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Fourth ANNUAL Juniata RIVERFEST

On Saturday, June 27th, the banks of the Juniata River from the Locust Campground to Victory Park in Lewistown, PA were alive. What a beautiful day it was!



The **RiverFEST Rampage 5k** started at 9am across the banks of Victory Park at the MCIDC parking lot. Thank you to John Walters for another successful race this year! The **RiverFEST Raft Regatta** had 38 teams this year. The Raft Regatta is why RiverFEST has come to fruition. It started at 10am and the last team passed the finish line at 4:56pm. The **Community Float** was more than over flowing this year with tubers, kayakers, canoers leisurely floating alongside the Regatta. Get on board next year...you won't regret it. Thank you to the Locust Campground for the use of their boat launch and assistance with the regatta.

All the while, Victory Park was buzzing with vendors, non-profit groups, and sponsors setting up their stands. At the other end of the park, the **Rockin' by the River** Concert was being prepped and a BIG thank you to **Ryan Russler** for providing an entire day of great live music for us. **Tillie's Sunshine** was gearing up with all her kid's activities and carnival games - Thank you Tillie! During the day's venue was the **RiverFEST Idol** where Heather Giardino won 1st Place, Jill Kauffman won 2nd place, and Julie Hughes received 3rd Place. Thank



you to **MERF Radio** for the LIVE Broadcast and all the promotion.

At dusk, our annual **4th of July Fireworks** lit up the sky by Pyrotecnico. Many ooh's and ahhh's were heard throughout the park. With WCHX providing the music (at the park and on the radio) it was an awesome time. Thanks to all of you who attended. Juniata RiverFEST once again proved to be the biggest one day event of the year in the Juniata River Valley. **Remember:** RiverFEST is our annual Fireworks Display and is ALWAYS held the Saturday before the 4th of July. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR—it is July 3rd!**

Place To Visit For JULY Allen Bingman grew up in Yeagertown with a passion for **vintage automobiles** and **old fashioned diners**. He brought those loves with him when he married Danna Bradley, as they incorporated the fifties diner theme into their home.



As the years went by, the dream of owning one of those chrome beauties drove Allen to travel all over to dine in and study some of America's finest. New Jersey is home to many, many opportunities, even a manufacturer of modular diners. Allen and his father-in-law, Dave Bradley, toured the factory with an eye on buying one and locating it somewhere near home.

Eventually the former **Stewarts Restaurant**, a landmark eatery in Burnham, became available. Allen purchased it in December of 2006, tore it down in February of 2007 and realized his dream when **Bings Diner** opened its doors on October 10, 2007.

But wait, there's more to the story. Allen scrapped his plan to buy the modular version and drew his own blueprints and design (his day job is being a contractor). He even built it himself. Many decorating highlights came directly from him and Danna's home. You won't find a better interpretation of a real classic fifties diner anywhere, from the chrome exterior to the color choices to the accent decorations and furnishings to the incredible menu.

Step back into the 1950's, and discover the Juniata River Valley's fun and exciting place to dine, visit with friends and be sure to try one of the many gourmet burgers with a side of hand cut French fries. On the next visit dig deeper into the extensive menu choices or try the daily special. Also, be prepared for dessert. Watch for monthly Cruise-ins thru October and call about home delivery. Breakfast, lunch or dinner: Bings is there for you when your hungry.

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Hours: Mon - Thurs 7AM to 8 PM, Fri & Sat 7AM to 9PM, Sun 7AM to 2 PM

Informative Rotary Club Presentation

On Tuesday, June 16th, the featured speaker at the weekly Lewistown Rotary Club luncheon was lead-civil engineer, Mr. Chad Stafford, of PennTerra Engineering from State College. His power point presentation was a time line for the Lewistown First Quality baby diaper factory project from July of 2007 to date.

Located adjacent to the Industrial Park and the Locust Campground & development, this 341 acre site was purchased as a farm from the Ellinger family. Since the summer of 2007 it has evolved into a 1.1 million square feet baby diaper factory, one of the most high tech in the world. Currently employing over 200, the potential for two additional factories on the acreage could bring employment to near 1,000 over the next few years

Mr. Stafford spent the best part of six months on site during the initial phases of construction. Most recently, a 38,000 square feet office facility was erected next to the factory. It will have the capability to serve all further construction at this location.

