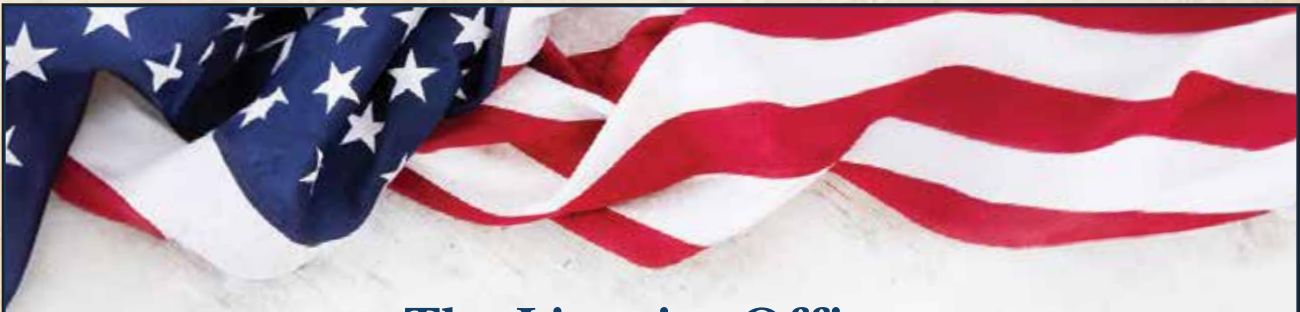
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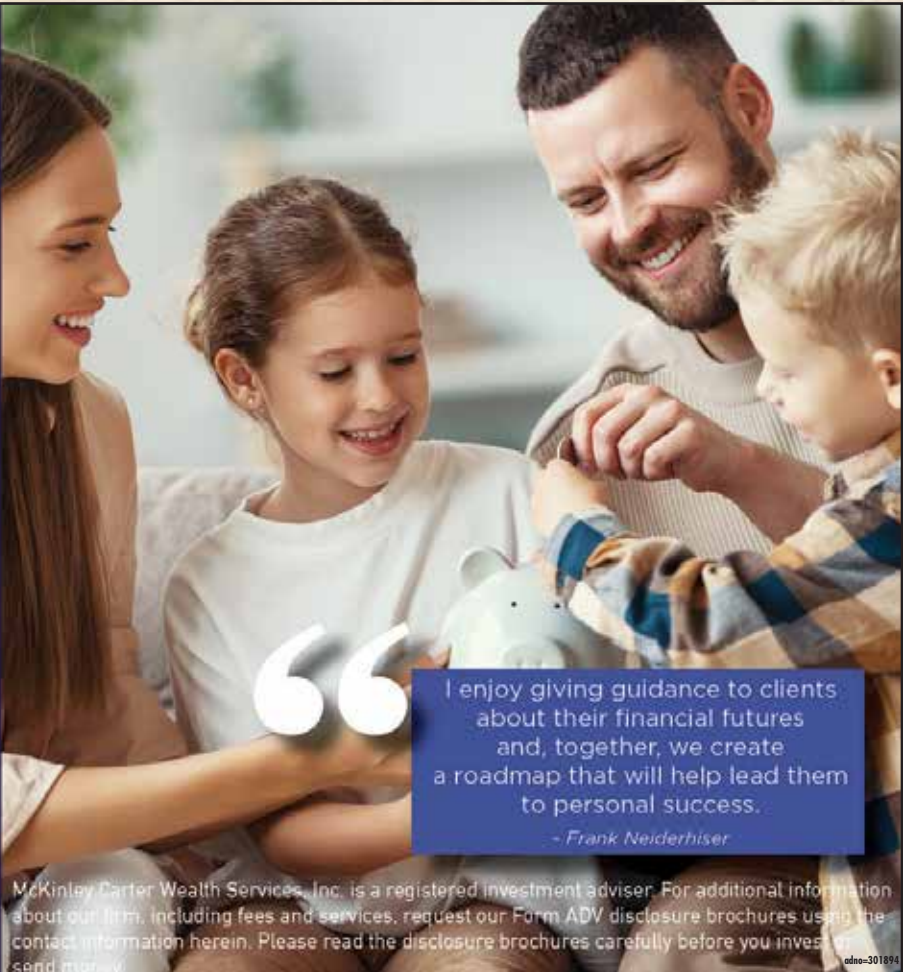
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About 175 craft and food vendors will take part in Fort Ligonier Days, coming from towns near and far in Pennsylvania. You'll also find crafters from a dozen states in this year's show.

Hailing from Ohio, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, participants will be offering everything from dolls to dog treats, soap to candles, candy and nuts, fine jewelry, stained glass and an endless variety of food and spice items.

Mellon Park has the most vendors, about 64, followed by the Municipal Lot, with 57; Loyalhanna Lot, 24; and Fairfield Lot, 15. All the booths are listed elsewhere in this program.

Some of the featured crafters this year include:

Dana Olszewsky of She Shed Night Lights will be returning to Fort Ligonier Days for her third year at the Loyalhanna Lot near Fort Ligonier. As the name suggests, she specializes in night lights fashioned from hand-cut stained glass. "And that's all I do!"

Dana started stained glass artwork over 30 years ago in her early 20's. "I was a newlywed looking

for a new and exciting hobby. At the time I would give my creations away as gifts. Before I knew it, I had three kids and not enough time for stained glass artwork. My kids are all grown up so here I am jumping back on the horse to do what I had previously loved."

Born and raised in Johnstown, Dana recalls Fort Ligonier Days was always a fall tradition for her family. "Every year we would come over with the kids to watch the parade, shop the vendors, and eat delicious food." And every year she walked through the craft lots, always drawn to the stained glass artists, thinking "I could do that someday."

She started back into stained glass artwork in 2019. Then COVID struck in 2020, shutting down many craft shows. Many of those shows had openings for 2021, and that's how She Shed Night Lights made its first appearance at Fort Ligonier Days.

"The night light idea just came to me. It's an idea you just don't see everywhere. People use them in bathrooms, kitchens, hallways, bedrooms, etc. I even offer different night light bases! Some turn on automatically at dusk or in a dark area while the other base rotates 360 degrees, just in case your outlets are 'upside-down'."

"The process starts with picking the colors and design. Next is tracing the design onto the glass with a marker. After tracing comes cutting the glass. This is the part that either makes or breaks - no pun intended - the artwork. If all goes well, I then grind the glass down and foil. Next I line all of my pieces up and solder into the design. There are smaller steps in-between and shortly after soldering, but you get the idea. This is definitely a labor of love and patience!"





Dana has had multiple repeat customers. They always “look for the red tent.” In the She Shed Night Lights booth, customers can find stained glass night lights for gifts, everyday use, holidays, etc. “My best sellers include dogs, cats, Halloween bats, and everyday panels. I have everything from flowers, Christmas, various fall choices, unicorns, different birds, several animals, fruits - you name it!”

Samantha DeStefano will be returning to Mellon Park for her third consecutive year at Fort Ligonier Days with her Rustic Smoke Candles, but she’s no stranger to Ligonier, also being a regular at Ligonier County Market from May to September.

Samantha says she’s always been a candle lover, but began to realize some of the candles she bought were not of the best quality, “so I stated making them myself and as gifts for friends and family.” Things blossomed from there and now it’s a full-time endeavor. “It all started in my apartment in Hunker, moving from the kitchen to the dining room and then to the garage.” After a move to Export, PA, Samantha’s double-bay garage has turned into her candle-making workshop.

“Our products are carefully hand-poured in small batches and made with love,” she explains. “Each candle is made of 100 percent soy wax and blended with high quality, phthalate-free fragrance oils -- guaranteed to fill your home with strong scents and cozy vibes.”

But what sets her candles apart, in addition to her bold scents, is that each candle is topped off with a signature wood chip finish -- “something we have done since our first candle was made in 2017.”

Samantha offers heat- and flame-free options that transfer perfectly into any style and space. “Farm House Morning” is her number one best seller, but also look for “Mountain Pine Magic” along with pumpkin, apple and other holiday scents at her Mellon Park booth.

Samantha says she has been attending Fort Ligonier Days “every year that I can remember” with her family, including her grandmother, Wilpen native Joann Condric Druga. “So to be part of it as a vendor is a really cool and fun experience!” she says.

Natural Butterflies – mounted butterflies from Peru displayed in wood frames – is an unusual craft started by Wilmer and Colleen Reyes of Wexford, PA. They have been coming to Fort Ligonier Days for about two decades and can be found in the Municipal Lot again this year.

They first heard about the festival from Colleen’s late step father-in-law, Tim Brown of Ellicottville, NY, though Tim’s former roommate at SUNY/ Buffalo, Rick Schwab, longtime editor of The Ligonier Echo.

The Reyes started the butterfly craft as a college fund for their two children, the youngest of which, Isabella, is starting her second year of college. They now do only five shows a year and sell some butterfly collections on-line. But for many years they did 20 or more shows a year from their home in Delaware. Now they live much closer, near Pittsburgh.

“We only do five shows but Ligonier is still our favorite,” says Colleen, a longtime classroom



teacher but now an educational consultant. “Friday is our repeat customer day,” she says. “People bring copies of their collections on their cellphones to compare what they’ve purchased in the past and to get the best selection.”

