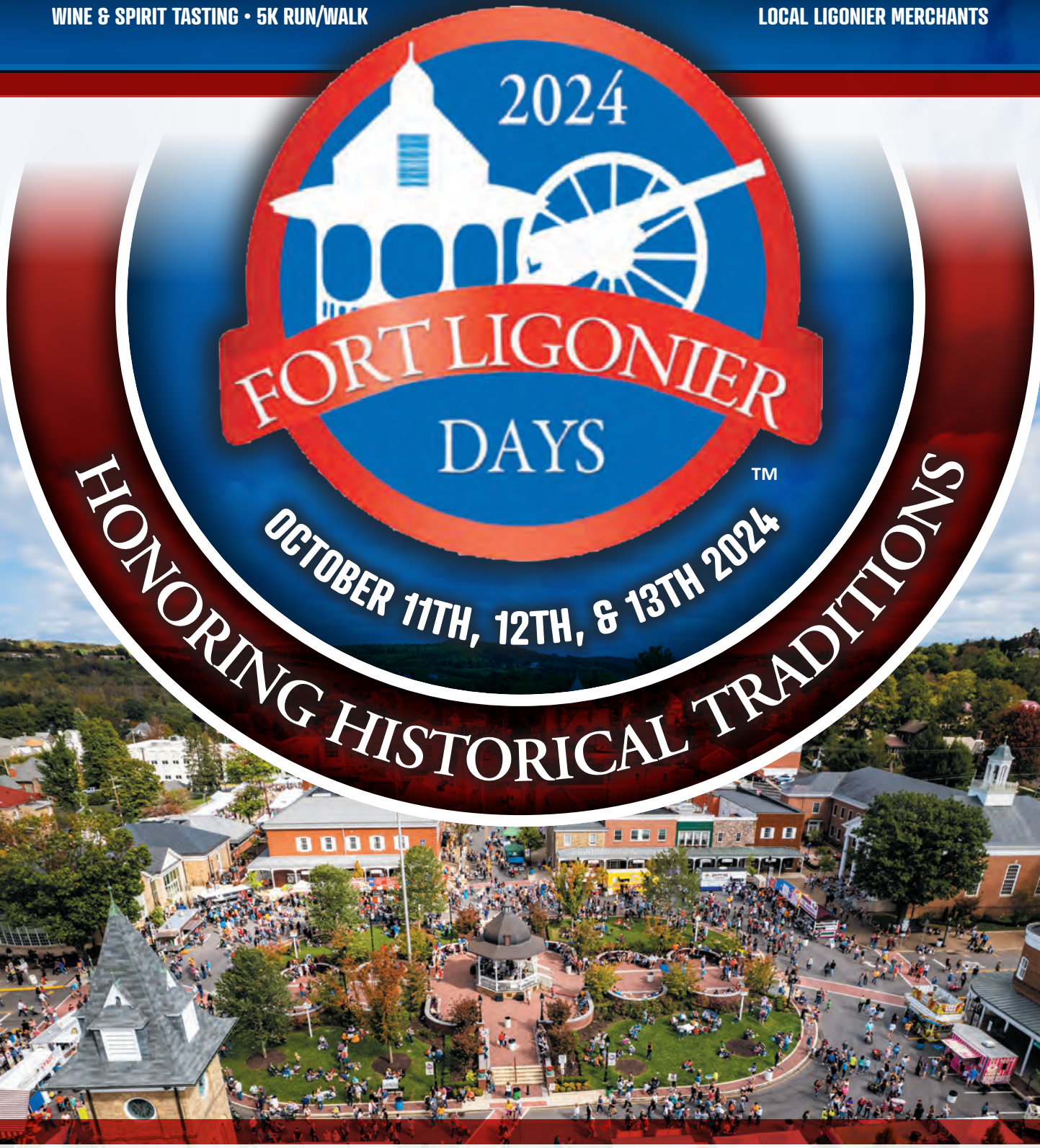


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Thank you for choosing to spend a fall weekend with us in the beautiful Laurel Highlands! We are proud of this annual festival which includes historical demonstrations at Fort Ligonier, plus the traditional activities our visitors have come to expect. We have nonstop live entertainment, Saturday's parade, our 5K run, over 175 juried craft vendors, and more than 30 food vendors.