We recommend two visual opportunities to view the facility. First is an aerial view from the North Lewistown Bypass on Route 22. An even more dramatic view can be had from Big Ridge Road. Looking down from the roadway, you will be amazed at the size of this high security, fenced & gated complex. Phase two will be slightly larger at 1.3 million square feet. It will also be a baby diaper manufacturing plant. Second, pay a visit to the Locust Campground access road. Part of it has been rebuilt and landscaped for access to the factory and the remaining road in to the campground is slated for reconstruction later in the year.

The warehousing portion of the new plant holds 44,000 pallets, which in today's market equals a three week supply. That's a lot of diapers. Who said Americans aren't having babies anymore?

PennTerra Engineering, Incorporated is a civil engineering firm owned by Mr. Jon Sepp. They are headquartered in State College and have a branch office in Duncansville, PA. They were founded in 1976 and are a member of the Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RECURRING EVENTS

Belleville Sale & Livestock Auction - Wednesdays - All year (unless a holiday) in Belleville 717-935-2146

JULY EVENTS

Sat. July 11th - Touring Friends Downtown Lewistown Cruize-In. www.touringfriends.com

Chamber Night with the Spikes - July 10th, 2009 - MARK THE DATE NOW!

Remington Ryde Bluegrass Festival—July 10-11, 2009. Mifflin County Youth Park Fairgrounds, Reedsville, PA. 3rd Annual. Visit: www.remingtonryde.com for more information. Features local, regional, and nationally recognized musicians, instructional workshops, a side stage featuring local and young musicians, and jam sessions.

Mifflin County Airport - "Introduction to Flight Training & Emergency Landings" **Sat July 11** 8am. (717) 248-1669 or email: info@mcairrental.com

Mifflin County Communities That Care Annual Luncheon Friday, July 24 - 11:30 am - 1pm. Doors open at 11am for Lunch at the ComPASS Building. 31 South Dorcus Street, Lewistown. FREE Lunch! Everyone is Invited!

South Hills - Mifflin County Communities that Care Concert Event - Celebrating The Value of An Education - Sat. July 25 - 1- 5:30 pm at Victory Park, Lewistown

"Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace" Seminar at *Lewistown Careerlink* - **Tues. July 28** - 8am - 12 Noon. Sponsored by the Juniata Valley Employer Advisory Council - \$20 per person Jill Pecht, Clear Concepts, Cpl. Rob Haines and Dr. John Gehman will guest speakers. Contact Margaret at mwint1@verizon.net or 248-9849.

August EVENTS

National Night Out - Aug 4th @ 6pm. Held by the Historic Courthouse on Monument Square in

downtown Lewistown.

Fri. Aug. 14th - Touring Friends Downtown Lewistown Cruize-In. www.touringfriends.com

Stone Arch Players summer show, **All In The Timing**, a comedy by David Ives. Showtimes are 8 pm Thursday through **Saturday, August 6 - 8 and 13 - 15 and Sunday, August 16, 2 pm.** Visit www.stonearchplayers.com.

Meet the artist night at JB Gallery, 324 S Logan Blvd, Burnham, PA. Meet Kelly Stine, a local photographer. Thurs. Aug 20 - 6pm to 8pm

September EVENTS

Junior Achievement 7th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Juniata Valley District of Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania **Wednesday, September 2, 2009** at Lewistown Country Club

Fall Festival of Savings in Big Valley—Sept 12&13

Sat. Sept. 12th - Touring Friends Downtown Lewistown Cruize-In. www.touringfriends.com

Day of Caring When: September 16th [Visit website](http://www.mjunitedway.org) www.mjunitedway.org

Community Partnerships RC&D - "Show Me The Money" grant workshop in Selinsgrove from Sept. 21 to Sept. 25 Held at the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Fike Bros Carpet One Floor & Home—Goose Day Business After Hours—**September 29th** more details to come

October EVENTS

HarvestFest - Celebrating 25 years - Oct 2&3

Fri. Oct. 2nd - Touring Friends Downtown Lewistown Cruize-In. www.touringfriends.com

Brookmere Winery
Music • Artisans • Cruise-In

July 25, 2009
Artisans and Cruise-In start at 6:00
Music starts at 7:00
Food and wine will be available to purchase

Music provided by Harrisburg band
"The Headliners"
which plays a variety of music from the 50's - 80's

Ticket Cost: \$15.00 at the gate or \$12.00 in advance
Purchase tickets at the winery or call 717-935-5380

TUNALL FAMILY DAYTRIPS

Tis the season for travel and Pennsylvania is definitely the home of endless possibilities. Father's Day weekend kick-started the one day trips for Jim,

Judy and Olivia for the 2009 summer season. Not only was Father's Day on June 21st, but it was the first day of summer and consequently the longest day of the year.