Most of the exotic butterflies are mounted between glass, so they can be seen from both sides. Many species look completely different on the undersides – often to help camouflage themselves when they land. “Our technique has remained the same but we have introduced new styles and sizes over the years,” noted Colleen. For instance, they used to mount four large Blue Morphos within a 10-by-10-inch frame, but that didn’t catch on. However, three big Blue Morphos mounted in a row is a big seller.

“We’ve now got it down to an art and a science,” said Colleen, “People like our displays and we’ve developed tools and techniques that have helped streamline the process. We know how and what to pack.”

The process begins with importing butterflies from Peru. “Our biologist sends a list of all the butterflies available – sometimes hundreds of species. We work with about 200 species.” Working with collectives sponsored by the Peruvian government, the butterflies are humanely collected from farms, professionally preserved, sent to a location to be certified – so no protected or endangered species are used – then sent to a bonded warehouse to await export. This can take months and became more difficult during the Covid outbreak.

When they reach Florida they are checked again by U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Customs, and sometimes the Department of Homeland Security before completing their journey to Wexford via FedEx. The Reyes plan to keep doing a few shows a year until they retire. Wilmer, a native of Peru, is an environmental engineer working in Pittsburgh.





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Other food items – beef jerky, candy, roasted nuts, craft soda, ice cream, freeze-dried fruit and veggies, homemade fudge, honey, toffee, coffee cake, and of course kettle corn – can be found among the craft booths throughout the festival.

Heather Kaeher, Food Committee Chair for Fort Ligonier Days 2023, is thrilled about the amazing food vendors this year.

“Long-time festival-goers will be pleased to see a variety of food that includes everything from homemade apple dumplings, cupcakes, pastries, cotton candy, Italian donuts, fresh coffee, seafood, hibachi, gyros, turkey legs, old time favorites like

haluski, hot roast beef, hot sausage, and ham barbecue sandwiches, gourmet hot dogs, pulled pork/chicken, egg rolls, burgers, homemade gnocchi, stuffed hot peppers, pierogies, street tacos, jerk chicken mac ‘n cheese, famous mushroom soup, strombolis and much more!

“We are looking forward to our new vendors – Jaffre’s Restaurant and Marilyn’s Kitchen. And we’re excited to see back Fairfield Boys Club, BBG, Uzi’s Pastries, Lei’s Oriental, Courtyard Catering, Darlington Fire Department, Virginia Foods, Gosia, 3 Rivers Concessions, Sandhill Berries, Patti’s Pastries, Simply Good, Sugar Frills, Rescue Dogs, Dark Side Coffee Roasters, Hoshi, Out of the Fire, Ligonier Township VFD (Waterford), Laughing Crab, Dechellis, Antiochian Village, and our local Boy Scout Troop 372.”

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Saturday, October 21
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Cedar Creek Park is located 1/4 mile north
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TWIN LAKES PARK

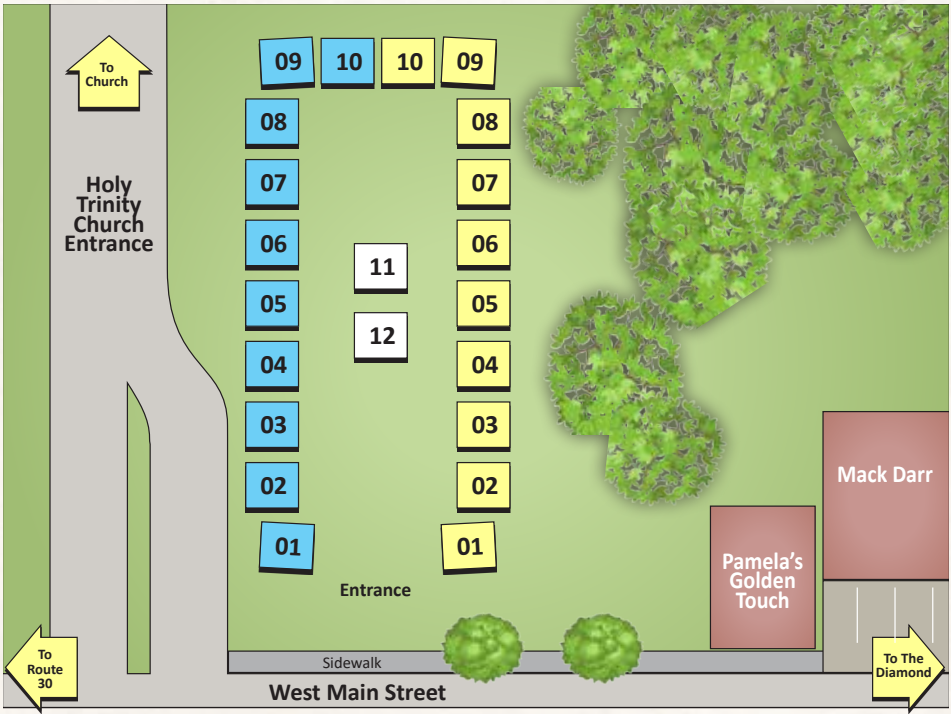
Saturday, October 28
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Twin Lakes Park is located east of Greensburg
and is accessible via Donohoe Rd. from Rte. 30

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Volunteers ages 15 and over are needed for "Scare Stations" and Trail Guides. Get creative with costumes, makeup, & masks! Group participation is encouraged!

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BOOTH	WINERY	HOMETOWN
01	Happy Valley Vineyard & Winery	State College, PA
02	Christian Klay Winery	Chalk Hill, PA
03	La Vigneta Winery	Sarver, PA
04	Hungry Run Wine Cellar	Lewistown, PA
05	Greendance Winery	Mount Pleasant, PA
06	Seven Mountain Wine Cellar	Spring Mills, PA
07	Juniata Valley Winery	Mifflin, PA
08	Woody Lodge Winery	Ashville, PA
09	University Wine Company	State College, PA
10	Adams County Winery	Orrtarna, PA

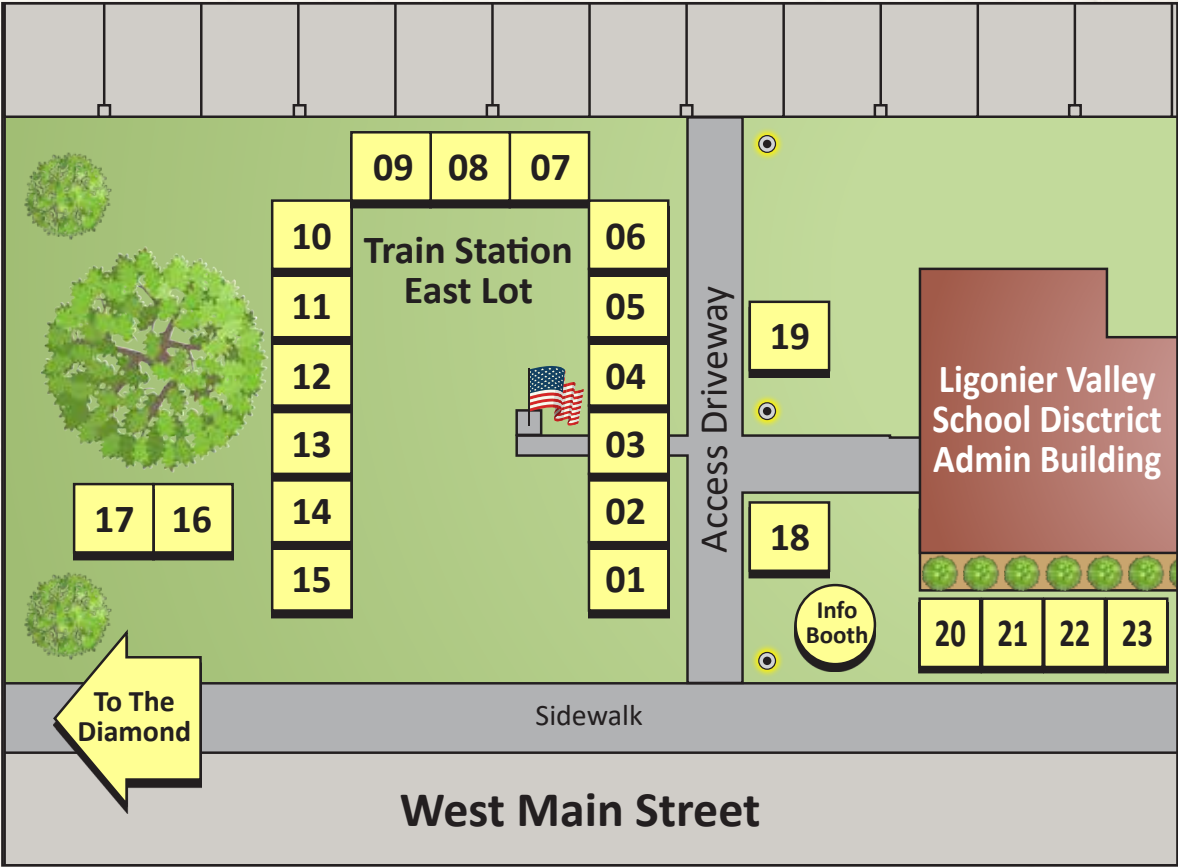
BOOTH	DISTILLERY	HOMETOWN
01	Hungry Run Distillery	Lewistown, PA
02	Nomad Distilling	Williamsport, Pa
03	KingView Mead	Pittsburgh, Pa
04	Country Hammer Moonshine	Clairton, Pa
05	Stateside Vodka	Philadelphia, Pa
06	Rusty Musket Distilling Co	Boswell, Pa
07	Disobedient Spirits	Homer City, Pa
08	Hazard's Distillery	Mifflintown, Pa
09	Big Spring Spirits	Ligonier, Pa
10	Floating Feathers Brewing	Mill Hall, Pa