The festival hours are 9:00am to 6:00pm on Friday and Saturday and

10:30am to 5:30pm on Sunday. After you visit Fort Ligonier Days, we encourage you to explore Ligonier and all the town and its merchants have to offer.



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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Police & Ligonier Borough play vital role in keeping Fort Days Running



Fort Ligonier Days couldn't happen without the immense help and cooperation of the Ligonier Valley Police Department. Chief Michael Matrunics, who has been involved with the event since he first became a local officer in December 1993, recently explained the role the department plays in keeping the three-day festival safe and enjoyable.

"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.

The Committee added, "Ron Ross and his borough crew are an integral part of the planning, implementation, and clean up of the event. Come Monday morning, it looks like Fort Days never even happened!"

The crews work together 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." Sgt. Friscarella added.

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

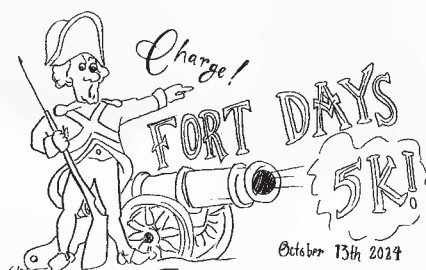
Team 211, a Westmoreland County volunteer assistance team based in Latrobe, also helps with traffic control and the PA State Police are also involved, mainly keeping traffic flowing and pedestrians safe at the US 30-PA 711 intersection near Fort Ligonier.

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Fort Ligonier Days 5K Run/Walk is Big Sunday Feature



Organizers of the Fort Ligonier Days 5K Run/Walk are hoping for another big turnout on Sunday, October 13, when the run starts off at 8:30am with the firing of a muzzle-loader by a Fort Ligonier re-enactor. Walkers will start a couple minutes after the runners leave.

"We're looking for this to be a fun event with a focus on family participation and getting younger people to participate," says first-year chairman Jack Butler. "We also encourage more walkers to take part."

The race starts and ends at Ligonier Valley High School, 40 Springer Road, with the course utilizing East and West Main Streets, turning near the intersection of East Main and U.S. 30 and traversing the historic Ligonier Diamond once in each direction. The event takes place rain or shine.

For youngsters 10 and under, there will be a Cannonball Dash at the high school at 9:30 AM, with all children taking part receiving a gift. Carole Paterson is organizing the Cannonball Dash.

At the start/finish line, there will be plenty of refreshments, and baskets featuring some terrific gifts will be raffled.

The 5K Walk/Run has been a part of Fort Ligonier Days since 2004, and initially used the back roads north of town. In more recent years, organizers moved the route to Main Street, where more spectators could enjoy the action. The event attracts runners and walkers of all ages – from young school kids to senior citizens.

Registration can be accomplished on-line by visiting <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Ligonier/FortLigonierDays>. Those not registered can do so Sunday morning before the race, from 7 to 8 AM. There is a \$30 entry fee for runners and walkers, \$10 for the Cannonball Run.

In addition to the chairman, the 5K committee includes Karen Markle, co-chair, along with Jen Sausman, Pam Anderson, Pete Pacienza and Kim Wallace.

The committee would like to recognize the creator of the new 5K logo, Clara Wallace. She is a current Freshman at Savannah College of Art and Design(SCAD). Her major is Fine Arts. She is also a member of the Cross-Country team at SCAD. Clara was excited to combine her gift of art and love of running to design the Fort Ligonier 5K t-shirt design. She has enjoyed running the Fort Ligonier 5K many times.

Following the race, medals will be presented to the top three male and female runners and walkers overall, plus the top three males and females in each age group: 10 and under, 11-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-65, and 66-plus.