Our destination was New Hope, an artsy village resting on the banks of the Delaware River in Bucks County, a short drive north of the Willow Grove Exit (#343) on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. A short walk across the bridge in the center of town and you are in Lambertville, New Jersey, another quaint village made up of historic buildings, antique shops and gourmet restaurants.

New Hope has become a regular destination for the Tunalls, loved for its plethora of historic homes, eclectic shops, incredible outdoor cafes; plus a restored canal, steam locomotive train excursion, riverboat ride and gorgeous streetscapes. Very little has changed since Jim's first visit to the area 35 years ago.

The difficult part of day-tripping anywhere in Pennsylvania is the missed opportunities along the way. To get to New Hope there are so many temptations. Getting past Harrisburg and the new **Civil War Museum**, past the Renaissance Fair at Mt. Hope, Longwood Gardens at Kennett Square, the Valley Forge National Historic Park, the Philadelphia Zoo, Historic Philly, Peddlers Village at Lahaska and the Bucks County countryside (just to highlight a few).

Stay tuned for our next excursion. Destination: **Fallingwater**, the home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for Edgar Kaufman, the department store owner from Pittsburgh. It is located in the Laurel Highlands in Mill Run, 158 miles southwest of Lewistown.

**United Way Seeks 12th Annual "Day of Caring" Participants**

Day of Caring is a traditional United Way of Mifflin-Juniata volunteer event that kicks off the annual campaign every September. The 12th Annual Day of Caring will take place on September 16, 2009 this year. United Way is looking for projects and volunteers NOW. The two main objectives of Day of Caring are to provide non-profit human service agencies an opportunity to complete projects that they could not otherwise afford to do

and to involve volunteers, especially employees in first-hand experience with area charities. Day of Caring provides an opportunity for people to donate a day of community service.

"Day of Caring allows volunteers to see where the money goes, raising awareness of community needs and services," said Marie Mulvihill, Executive Director. "It also affords employees a great opportunity to know each other outside the workplace."

"The people who benefit the most from Day of Caring are the people that local non-profit agencies serve: children, seniors, those with special needs and those who are less fortunate," explains Holly McCready, AmeriCorps VISTA and organizer of this year's Day of Caring.

In order for there to be an event, the United Way is seeking projects from non-profit human service agencies. Any incorporated non-profit or government entity, school or neighborhood association is encouraged to submit projects. Agencies do not have to be a partner agency receiving United Way funding to benefit from Day of Caring. Agencies who participate in Day of Caring can focus their resources on those they serve. "We encourage agencies to submit all their projects, big and small," said Mulvihill. "We get volunteer teams of all sizes and skill levels. We can't promise that every project submitted will get completed, but we have a very good track record to date."

Teams of caring individuals in Mifflin and Juniata counties who want to lend a hand and make a difference in their local community are also needed. Teams are formed from individuals at local businesses, associations, service groups, and even other non-profits. Teams can be any size and any skill level. Day of Caring is a free event for participants and is made possible by the generosity of our sponsors. Volunteers are only asked to donate their time to help build a stronger community for all of us.

The registration deadline for both non-profit agencies and teams is August 12, 2009. For more information and to register a project or a team visit www.mjunitiedway.org then click on "Day of Caring". Download the appropriate registration forms and fax (248.5648), mail (13 E. 3rd St, Lewistown, PA 17044), or drop off to United Way's office.

**12th Annual Golf Classic to Benefit Belleville Mennonite School**

Belleville Mennonite School announces today plans to hold its 12th Annual Golf Classic at the American Legion Country Club in Mount Union on Wednesday, August 12. Shotgun start is at 9:00 AM. The tournament will be a scramble format. Entry fee includes a round of golf, cart, lunch, prize drawings and awards. There will be "hole contests" including a \$10,000 prize for a hole-in-one, and awards will be given to the top teams. Prizes awarded will include: golf outings for four with cart, golf items, and gift certificates.