BOOTH	SPONSORS	HOMETOWN
11	New York Life	SPONSOR
12	Best Construction Group	SPONSOR

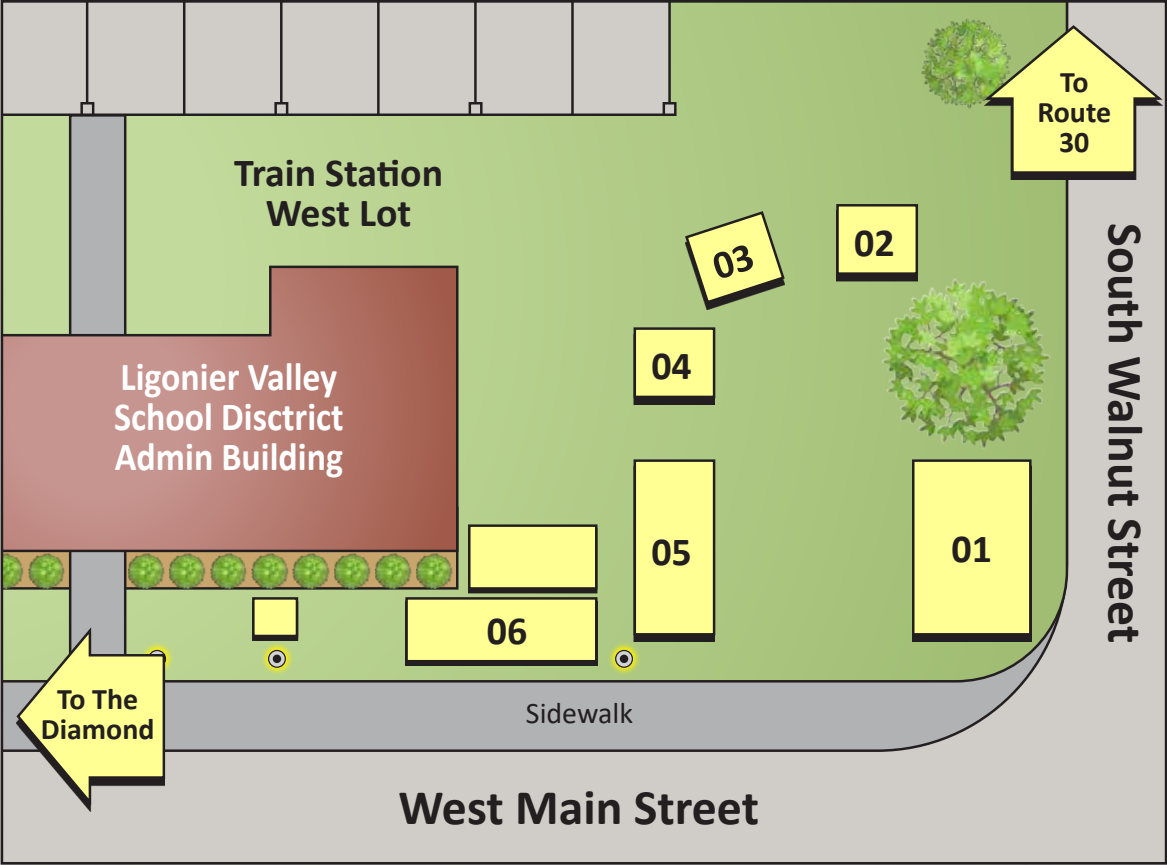


BOOTH	BUSINESS	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
01	Gutter Helmet	SPONSOR
02	N/A	
03	N/A	
04	Lemonade Stand	Lemonade
05	Baker's Waterproofing	SPONSOR
06-10	Pittsburgh Face Paint	Facepainting for kids of all ages
11	Janney	SPONSOR
12	Xfinity	SPONSOR
13	Lolo Doll	Handmade Doll Clothes
14	All American Gutter Protection	SPONSOR
15	Decorative Painting & Floral Design	Decorative Painting & Floral Design
16	Forest 2 Home	SPONSOR
17	Vtrendz LLC	Clothing, Henna Tattoos, Scarves, Bags, Jewelry, Etc.
18-20	Sports Banners Plus	Framed/Unframed Wool Banners, Original Designs & Lighted Pictures
21	Whisker Biscuits	Dog Treats
22-23	The Embroidery People	Appliqued Clothing
24	Three Rivers Hammocks/Seedlings Wire Art	Sculptures Made With Seeds, Feathers, Wood, Wire & More. Endless Possibilities!
25-26	Dave's Coffee Cake	Coffee Cake
27	Mike's Country Craft, LLC	100% Soy Wax Candles & Melts, Goats Milk Soap, Natural Deodorants, & Etched Glassware
28	Miller's Mustard	Specialty Banana Pepper Mustards
29	Soap By Bonnie	Handcrafted Soap

BOOTH	BUSINESS	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
30	On Point Adventure Foods	Freeze Dried Food Products
31	Hi Hemp Infused Crafts	One Of A Kind Handcraft Soaps
32	BEADazzled by Rebekah	Unique, Hand-Crafted Jewelry For Women, Men & Children
33	E Art Tie Dye	Tie-Dyed Clothing & Accessories For All Ages
34	Korinko Wildlife Sculpture Studio	Cold Cast Bronze of Bears, Deer, Elk, Eagles, Fish & Native Americans
35-36	Yinz R Nutz	Cinnamon Roasted Nuts, Cold Brewed Coffee
37	Wings, Strings, & Shiny Things, LLC	Handmade Real Butterfly Wing Jewelry And Art
38	Ron & Frank's Drink Mixes	Hand Made Drink Mixes
39-40	Sue & Sherri's Country Collectables	Country Wood, Trees & Sleds
41	Collarbone Jewelry	Handcrafted Jewelry
42	Corry Enterprise	Hip Pockets
43-45	Uniquely Crafted	Wood Seasonal Decor For Home & Yard
49-50	Bob Weaver Art Attack	Pen & Ink Prints & Acrylic Paintings
51	White Raven	Handmade Wooden Birdhouses, Shelves, Etc.
52	Found and Foraged Fibers	Slow Fashion Fibers
53-54	Stenciled Slates	Decorative Seasonal Stenciled Slates
55	Designs by Janik	Woodworking
56	Up In Suds Handcrafted Soap	Natural High Quality Olive Based Soaps with Colorful Artisan Designs
57	GaGa's Glass	Stained Glass Products
58	Young Custom Creations	3-D Tumblers and Other Resin, Epoxy and Sublimation Crafts
59-60	Oakland House	Pine Furniture, Folk Art, Fall Wreaths & More
61	Lawrence M. Downey Fine Art Photography	Fine Art Photography
62	TruLew Jewels	Jewelry
63	Dennis Farms	Maple Syrup, Nuts, Candy (Maple Products), Honey & Jelly
64	Juree Cain	Wood Creations, Locally Sourced, Exotic, and Domestic Woods
65-66	Potpourri Patch	"Scooped To Order" Potpourri & Other Scented Items
67	Wolf's Den Pottery	Functional Pottery
68	SOL Patch Garden	Fresh Cut Flowers
69	Chocolate Fusion/Copper Coast	Gourmet Fudge and Artisan Belgian Chocolates
70	Murrell's Mex-Italia Salsa	Salsa & Pasta Sauce
71	Ed and Mary's Wood Creations and More	Wooden Porch Posts with Lanterns, Wreaths
72	White Sage and Sapphire	Handcrafted Jewelry Gemstone/Sterling/14K Gold
73	Integrity Constriction	SPONSOR
74-75	Roland Metal Art	Spike Guys & Sculptures
76	Good L'Oven Cookie Shop	Baked Cookies & Bars
77-78	Ragtrader Vintage	Vintage-Style Jewelry & Accessories
79	The Atticco	Hand Block Printing and Shibori Tie-Dye on Scarves and Textiles
80	Renewal by Andersen	SPONSOR
81	Hang With Us	Seasonal Door Hangers
82	Gourmet Creations	Packaged Veggie, Cheesecake, & Olive Oil Blends
83	Just My Art	Affordable One-Of-A-Kind Etched, Fused, Forged Jewelry
84	Mscotti's Biscotti & Scones	Pre-Packaged Biscotti & Scones
85	CT Home Décor Signs	Decor Signs Specializing In Mostly Dog and Cat Door Hangers.
86	Rustic Smoke Candle Co	Hand Poured Soy Candles & Wax Melts
87 & 92	North Crate & Co.	Solid Oak & Cherry Furniture
88-89	Christy's Crafts	Handcrafted, Hand Painted Original Designs On Screen, Glass, Wood And Metal.
90	Moonbound Jewelry	Wall Art and Jewelry Made From Hand Painted Water Colors Encased in Epoxy Resin.
91	The Wax Mill	Local Soy Candle Co. - Hand Poured Candles and Melts