Organizers urge participants to stay after the race and enjoy the food vendors, craft booths and live entertainment at the festival, and visit Fort Ligonier.



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Jim and Nancy Valley are well-known in the Ligonier area for their attractive and distinctive carved wooden signs, found at many businesses and storefronts throughout the area. They founded Acorn Signworks shortly after settling in the Ligonier Valley in 2001.

In more recent years, they've also become equally well-known known for their beautiful metal signs, fashioned from 1/8th inch aircraft grade aluminum. Nancy says it started with her "love of words and quotes, combined with Jim's technical expertise." Acorn Metal Art got its start in 2016 and has since been a regular feature at Fort Ligonier Days and Ligonier Country Market.

Nancy's favorite quotes are mostly inspired by nature and writers such as John Muir and

Rachel Carson, along with song lyrics with a positive message. She refuses to make signs with a negative message, or anything of a surly or political nature. Aside from quotations, she also makes address signs, house numbers, traditional pineapple welcome signs, Christmas signs – just about anything you can imagine.

Her ideas first get translated to design software, which then transitions to another program, which creates toolpaths. Those toolpaths are uploaded to a computer that directs the router how to precisely cut each sign. The signs are then sanded and the faces are ground to create a surface that catches the light. The finished product is almost indestructible and should last a lifetime. The signs won't corrode and can be displayed inside or outdoors.



Acorn Metal Signs produces a wide variety of signs, as can be seen by this display from Fort Ligonier Days last year.

Glass cleaner can be used to clean them up if they get dusty.

"We used to do many shows around Pennsylvania and West Virginia," says Nancy, "but we've narrowed it down quite a bit. Fort Ligonier Days is our best show and it's home!"

Acorn Metal Works signs can also be found at Main Exhibit Gallery in Ligonier and Artisans of Hands and Heart in downtown Greensburg.

Jim is still busy with his sign business. He specializes in carved and gilded signs – such as the one that went up recently at Redcoat Cigar Co. on West Main Street in Ligonier. He also made the impressive sign for Fort Ligonier at the corner of US 30 and South Market Street – among many throughout town. The Valleys are grateful to the local community and non-profits for their support of Acorn Signworks through the years.

Nancy is also a school bus driver, transporting students from Johnstown to Valley School of Ligonier. She has volunteered on the Fort Ligonier Days Committee as transportation and parking chair since 2015.

Acorn Metal Art's booth can be found during Fort Ligonier Days in the Municipal Lot at the corner of North Market and West Church Streets – across from the YMCA sign that Jim crafted.

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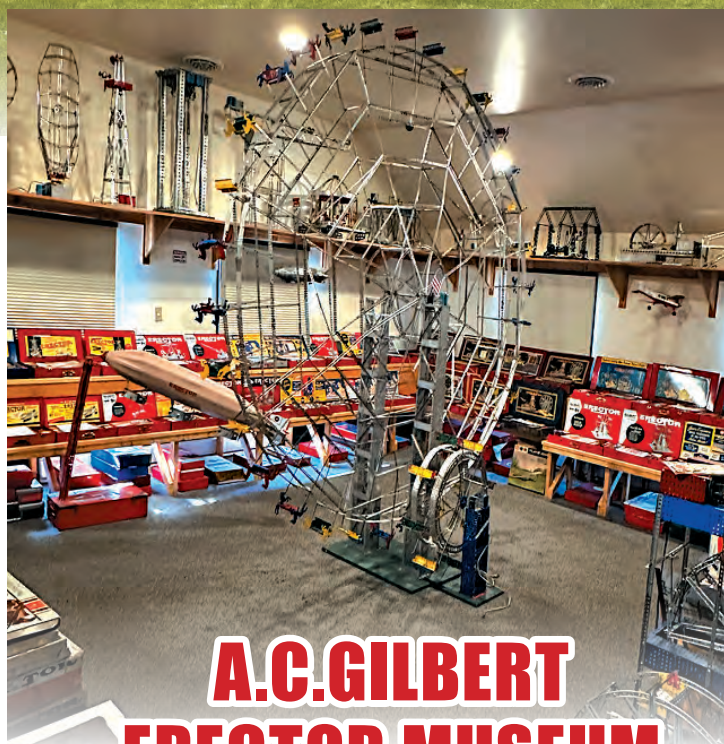