Opportunities to join in this fun event include corporate hole or tee sponsorships with 4 golfers - \$300, foursome - \$240, individual golfers - \$60 and corporate green or tee sponsorships - \$100. There is a reduced fee for golfers under 18.

For more information on entering or being a sponsor, please call Belleville Mennonite School at 717-935-2184 or visit the website at www.bellevillemennoniteschool.org to download an entry form. Belleville Mennonite School is a private, Bible-based school located "in the heart of the Big Valley." The school seeks to integrate faith development with a quality academic program in a safe, peaceful environment for Pre-school- Grade 12. Enrollment is open to all families regardless of race, church affiliation or color.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The EMB of EMB Monogramming stands for Ella Mae Blessing. She started the business as a part time endeavor in 1980, supplying seasonal custom monogrammed merchandise for the Bon Ton, Danks, Mussettia's, the Bumble Bee and Rubins for Sports, all located in downtown Lewistown. Her very first embroidery machine used electricity, but was far from computerized.

As the business grew with the addition of Penn State licensed product retailed through the Rapid Transit Store in downtown State College, a computerized, single head machine was necessitated. EMB provided product for many local sports teams, clubs & organizations and businesses & industries as well. The growth allowed daughter Jennifer to join the family business along with Ella Mae's husband John lending support and delivery service.

Today's business appears recession proof as new areas have been developed. Jennifer has expanded the marketing in the corporate world. She understands the value of customer service, guaranteed high quality product, new and exciting merchandise and prompt delivery. She is available to work with businesses to find the perfect match for each business's needs, be it employee shirts, tees, caps, jackets, sweaters, aprons, vests or pants. Embroidered company logos on "gifts with purchase" are another specialty. She will be glad to make an appointment to meet with businesses at their business location to discuss all the options.

The Blessings are dog lovers and in 1997 became interested in "Agility" events. Owning three dogs of their own, they started training them for competition. Agility Trials are huge regional events held at sports arenas, convention centers and outdoor fields. The agility refers to an obstacle course of 15 to 20 various features such as climbing ramps, high jumps, see saws, and series of posts to weave in and out of. Timing and accuracy are awarded points.

While attending the events they discovered fellow dog enthusiasts were wanting dog related garments featuring dog paws, agility equipment, the words "agility" and "obedience" and slogans. Little by little they introduced more and more products until today they tow a huge trailer show room to over 36 events all over the east coast each year. They offer embroidered shirts, caps, raincoats, jackets, socks, crop pants, shorts, tee shirts and bags. All bear some dog related embroidered feature. They also stock items for dogs themselves, from beds to fit carriers, toys, treats, cool coats (a refrigerated coat used to quickly cool down a dog following competition). They set up two merchandise tents in addition to the trailer showroom. Most weekends they are on the road somewhere in Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Maine or Pennsylvania.

Before you decide to visit the business, call to make sure they are available. Plan to see the computerized four head machine operated by Jennifer and the one head run by Ella Mae. Product is on display and catalogs from all the top brands such as Nike and Charles River Apparel are available for custom monogramming.

MEMBER SINCE 2000

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Regional Expo

The Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be a partner in the upcoming Central Pennsylvania Regional Business & Industry Expo to be held on **Tuesday, November 17**, at the **Bryce Jordan Center** on the campus of The Pennsylvania State University.

The Regional Expo, being managed by the Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County (CBICC), will provide our members with the opportunity to promote their products and services to businesses and consumers from throughout the region. The following Chambers will be partnering in this event: Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce, Blair County Chamber of Commerce, Cameron County Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County, Clearfield Chamber of Commerce, Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, Greater DuBois Chamber of Commerce, Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce, and the Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

CLICK HERE (www.cbicc.org/portals/0/files/regionalexpo.pdf) **to view the registration forms.** The registration form & the "official regulations & conditions" form must be filled out and returned to the CBICC to complete your registration for the Regional Expo. Additional information and registrations forms are available by contacting our office. **Don't miss this exciting opportunity to promote your business and make valuable contacts from throughout the region!**

WELCOME! Please join us in welcoming our new **Chamber Members** by patronizing their businesses! Their membership reflects their integrity as a responsible business owner and demonstrates their commitment to the community.