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01-03	Crago's	Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Wraps, Kielbasa
04	hGrace Confections, LLC	Handcrafted caramels wide variety of flavors and maltlets
05	Ultra Matcha	Herbal Matcha Green Tea Blends
06	Reading Soda Works Bottling Company	20 Flavors of Sugar Craft Sodas
07 & 08	Jackson M Concessions	Iced Tea & Pretzels
09	Aunt Carols Gourmet Dips	Dry Packets of Savory, Sweet, & Oil Dip
10	25 Fresh Freeze Dried	Freeze dried fruits, veggies, and candies
11	Cinnaroast	Cinnamon Roasted Almonds, Pecans, Cashews, & Peanuts
12	Mount Nitanee Kombucha Inc	Kombucha
13	Hughes Farm & Apiaries	Honey
14	Muddy Mary's Gourmet Inc.	All Natural Bloody Mary Spice Blend
15	Soldier Boy Beef Jerky	Beef Jerky, veteren owned, donates jerky to deployed and K-9 units
16	512 Coffee and Ice Cream	World Famous 512 Banana Split, Home Made Ice Cream, Lemonade and Coffee
17	The Creamery at Pleasant Lane Farm	Cheese curds
18	NRG Energy	SPONSOR
19	Lilac Love	Vintage Photo Camper
20	Baird Financial	SPONSOR
21	Mt. Pleasant Windows & Remodeling	SPONSOR
22	Cutco Cutlery	SPONSOR



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01	The Pickled Chef	Gourmet Grilled Cheese
02	Steve & Benny's Chicken Shack	Fried Chicken & Homemade Sides
03	The Gray Goose	Take & Eat Lobster Rolls, Soup to Go, and More!
04	The Corn Cobbler	Roasted Sweet Corn
05	The BBQ Buggy	Old Fashioned BBQ
06	Ligonier Valley RailRoad Association	Soda Wagon



Points of Interest

Craft Loop Shuttle Rte



Information Booth



Shuttle Drop-off Pick-up



Ambulance & First Aid Location

Direction to Parking Area at High School

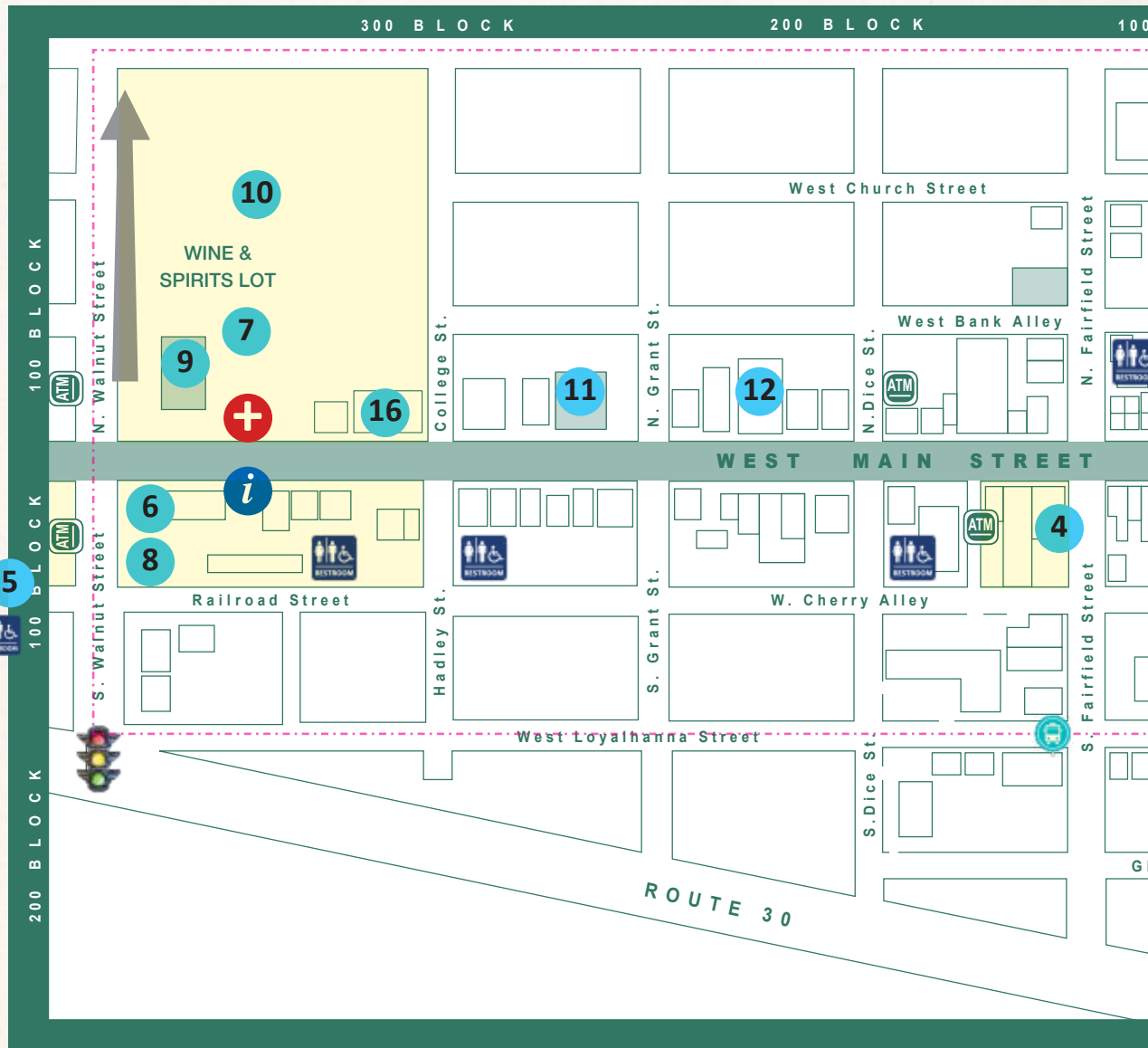
Direction to Parking Area on 711 South



Port-A-John Location



Traffic Signal



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*South Walnut & West Main;
Loyalhanna & South Market;
St. Clair & East Main; North Market &
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1. The Diamond Area

More than 30 food booths, live entertainment at the Smail Automotive Group Main Stage, and an information booth located on the East side of the Diamond

2. Municipal Parking Lot

Official Vendor Lot

3. Loyalhanna Lot

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4. Fairfield Lot

Official Vendor Lot
(parking lot of Commercial Bank & Trust of PA)

5. Mellon Park

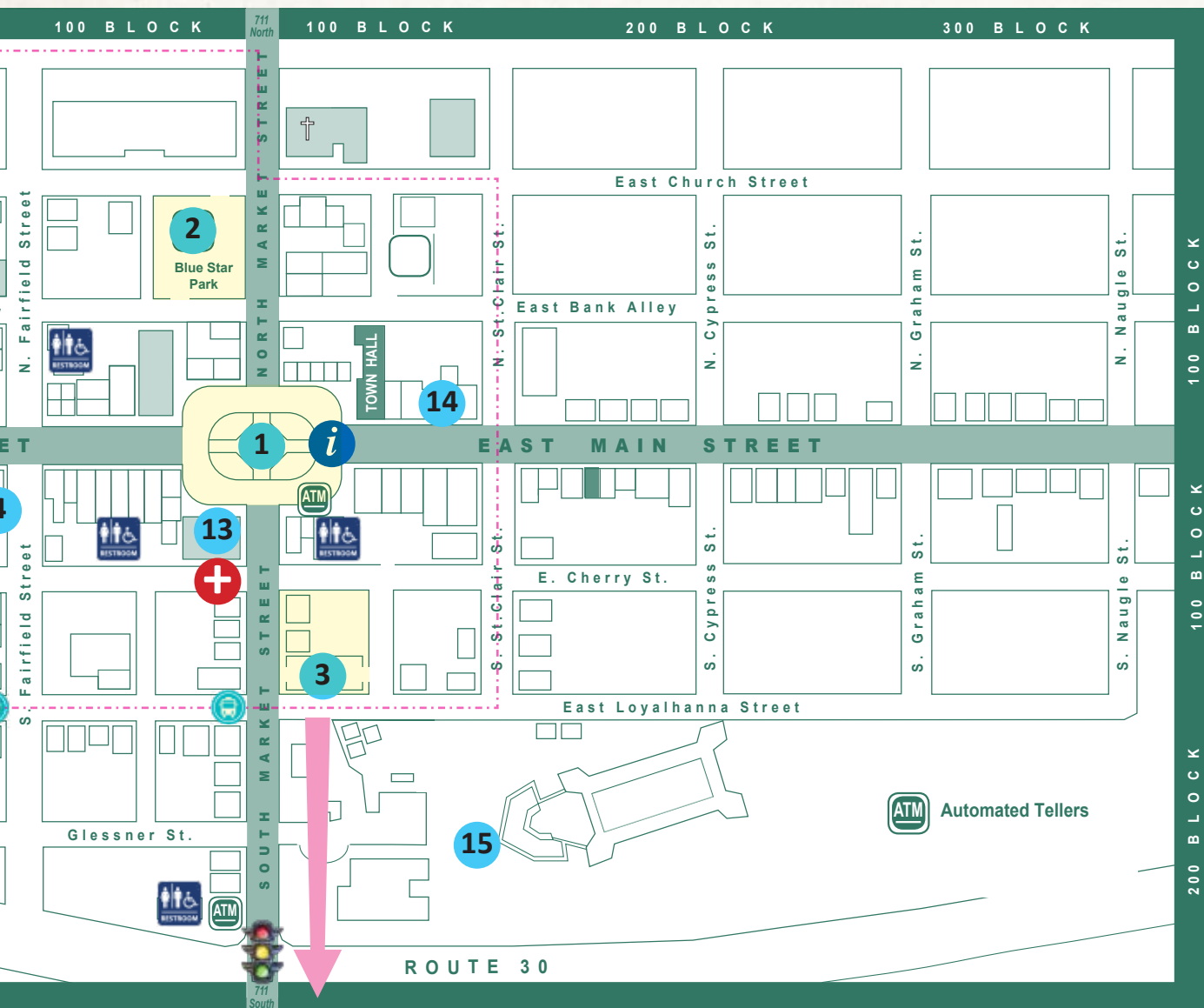
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6. Train Station East & West Lots