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During the French and Indian War at Fort Ligonier, rations for the British troops included seven gills (about 28 fluid ounces) of rum weekly. And don't forget the Whiskey Rebellion got started in Western Pennsylvania, leading to an armed insurrection in 1794 – protesting the first tax levied by the federal government under the new Constitution.

You might want to keep such history in mind when you visit the growing Wine and Spirits Lot near Holy Trinity Church off West Main Street during Fort Ligonier Days. Co-chairs Karen Markle and Jen Sausman report a new emphasis this year. “We're striving to choose more local vendors,” they explained. “We have almost all our vendors returning from last year, but the lot is being expanded to include new vendors.”

“Also, there will be a new layout, so vendors are mixed together rather than segregating the wineries and distilleries, to offer a more eclectic experience for visitors.” There will also be an “enhanced traffic flow” for folks to walk through the lot, ensuring that they don't miss a single vendor. And look for an expanded lot featuring

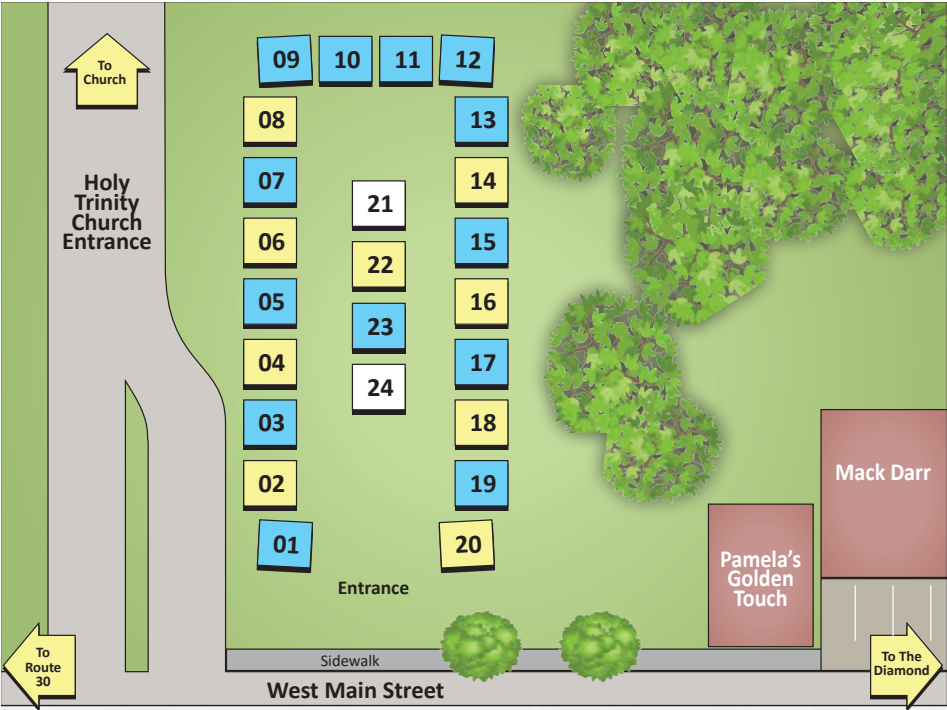


hot food vendors just across West Main Street at the Train Station lots.

Red Barn Winery from Delmont, Oak Brook Winery of Scottdale and Benigna's Creek Winery of Klingerstown, PA, are among the new vendors this year, along with McLaughlin Distillery of Sewickley Hills, and Wigle Whiskey of Pittsburgh.