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- Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy
- D. K. Hostetler, Inc.
- Crown Motel
- Century 21 - Above & Beyond
- Kish Financial Solutions, Wade E. Curry
- Juniata County Historical Society
- Alexander's Honey House
- Jeff Tate Paving, Inc.
- Jack Gaughen Network Services, Hower & Assoc.
- Mifflin County Historical Society
- Bailor's Machine Shop
- Yoder's Tees & More
- Friends of the Embassy Theatre, Inc.
- Creekside Hearth & Patio, LLC
- Stone Arch Players
- Business To Business, Inc.
- Edward Jones Investments
- Ashford Staffing
- Automated Record Centre
- Mifflin County Christian Academy
- Breezewood Publications
- Sheetz, Inc. Store #158, Lewistown
- Dragonfly
- Schwan Food Company
- Beer & Soda City
- Dairyland at Home
- Heartland Gallery LLC
- Adecco
- Lewistown Pharmacy
- Caretaker LLC
- Employee Advisory Council
- Locust Grove Retirement Village
- Bender's Signs and Tees
- Lewistown Borough & Community Center
- Zeke Acker's Quality Cars
- Mifflin Co. Dairy Princess Committee

BUSINESS

After Hours

Pomeroy-Academia Bridge After eight long years of fund raising, grant applications and challenging planning, the Pomeroy-Academia Bridge restoration is complete. It was officially dedicated on June 5th (in the rain) and the Chamber/Visitors Bureau June "After Hours" took place on the bridge (in the rain) on June 17th. Several dozen

members enjoyed an evening of history, construction details, wonderful food and meaningful networking. Many guests embraced the project by joining the Juniata County Historical Society on the spot.

The "After Hours" was hosted by the Juniata County Historical Society and Society Vice President Audrey Sizelove, who is a member of the Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. Several JCHS board members helped with the event, preparing the food, serving the visitors and greeting the guests.

The bridge is the longest, still standing covered bridge in Pennsylvania. It measures 279 feet 9 inches long and was originally erected in 1902. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two weeks following the dedication an arson attempt was discovered, fortunately little damage to the structure took place. Juvenile suspects are being investigated. Three weeks after the dedication graffiti was discovered inside the bridge and a removal company has been contacted. A security company is working on a plan to thwart future vandalism.

The bridge is near Academia, west of Port Royal. It connects Beale Township to Spruce Hill Township, spanning the Tuscarora Creek. A wonderful summer Sunday afternoon "place to visit" would include a stop at the bridge, a ride over to the Tuscarora Academy at Academia (home to the Juniata Historical Society Museum) and a tour on the scenic country roads in the area. The museum is open to the public on Sunday afternoons in June, July & August from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M.

For complete details we highly recommend a click on www.rootsweb.com/pajchs or go to our website (www.juniatarivervalley.org), click on membership directory and then Juniata County Historical Society. We highly recommend everyone join the society so they can afford to continue the day to day operations of the organization and the preservation of sites such as the bridge. **Membership information is available on their web-site.**



2009 AFTER HOURS:

July 29th - Edward Jones,

**Keystone Custom Modular, Cross
Country Coach, CareTaker LLC
at Brookmere**

**August 26th - Buttonwood
Campground**

**September 29th - Fike
Brothers**

**October - Mifflin County
Historical Society**

**November - Dairyland Gift
Shops**

**December - Holiday Gathering
hosted by...**

2010 AFTER HOURS:

January - OPEN

February, March - OPEN

April - After Hours EXPO

May - Metzler Forest Products

**June - Central PA Dock & Door
July - OPEN**

August - Embassy Theatre

**September - Walnut Springs
Racquet Club**



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The JRVCC and PA Chamber Insurance have created a unique partnership as a service to benefit chamber members. To find out more about the employee benefit programs available to you, please call 800.755.3021 or visit pachamberinsurance.com.



Juniata River Valley Road Trips Last summer Penn State University did a major visitor poll of summer visitors to the Alleghenies Region. Three interesting statistics were revealed. 1. The vast majority are repeat visitors, many repeaters for a substantial numbers of years. 2. One third stay in campgrounds, one third stay in hotels, motels & bed and breakfasts and one third stay with friends & family. 3. The number one reason for visits, by far, was attributed to “scenery”.