Official Vendor Lot
(LVSD Administration Building lawn)

7. Wine & Spirits Lot

Official Vendor Lot

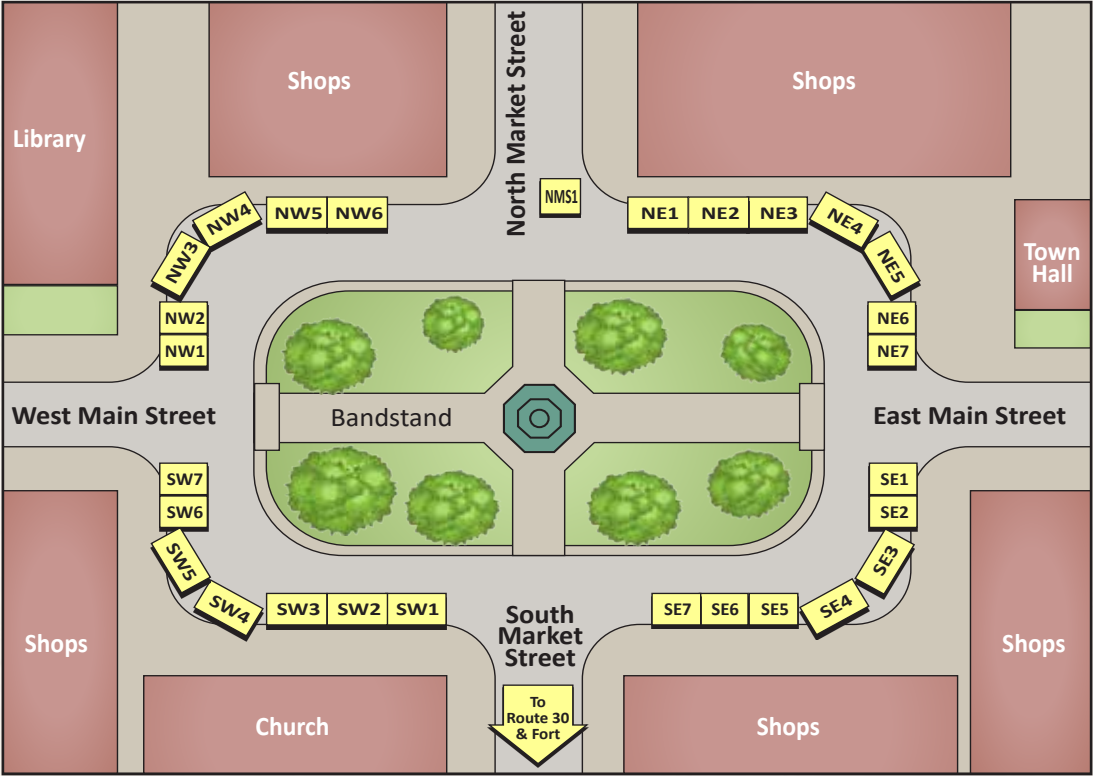


8. **LVSD Administration Building Lawn**
Information and food booths are located here as well as port-a-johns.
9. **West Main & Walnut Streets**
Site of Fort Allen Antique Farm Equipment
10. **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**
Parking available, enter from West Vincent Street. First Aid Station located at end of driveway on West Main Street.
11. **St. James Lutheran Church**
Limited parking, including handicapped, available
12. **Pioneer Presbyterian Church**
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13. **Heritage United Methodist Church**
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14. **Parade Reviewing Stand**
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15. **Fort Ligonier**
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NW2	Big Black Grill	Barbecue Pulled Pork, Baby Back Ribs, Hot Sausage, Barbecue Chicken
NW3	Uzi's Pastries	Pastries, Cookies, Cupcakes, Desserts
NW4	Lei's Oriental	Chicken on a Stick, Corn Dogs, Egg Rolls, Fried Rice, Funnel Cake
NW5-6	Courtyard Catering	Polish Platter, Fresh Cut Fries, Philly Cheese Steaks, Chicken Tenders, Corn Dogs, Cabbage Rolls, Pierogies, Lemonade
NMS1	Sugar Frills	Specialty Cotton Candy
NE1	Darlington Volunteer Fire Department	Roast Beef Sandwiches, Fresh Cut Fries
NE2	Virginia Foods	Burgers, Bratwurst, Blooming Onion
NE3	Gosia Pierogies	Pierogies- Potato & Cheese, Sweet Cabbage, Sweet Potato, Potato & Feta, Saurkraut
NE4	Marilyn's Kitchen	Homemade Gnocchi, Meatball Sandwiches, Stuffed Hot Peppers
NE5	Jaffre's Restaurant	Street Tacos, Jerk Chicken Mac and Cheese and Italian Donuts
NE6	3 Rivers Concessions	Smoked Turkey Legs, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Kielbasa, Haluski, Stuffed Cabbage, Stuffed Peppers, Pierogies
NE7	Sandhill Berries	Fruit Pies, Cobblers, Crisps, Ice Cream Sundaes, Short Cakes, Cheese Cakes, Truffles
SE1	Patti's Pastries	Jumbo Homemade Cream Filled Cupcakes & Ladylocks
SE2	Simply Good	Apple Dumplings & Ice Cream
SE3	Rescue Dogs	Specialty Hot Dogs
SE4	Dark Side Coffee Roasters	Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Coffee, Iced Lattes
SE5	Hoshi	Hibachi, Mahi Mahi, Steak, Salmon, Scallops
SE6	Out of the Fire Café	Soups, Hummus, English Muffins
SE7	Waterford Ligonier Township VFD	Haluski, Pepperoni Rolls, Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn
SW1-3	3 Rivers Concessions	Chicken on a Stick, Chicken Tenders, Smoked Turkey Legs, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Kielbasa, Haluski, Stuffed Cabbage, Stuffed Peppers, Pierogies
SW4	Laughing Crab	Crab Cakes, Grilled Shrimp, Shrimp Puppies, Soft Shell Sandwiches, Clams, and more
SW5	DeChellis Concessions	Strombolis
SW6	Antiochan Village	Lamb & Chicken Gyros
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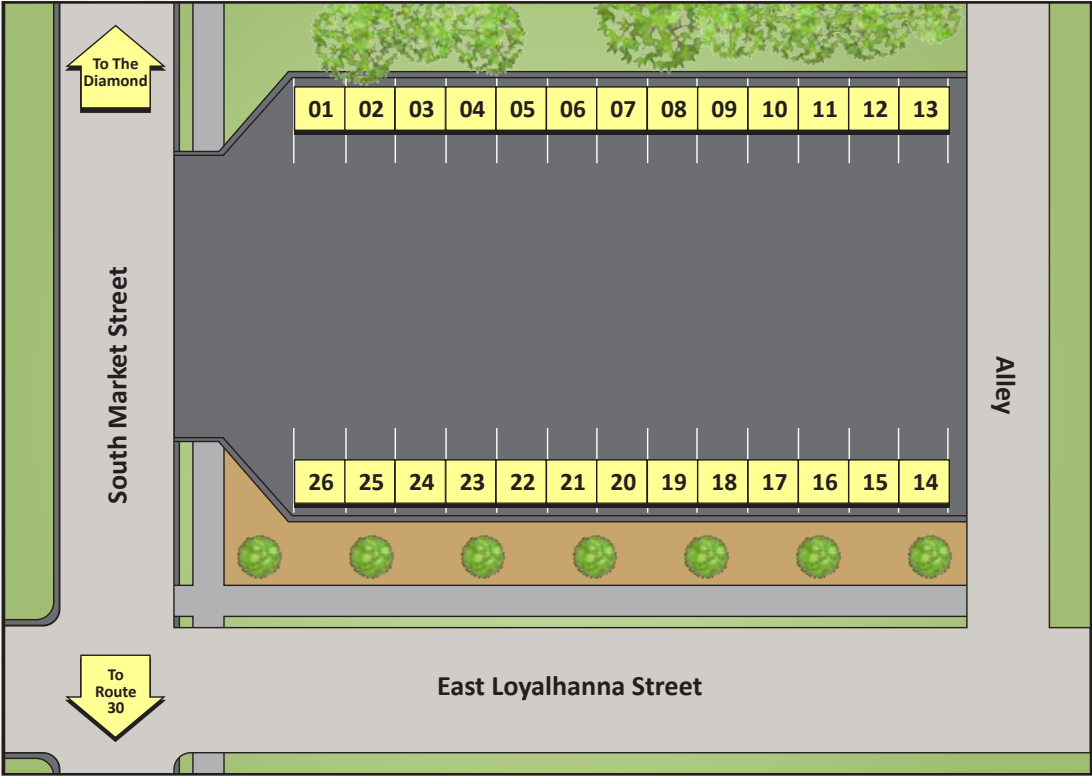
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01	Leathercrafter	Leather Belts, Bags, and Accessories
02	Trezana Jewelry	Jewelry-Silver, Copper & Bronze Art With Clay Gemstones
03	Grandma Jean’s Pennsylvania Kitchen	Natural Soap and Bath Products
04	Jeanne Marie Jewelry	Hand Crafted Beaded Jewelry, Bead Weaving, Bead Crochet, and Silver Smithing.
05 & 06	Summer Snow	Framed Expressions & Original Designs
07	Jack Frost Woolens	Hand-Knit Felted Hats, Mittens, Scarves, Bags, & Flower Pins
08	Natural Butterflies	Unique Butterfly Collections
09	Vintage Charm by Monika	Handcrafted Antique/Vintage Button Jewelry
10	The Stadium Studio	Hand-Drawn Pencil Sketches & Sports Memorabilia, Custom Framed
11	Functional Pottery	Wheel Thrown & Hand Build Pottery
12	I Make Stuff 814	Handmade Pet Accessories And Pet Related Decor Items.
13	Psquare Scents	Candles, Incense, Can Freshners, Wax Melts, Soap, Aftershave, Linen Sprays, and Bath Bombs
14	C.S. Artistic Designs	Handcrafted Wood Products Bowls & Smaller Home Decor
15	Kelsey James Art	Canvas Paintings As Well Paintings On Repurposed Vinyl Records
16	Michele Fleming	One Of A Kind Birdhouse And Home Decor
17	Husk Brooms & Goods	Handmade Brooms
18	Light Shine	One Of A Kind Hand Sculpted & Painted Clay Jewelry & Home Decor
19 & 20	Linda Barnicott Art and Gifts	Pittsburgh Themed Prints & Gift Ware
21 & 22	Roger Young Pottery	Hi-Fired Stoneware Pottery
23	Acorn Sign Works	Fine, Creative, Custom Signs For Home or Business
24	Dan Stanley Art	Colored Pencil Drawings