There are 17 returning vendors, from as close as Ligonier, Scottdale and Mount Pleasant and as far as State College, Lewistown and Mifflintown. See the complete lineup elsewhere in the program.

So feel free to enjoy the “spirit” of Fort Ligonier Days and visit the exciting, expanded lineup of 22 Pennsylvania wine and spirits vendors anytime during festival hours. And remember that Benjamin Franklin once declared wine to be “a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy!”



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04	Big Spring Spirits	Ligonier, PA	D
05	Greendance Winery	Mount Pleasant, PA	W
06	Hazard's Distillery	Mifflintown, PA	D
07	Juniata Valley Winery	Mifflin, PA	W
08	Wigle Whiskey Distillery	Pittsburgh, PA	D
09	University Wine Co	State College, PA	W
10	Benigna's Creek Winery	Klingerstown, PA	W
11	Adams County Winery	Orrtarna, PA	W
12	Own Brook Winery	Scottdale, PA	W
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17	Hungry Run Wine Cellars	Lewistown, PA	W
18	Country Hammer Moonshine	Clairton, PA	D
19	Christian Klay Winery	Chalk Hill, PA	W
20	Hungry Run Distillery	Lewistown, PA	D
21	BAIRD FINANCIAL		SPONSOR
22	Rusty Musket	Boswell, PA	D
23	Red Barn Winery	Delmont, PA	W
24	BEST CONSTRUCTION GROUP		SPONSOR



BOOTH	BUSINESS NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
02	Herold's Original Kettle Corn	Kettle corn
03 & 04	Garden Metal Art	Lawn & garden metal sculptures
05	PREMIER EXPRESS CARE	SPONSOR
06-08	Pittsburgh Face Paint	Face art & arm tattoos
09 & 10	STATE FARM	SPONSOR
11	GUTTER HELMET	SPONSOR
12	BAIRD FINANCIAL	SPONSOR
13	Lolo Doll	Handmade doll clothes
14	RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN	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	Zavora Art	Garden art poles and hand painted glass ornaments
25 & 26	Coffee Cake Guys	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	Saddle Rock Soaps, LLC	Homemade bath & beauty products
30	On Point Adventure Foods	Freeze dried candy, meals, fruits, and vegetables