We are in the process of mapping scenic drives for both visitors and locals to enjoy. So often those of us who live in the Juniata River Valley take our surroundings for granted and fail to explore our beautiful geography. We will be spotlighting a series of enlightening excursions over the next few issues of the “View” for your enjoyment and for the added purpose of making us better informed advisors to our out of town visitors.

The annual Pennsylvania Pursuits Insiders Guide (formerly state travel guide) lists 20 “must sees” in the Alleghenies. One of those attractions is located in Mifflin County. It is route 103 from Mt. Union to Lewistown. On a recent Sunday afternoon, camera in hand, we traveled the 25 miles up 103 to Mt. Union and back to the river bridge at Victory Park. What a scenic adventure! We plan to post the photos on www.juniatarivervalley.org.

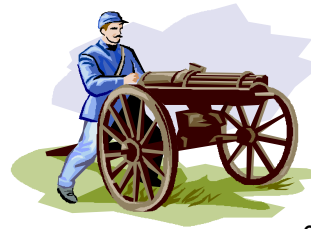
If you have more time to invest you can very easily turn this into a continuous, two county, 50 mile tour by concluding your journey on 103 East a mile short of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. Turn right onto 333 East (Hawstone Road) and drive the 25 miles to the bridge across the Juniata River at Thompsettown.

Milestones on the journey from the Mt. Union starting point will include Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind, Newton Hamilton (where you can rent a boat or canoe), Ryde, Pine Glen, Longfellow, Granville, Juniata Terrace, Lewistown Junction, Victory Park, Hawstone, Denholm, Rockville, Mifflin, Port Royal, Tuscarora, Vandyke and Thompsettown. Camera opportunities abound with mountains, river views, boaters, birds, stone farm houses, farms, wildlife, train station, campers and wildflowers to name a few.

[There is no place like home.](#)

[Let's get reacquainted.](#)

[See you on the road.](#)



On the Road in Pennsylvania

The Tunall Family paid a first time visit to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg on Friday, July 3, 2009. We arrived at opening time, 10 A.M., and were surprised at the lack of cars in the parking lot. As a matter of fact we almost made the assumption that it was closed for some reason if it weren't for a lonely car with Georgia plates parked next to the stairs to the entrance.

The neighborhood chosen for the museum is adjacent to one of Harrisburg's very impoverished; however, the grounds and facilities are most impressive. Opened in 2000 under the leadership of Governor Tom Ridge and Mayor Stephen Reid, the project is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute.

Located on a hilltop, featuring an incredible view of the city, the building is instantly recognizable as visitor worthy. Upon passing through the front doors, the first stop is the attractive gift shop, featuring a wide range of assorted souvenirs and historical books, CD's and DVD's pertaining to the Civil War, as well as tickets for the tour. Tickets are under \$10.00.

The atrium is beautifully appointed, featuring twin staircases to the second floor where the self guided tour begins. The journey is well laid out with engaging displays, video re-enactments and huge collections of Civil War artifacts. There is little doubt that you will get lost in the era and emotions will run high. It is so hard to imagine brothers killing brothers, neighbors shooting each other and Americans in combat against fellow Americans in a war that in one battle alone over 50,000 lie dead on the ground.

The museum was not built with the intention of condemning North or South, but to factually present the reasons for the war, the heroes on both sides, the hardships encountered and the outcome, including President Lincoln's assassination five days after peace was declared.

One illuminating fact brought out during the visit was the enormity of the slave population: over six million African-Americans were “owned” by southern families prior to the war. Two hours later the last stop was a return to the gift shop, this time to acquire more information for future study at home. The parking lot was sadly under utilized with a dozen visitor's vehicles scattered about.

We highly recommend everyone avail themselves to this unforgettable experience. It will open as many questions as it will answer, but we all need to fully educate ourselves about this unbelievable war of Americans battling Americans so as to not allow history to repeat itself in our lifetimes.

www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

2009 Spikes
Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Night with the Spikes
 Friday July 10th, 2009
 7:05 PM

JIM'S CORNER



"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

This is the tale of three small town; naive, inexperienced guys all named Jim on a

holiday adventure in **New York City**. It was the summer between our first and second year at Jamestown Community College in Jamestown, New York; the summer of 1966.