BOOTH	BUSINESS	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
25	Koladish Baskets	Handwoven Baskets and Seasonal Decorations
26	Nuckelberry	Readifeeder - Wild Bird Seed Feast Solid Seed Bird Feeder
27	Dear Rosie Designs	Handmade Little Girls Twirly Dresses and Hair Accessories
28	Keystone Steel Co.	Steel Home Decor, Wall Decor, Bottle Openers, Ornaments, Etc.
29	Chris Deighan Art	Freehand Ink Drawings On Paper, Garments, Fabric. Art Also Laserburned Into Wood
30	Little Creek Candles	Refillable Gel Candles
31	Get Your Jewels On	Jewelry Made With Swarovski Crystals For Both Men and Women
32	Secondhand Rose	Repurposed Clothing Made Into Scarves, Accessories, Aprons, Potholders, Purses, and Seasoned Items
33	Wood-N-You Like It	Antique Post Office Door Banks
34	Original Glass Worx	Glass Jewelry
35 & 36	Jack Paluh Arts	Artwork Promoting The True Essence Of Nature
37	Diane Wilson Porcelain Jewelry	Hand-Formed Jewelry
38	Songbird Artistry	Vintage, Upcycled & Pop Culture Jewelry & Screen Printed Apparel
39	Bill Snyder Astrophotography	Photography Using A Telescope And Camera
40	Eleven Knives	Contemporary Japanese Chef Knives From Reclaimed Industrial Materials in Richmond, VA
41	Laurel Treasurers	Handcrafted Artisan Jewelry
42	Barry R. Jeter Fine Art	Fine Art Painting
43	Mountain Top Engraving	Engraved Tumblers, Leather And Glass
44	Pepperberries	Artificial Floral Design
45	Vintage Wings	Hand Paints Antiques Books, Cans, Teapots, Axes, Etc.
46 & 47	Canine Confections	Homemade Dog & Cat Treats Plus Accessories
48	Stitch Chicks	Custom Embroidered Items
49	RP Will Wood Products	Wooden Signs & Crafts, Laser Engraved Crafts, Cups
50	Action Awards by Kogut	Roasted Almonds, Pecans, Peanuts & Cashews
51 & 52	Zenspire Designs	Intricate Hand Drawn Designs On Stickers
53	Pittsburgh Custom Wine Barrels Co.	Home Furnishings From Expired Wine And Whiskey Barrels
54	Yellow Brick Kids	High Quality Products For Children That Encourage Free Movement, Imaginative and Open Ended Play
55	The Toffee House	Almond English Toffee
56	Burn Brothers Candle Co	Soy Candles In A Variety Of Mediums
57	Blush Mountain Quilted Ornaments	Quilted Ornament With Intricate Patterns and Folding Techniques
58	Jai Originals	Hand-Crocheted Nylon & Machine-Quilted, Handcrafted Cotton Purses
59	AB Ceramics And More	Fused Glass, Flowers, Pictures and Hand Thrown Pottery
60	Little Dippers	Dip Mixes, Wine Slushies, & Chicken Wing Mixes
61	Hogue's Fun Factory	Wax Hands & Glitter Tattoos
62	TB Turnings & Woodwork	Wood Items - Antique Style Coffee Grinders, Pepper/Salt Mills, Assorted Pens
K	Cob's Kettle Corn	Kettle Corn



BOOTH	BUSINESS	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
01	Wind & Fire Chimes	Copper and Bronze Cattail Wind Chimes
02	Freedom Girls	Unique Home Decor Such As Dog Welcome Signs, Personalized Welcome Signs, and Door Leaners
03	Kate Laine Jewelry	Handcrafted Jewelry
04	Tender Blossoms	Wool Hats, Scarves, Flowers
05	Laurel Highlands Alpacas	Woven, Knitted And Felted Items From Alpacas And Roving Yarn And Supplies For Other Crafters
06	Emilytrends	Handmade Jewelry Using Nickel Free Metals & Swarovski Crystals.
07	A.O.K. Accents	Hairbows And Home Decor
08	Beef Jerky Outlet	Beef Jerky
09	She Shed Night Lights	Stained Glass Made Into Night Lights - Handmade
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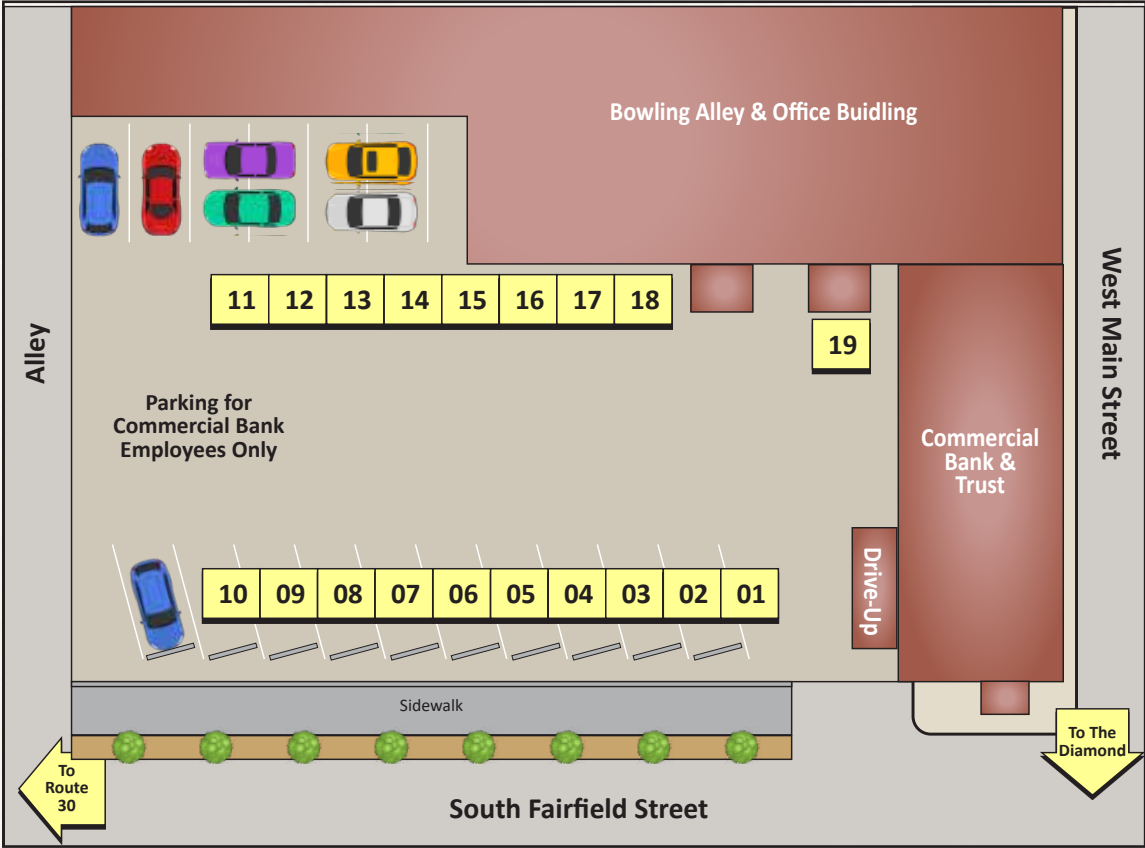


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SMAIL AUTOMOTIVE MAIN STAGE

(Bandstand)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Opening Ceremony
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm ALL DAY MUSIC
Featuring rotating sets by
Renegade Ridge & The Derek Woods Band

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Jerry B and the Bonetones
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Jeff Jimerson & The Airborne Band

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16-2022

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Tres Lads
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Saddle Up
5:00 pm Closing Ceremony

MACK DARR STAGE

(West Main Street)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Shirley Dragovich
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Acoustical Bruce

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

9:00 am - 11:00 am Meredith Holliday
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Wayne Shaffer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Jane West
 & Joe Golden
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Fuzz Hout





Continuous music opens Fort Ligonier Days

Something new and special has been organized for opening day music on Friday, Oct. 13, on the Ligonier Diamond, Sandy Podlucky, long-time chairman of the Entertainment Committee and Erich Bucholtz, sound engineer for Fort Ligonier Days the past 30 years, recently announced.

“For the first time this year, Fort Ligonier Days will be spotlighting local talent all weekend. Friday will open with Renegade Ridge featuring Clint Erb, and The Derek Woods Band – both Ligonier groups,” explained Erich.

“Unlike the other days, Friday will consist of these two bands alternating sets, featuring non-stop music by local musicians at the Bandstand all day. That’s right folks – no breaks for band changes,

just non-stop music by these two Ligonier artists,” Erich exclaimed. “That’s five continuous hours of music – this is a special thing – extremely stellar!”

The Saturday and Sunday band schedule will be more usual,” added Sandy. “Saturday kicks off with Jerry B and the Bonetones, featuring Ligonier native Eddie Kistler on the saxophone. Closing the day Saturday will be Jeff Jimerson and his band Airborne. Sunday we start with Tres Lads acoustic trio and closing the weekend’s festivities will be local country artists Saddle Up.”

Other local entertainers will be featured during the festival on the West Main Street Stage at Mack M. Darr Co. Inc. at West Main Street and College Streets. Please check this programs for specific times.

SMAIL AUTOMOTIVE MAIN STAGE (Bandstand)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Alternating Sets)

RENEGADE RIDGE

Renegade Ridge has been dedicated to playing nothing but the best Traditional Country Music for over 8 years. Based in Westmoreland County, the group has played to and entertained innumerable crowds throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. The band focuses on musical authenticity, twangy guitars, and a song selection spanning seven decades, as well as a down-to-earth style, grounded in a deep respect and appreciation for their musical forefathers. The group consists of Clint Erb on vocals and guitar, Skip Povanda on bass, Brandon Barnhart on drums, Will Barton on lead guitar, and Mark Pollock on Pedal Steel Guitar.



THE DEREK WOODS BAND

The DWB is an award winning, multi-nominated rock band coming fresh off a successful 2023 US Tour. The band has shared the stage with many legendary acts and has been featured at events from Woodstock 50th Anniversary in Bethel, NY to performing at The Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena CA. DWB initially formed in Los Angeles in early 2021, following west coast solo performances in 2011 by Derek Woods. Later, the band would establish a home base in Pittsburgh, PA, while gaining a coast to coast fanbase.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



JERRY B & THE BONETONES

Jerry B. and the Bonetones are: Jerry Bejger—vocals; Denny Friedline —bass, vocals; Emil Herby—guitar, vocals; Ed Kistler—sax; Ernie McCurdy—guitar , vocals; Ken skovensky—drums. Jerry B. and the Bonetones started coming together in 2006! Together these men have 40-50 years experience! We do an eclectic mix of rock and roll, blues, r&b, and soul with a strong, rockin’ blues feel!

SMAIL AUTOMOTIVE MAIN STAGE (Bandstand)**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14****4:00 pm - 6:00 pm****JEFF JIMERSON & THE AIRBORNE BAND**

Airborne has been together since 1990 and have been performing individually throughout the tri-state area for over twenty years. Jeff surrounds himself with an extremely talented group of musicians and vocalists that help make Airborne a complete package. Jeff Jimerson is regarded by many as one of the finest vocalists Pittsburgh has ever produced. He is the primary National Anthem singer for the Pittsburgh Penguins and has also performed for the Steelers and Pirates. Appearing on several local compilation CD's, he is a regular feature for seasonal fundraising events such as WTAE-TV's Bundle Up Project, KDKA-TV's Children's Hospital Benefit, the 3WS Oldies Mass and WDVE's Toys for Tots Benefit. Jeff is also an integral part of the "B.E. Taylor Christmas Show" performing annually throughout the east coast including their sold out shows at Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh. His voice can be heard on several radio and television commercials and in 1997, appeared in the movie "Sudden Death", starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**1:00 pm - 2:30 pm****TRES LADS**

Tres Lads is a powerful acoustic trio featuring three of Pittsburgh's top vocalists and guitarists. People always ask, "How do three guys with acoustic guitars make such a huge sound?" With all three members singing lead and playing guitar, you'll hear soaring vocals and three-part harmonies on covers of their own interpretations of favorites such as Journey, Queen, The Beatles, Johnny Cash, Oasis, Cheap Trick and many more.

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm****SADDLE UP**

Saddle Up's become the hottest, high-energy country rock band in Pittsburgh's 7-county region. Examples of high-status gigs include performing at the Pittsburgh Steelers Training Camp, headlining county fairs and sharing the stage with country stars Craig Morgan, Brett Eldredge, Chris Cagle, Travis Tritt, and Brad Paisley. It all began with front man and lead singer Mike Garriss, and his quest to find the perfect combination of professional musicians for the band. Mike's passion, dedication, and determination to find the best of the best lead him to drummer Jim Spillar, rhythm guitarist Gary Hill, lead guitarist Jay Pfeifer, bassist Bob Lunieski, and Jay Casper on keys. These 5 individuals create a unique style of country with rock-like edge. Music lovers from both country and rock n' roll genres enjoy and appreciate the sounds of Saddle Up.



MACK DARR STAGE (West Main Street)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

SHIRLEY DRAGOVICH

The Gashouse Annie band has opened for many top artists over the last 40+ years. This includes appearances with legends Willie Nelson, Barbara Mandrell & Glen Campbell, Loretta Lynn and newer country artists Aaron Tippin, Toby Keith, Kenny Chesney and Brooks & Dunn at venues such as the Post Gazette Pavilion, Pepsi Roadhouse, IC Light Tent and Wheeling Jamboree. Shirley keeps busy doing dozens of solo, duo and band gigs at festivals, wineries, restaurants, resorts and even casinos.



2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

ACOUSTICAL BRUCE

Bruce played the Pittsburgh area in the 70s with legendary bands Lothlorien & Star Shower. He moved to SoCal to help form Suzy Cheese & The Philadelphia Cream and A Separate Reality with fellow Westmoreland Co Musicians. Back in PA, he now performs as an acoustic guitarist and vocalist playing Classic Acoustic Music: Cat Stevens, Dan Fogelberg, Eagles, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, John Prine and more.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 am - 11:00 am

MEREDITH HOLLIDAY

Meredith Holliday has been playing acoustic music for over two decades – playing anything from a quiet intimate social event to a high energy acoustic rock show. She has made her musical style her own by taking popular songs both old and new and creating her own spin on them. Her heart is in the acoustic solo performances and it shows with her sincere interpretations of all of the songs that she performs.



MACK DARR STAGE (West Main Street)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



WAYNE SHAFFER

Over the past 10 years, Wayne Shaffer has had the privilege of playing in the finest places and events in the Greensburg, Latrobe, and Ligonier areas! He is pleased to be part of making people happy when they're out for a good time! As a plugged-in acoustic guitarist and solo singer, Wayne chooses to perform the signature songs from the 1960's throughout the decades of his memories! If the air waves of memories could talk, they would say, Wayne, play me the tunes of the... Eagles, Beatles, CS&N, Croce, Lightfoot, Cash, Mellencamp, Denver, Diamond, Redbone, Ketchum, Strait, Stewart, Exile, Taylor, Lovin' Spoonful, Temptations, Drifters, Puckett, Zac Brown Band, Buffet, Alan Jackson, Garth Brooks, Alabama, Dylan, CCR, Nelson, and lots more! Wayne says, "it's alright to have good time... from the time when music was fine!"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

JANE WEST & JOE GOLDEN

Performing together since 2015, Jane West & Joe Golden met back in the late 90's when Joe was Jane's guitar instructor. Today the two perform as an acoustic duo focusing on (but not limited to) Americana classics with Joe's multi-string talents, ranging from laid back strummin' to high energy pickin', complementing Jane's relaxed, yet engaging vocals.