We boarded the Erie Lackawanna train at the Jamestown station, just one block from our third floor walk-up in downtown Jamestown (birthplace of Lucille Ball). Departure time was 11:18 P.M. Arrival in Hoboken, New Jersey was 7:10 A.M. The overnight local was the least expensive option available to us, cheaper than bus or any other train line (passenger, that is). To call the ride rough and bumpy would be a gross understatement.

We arrived safely and boarded the ferry across the Hudson to Manhattan. There we flagged down a cab for the first taxi cab thrill ride of our lives. We had reservations at

the least expensive hotel we could find in the AAA travel guide, as I recall the top rating was five stars, our choice was a half star. Our grand preconception of what we expected was completely destroyed when we were greeted by ladies of the night working the front door and this was at 8:00 A.M.

The elevator was attendant operated, up to the 53rd floor we went. I think we shared space with the pigeons by day and bats by night. Our room was a double bed that barely allowed for any space between bed and outside walls. A single cot took up the space between the foot of the bed and the remaining wall. The bath room down the hall was shared by several rooms, many long term residents, others renting by the hour. The only window looked directly into the elevator shaft. We thought it was great. None of us had any hotel history to compare it to. **Bring on the city!**

On every block near Times Square loudspeakers were blasting Frank Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night". Oh yes, we were ready to **"exchange glances"** with three of those special ladies. We hit the streets at 9:00 A.M. and were totally intimidated by the crowds of people, the heavy traffic, the size of the buildings, the panhandlers and the endless city streets. In no time at all we were hopelessly lost, hungry and homesick. ***It was not the adventure we imagined it to be.***

I finally talked the Jims into a Grey Line tour of the city and discovered it looked pretty darn good from a safe, comfortable bus seat. The problem was that any area we wanted to explore we could never find by ourselves. We made our way back to what we "thought" was our hotel, went directly to the bar (drinking age in New York State was 18 at that time) and discovered happy hour (s). Drinks were cheap from 5 to 7 pm and they served free little sandwiches and assorted veggies, meats, cheeses and crackers. We plotted our course for a week of free dinners and cheap booze (the college credo).

Directly after "Happy Hours" we took the elevator to the 53rd floor, located room 5309 and just couldn't get the key into the lock. A less than friendly hotel security guard approached us to find we were about a dozen blocks from our actual hotel. A short cab ride down the street, into the hotel, up to the 53rd floor and we were in our room, jammed into our beds, watching T.V. (12 inch black & white) by 8:15 P.M. I suspect our blood alcohol level may have made driving a motor vehicle illegal, if we actually had one and could muster the nerve to drive it in the city.

Day two proved to be more of the same. We took another Grey Line Tour (different area), ate at a Horne & Hardart cafeteria, and summoned a cab to Greenwich Village. I was a major music nut and wanted to explore the village with all its coffee shops and folk music haunts. The Lovin' Spoonful's "Summer in the City" was blaring from loudspeakers everywhere. Live music was available all over the place and I was motivated. My cheap friends were not interested in paying cover charges to drink espresso and hang out with beatniks. They wanted to head back to the hotel for happy hour, drink the cheap alcohol and munch free food. Opportunities missed included Bob Dylan, the Byrds, Simon & Garfunkel, The Critters and John B. Sebastian & the Lovin' Spoonful. ***Painful!!!***

When I suggested we walk back to the hotel Jim & Jim jumped at the chance to save cab fair. Four hours later we were still walking towards the hotel and found ourselves deep into an industrial zone, dimly lit and downright eerie. Very few cars were using the street we were traveling. A random cab sighted us and pulled over to ask what in the world three country hicks were doing walking alone in this neighborhood. We were onboard before he finished asking the question. He lectured us all the way to our hotel.

We were ready to go home. The city presented no great opportunity for the unworldly hayseeds from Kane, Pennsylvania. We abandoned the city two days ahead of schedule. Now if you were to interview any of our college friends they would tell you we returned from the city **men**, experienced in city ways, dancehalls, women and bar room brawls. The tales of true swinging adventurers. **"Hot Town, Summer in the City"** in a world full of **"Strangers in the Night"**.



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