2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Among the new arrivals on “Distillery Row” are Hazard’s Distillery of Mifflintown, offering Pumpkin Pie Moonshine and an interesting Salted

Caramel Whiskey; Big Spring Spirits, from Bellefonte (Seven Governors Gin), and Floating Feathers Brewery, from Mill Hall, with a line of ciders and beers — one of the brews is called Whoop Bass.

Returning from last year’s gathering of the spirits will be Rusty Musket distillers from just over the mountain in Boswell; Stateside Vodka, from Philadelphia; Bethel Park’s own Country Hammer Moonshine; Hungry Run Distillery, out of Lewistown; Nomad Distilling Co., of Williamsport, and Disobedient Spirits, from Homer City.

All in all, they make up a statewide tribute to the “spirit” of Fort Ligonier Days. We’ve come a long way from the Mason jar filled with “white lightning” in days of yore to the peach-flavored vodkas and exotic rums of today. Fort Days visitors can celebrate the transition when they sample the wares of these “small batch” entrepreneurs.



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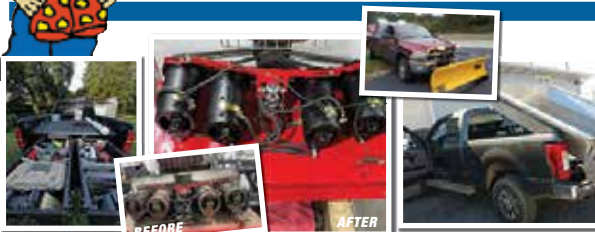


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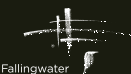
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has always been one of the charms of this parade as participants and spectators trade greetings along the route. A palpable sense of pleasurable anticipation ripples through the crowd along Main Street and through Ligonier’s beloved Diamond when the parade kicks off at 11 o’clock.



There will be marching bands (lots of ‘em), floats, a rolling panoply of exotic cars, vintage military vehicles, tractors, trucks and novelty vehicles. There will be “personalities” — both animal and human, 18th century military re-enactors from the encampment at Fort Ligonier, American Civil War re-enactors, the ever-popular Shriner units (some new ones this year), and much more.

The impressive Pennsylvania State Police Ceremonial Unit will be leading off the parade. And if there’s an inevitable Steeler vibe running through the event, the massed drummers of the Pittsburgh Steeline could be part of it, as well as the presence of former Steeler quarterback Charlie Batch, representing his Best of the Batch Foundation, which serves nearly 4000 kids and their families throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania with after-school programs that help them “navigate the challenges of growing up.”



THIS JUST IN...

Mike Clark, Andrew Stockey, Kelly Sasso, Elena LaQuatra and Ava Rash from WTAE will be participating in our parade!



High School bands, some of the most renowned in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, will be a big feature this year. Among the biggest will be Morgantown (W. Va.) High School's "Mohigans;" Franklin Regional High School's Panthers, and a perennial favorite, the Butler High School Golden Tornado Band.

Other bands to watch for include the Philip Barbour High School band from Philippi, W. Va.; the Trinity Christian School band, from North Versailles, and other popular high school units from Ligonier, Derry, Latrobe, Jeannette, Hempfield, and beyond. The Seton Hill University Griffins marching band will also be performing, as well as the stirring Pittsburgh Firefighters Memorial Pipe Band.

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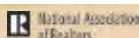
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The Roots of Fort Ligonier Days

Date to the 1950s

For more than a week in September 1958, the town of Ligonier celebrated the bicentennial of its namesake fort. Exhibitions, contests, and other exciting community events commemorated the 200th anniversary of the frontier stockade and the October 12, 1758 Battle of Fort Ligonier, a pivotal event of the French and Indian War.

The bicentennial festivities culminated with a visit by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to Fort Ligonier on September 26. “Ike” delivered a patriotic speech in front of 30,000 community residents and visitors, and then struck the final blow to forge the Century Chain that is still located on the museum grounds.

The bicentennial celebration was so successful that the following year, on October 10, 1959, Fort Ligonier hosted a commemorative event that featured the firing of antique muskets by the Loyalhanna Long Rifles of Latrobe. Twelve months later, following the model of 1958’s events, a five-day festival that ran from October 12-16, 1960, inaugurated the first-ever Fort Ligonier Days.

Malcom Tweedy, then the manager of Fort Ligonier, is credited with developing the event, which included a community square dance, a “flaming foliage” and historic home tour, and a civic parade. Fort staff staged musket firings and demonstrations of apple butter making while the rhythmic clang of blacksmiths at work echoed



throughout fort grounds. The British Consul-General of Cleveland attended and brought an international flair to the event as he officiated the raising of the American and British flags over the fort. The event was so successful that organizers decided to make Fort Ligonier Days an annual community event.

From the 1960 inception, Fort Ligonier Days has grown into the popular community event it is today, as the town of Ligonier welcomes up to 100,000 visitors to the fall commemoration each year. The reenactment of the October 12, 1758 battle at Fort Ligonier has remained a highlight of the festival.

In 2023, Fort Ligonier continues to commemorate the town’s rich history during Fort Ligonier Days (Saturday and Sunday) with historical demonstrations of British soldiers successfully defending the fort from an attack by French forces. More than 150 reenactors are encamped throughout Fort Ligonier beginning Friday of the three-day commemoration offering visitors a fascinating depiction of life at Fort Ligonier in 1758 and before the American Revolution.

New at Fort Ligonier for 2023 is Sutlers Row. A sutler was a person who followed an army and sold provisions to the soldiers. Sutlers Row will feature artisans dressed in period clothing demonstrating and selling 18th-century-inspired wares. The focal point of Sutlers Row is Mount Vernon’s Resident Baker, Justin Cherry and his Half Crown Bakehouse where visitors can enjoy fresh baked bread while watching the 18th century baking process.



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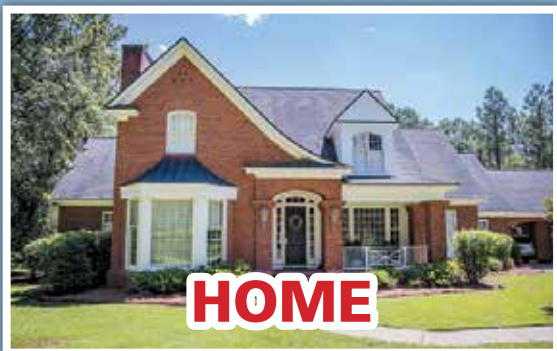
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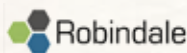
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 am	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths open
10:00 am	Fort Ligonier opens. Experience the historic site that inspired the festival! (Regular admission fees apply)
10:00 am	Local merchant sidewalk sales open
10:00 am-1:00 pm	Shirley Dragovich Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Rock, Country, Blues, Acoustic
12:00 pm	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY on the Diamond
1:00 pm-6:00 pm	Renegade Ridge & The Derek Woods Band Bandstand Main Stage (on the Diamond) Alternating sets all day by two local favs!
2:00 pm -5:00 pm	Acoustical Bruce Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Acoustic Guitar
5:00 pm	Fort Ligonier Closes
6:00 pm	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths close

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 am	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths open
9:00 am-11:00 am	Meredith Holliday Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Acoustic Guitar
10:00 am	Fort Ligonier Encampment & Living History Activities throughout the day. FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN 17 & UNDER (Regular admission fees for adults)
10:00 am	Local merchant sidewalk sale open
11:00 am	GRAND PARADE East and West Main Streets
1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Jerry B & The Bonetones Bandstand Main Stage (blues, jazz, rock)
1:30 pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
1:00 pm-5:00 pm	Wayne Shaffer Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) (Acoustic Guitar)
3:30 pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Jeff Jimerson & The Airborne Band Bandstand Main Stage (on the Diamond) (All occasion 80's to present)
5:00 pm	Fort Ligonier closes
6:00 pm	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths close

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 am	5K Run begins Ligonier Valley High School
8:33 am	5K Walk begins Ligonier Valley High School
10:00 am	Fort Ligonier Encampment & Living History Activities throughout the day. FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN 17 & UNDER (Regular admission fees for adults)
10:00 am-1:00 pm	Jane West & Joe Golden Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) (Acoustic Guitar)
10:00 am	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths open
10:00 am	Local merchant sidewalk sales open
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Tres Lads Bandstand Main Stage (on the Diamond) (Acoustic Rock)
1:00 pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
2:00 pm-5:00 pm	Fuzz Hout Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) (Acoustic Guitar)
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	Saddle Up Bandstand Main Stage (on the Diamond) (Country)
3:00 pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
5:00 pm	Fort Ligonier Closes, Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths close
5:00 pm	OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY on the Diamond
5:30 pm	Carillon Concert Calvary United Methodist Church

FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE AND HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE BUS will be provided from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. The bus will pick up from the parking lot at Ligonier Valley High School on Springer Road and the Laurel Valley Golf Club lots on Route 711 South. Handicapped-equipped shuttle service will also be available.

CRAFT LOOP SHUTTLE BUS service will run among the craft display areas from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday. See map at center of program for bus stops.

REMINDERS - We all love dogs, but due to local ordinances, NO dogs (pets) are permitted in the festival areas. NO BACKPACKS OR OPEN CONTAINERS IN THE FESTIVAL AREA.



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