BOOTH	BUSINESS NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
31	Matt Mesich's Fine Art	Fine art
32	BEADazzled by Rebekah	Unique, hand-crafted jewelry
33	E Art Tie Dye	Tie-dyed clothing & accessories for all ages
34	Korinko Wildlife Sculpture Studio	Cold cast bronze sculptures
35 & 36	Yinz-R-Nutz & Coffee	Cinnamon roasted nuts & cold brew iced coffee
37	Wings, Strings, & Shiny Things, LLC	Handmade real butterfly wing jewelry and art
38	Ron & Frank's Drink Mixes	Handmade drink mixes
39 & 40	Sue & Sherri's Country Collectables	Country wood, trees & sleds
41	Collarbone Jewelry	Jewelry
42	RG Design Corner	Fashionable drinkware & apparel
43-45	Uniquely Crafted	Wood seasonal decor for home & yard
49 & 50	Bob Weaver Art Attack	Pen & ink prints and acrylic paintings
51	White Raven	Handmade wooden birdhouses, shelves, etc.
52	u.be.u Permanent Jewelry	Sterling silver and gold-filled custom fit chain for rings, bracelets, anklets, and necklaces
53 & 54	Stenciled Slates	Decorative seasonal stenciled slates
55	Designs by Janik	Woodworking
56	Maestros Sauce Co	Handmade, all natural, small batch hot sauces & BBQ sauces in a variety of flavors and heats
57	The Rogue Hen	Jewelry from glass, crystal and stone
58	23rd and Flock	Flowers hand crafted from glass that will never wilt or fade
59 & 60	Oakland House	Pine furniture, folk art, fall wreaths & more
61	Lawrence M. Downey Fine Art Photography	Fine art photography
62	Trulew Jewels	Custom handmade Swarovski crystal jewelry & vinyl items
63	Dennis Farms	Maple syrup, nuts, candy, honey, and jelly
64-66	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
73	Best Ever Granola	Gluten-free vegan granola sweetened with pure PA maple syrup
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	Old Town Wind Bells	Cast bronze wind bells
80	LEAF FILTER	SPONSOR
81	Hang With Us	Seasonal door hangers
82	Gourmet Creations	Packaged veggie, cheesecake, & olive oil blends
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86	Wickywags	3-wick soy candles
87 & 92	North Crate & Co.	Solid oak & cherry furniture
88 & 89	Christy's Crafts	Handcrafted, hand painted original designs
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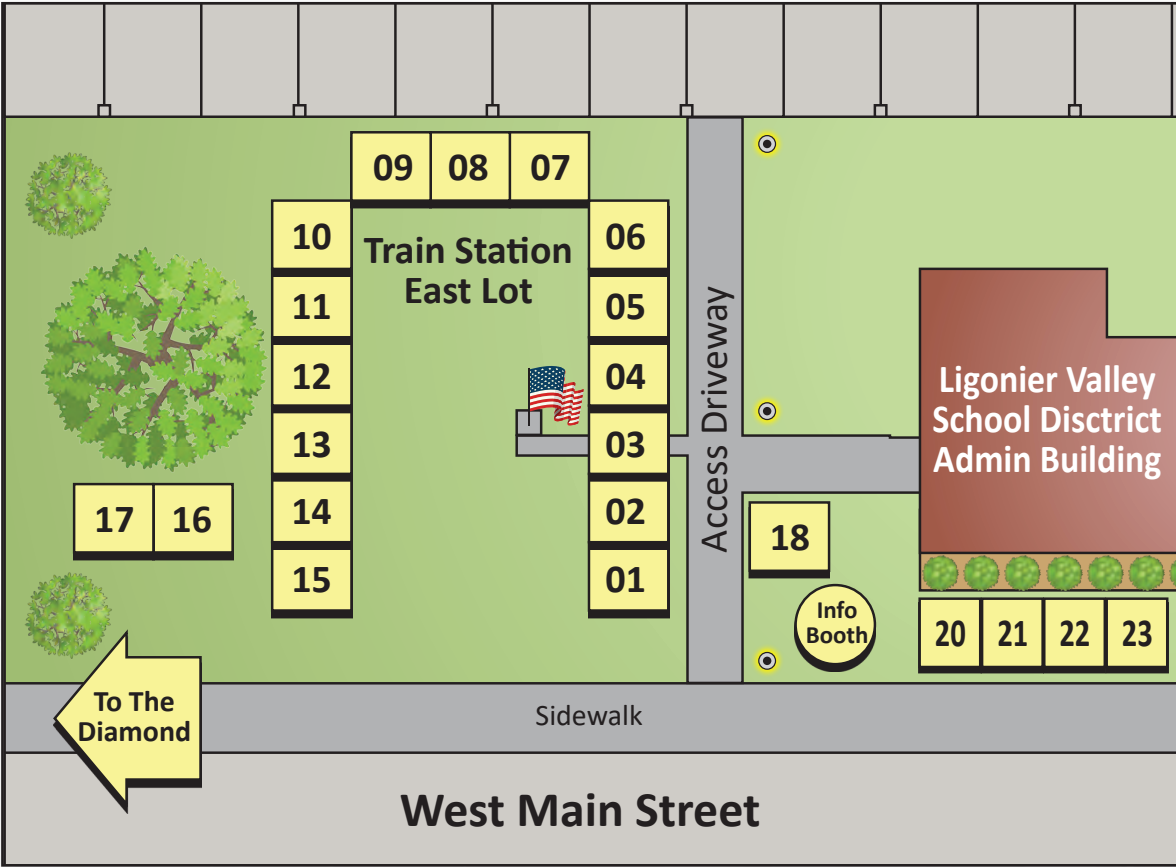
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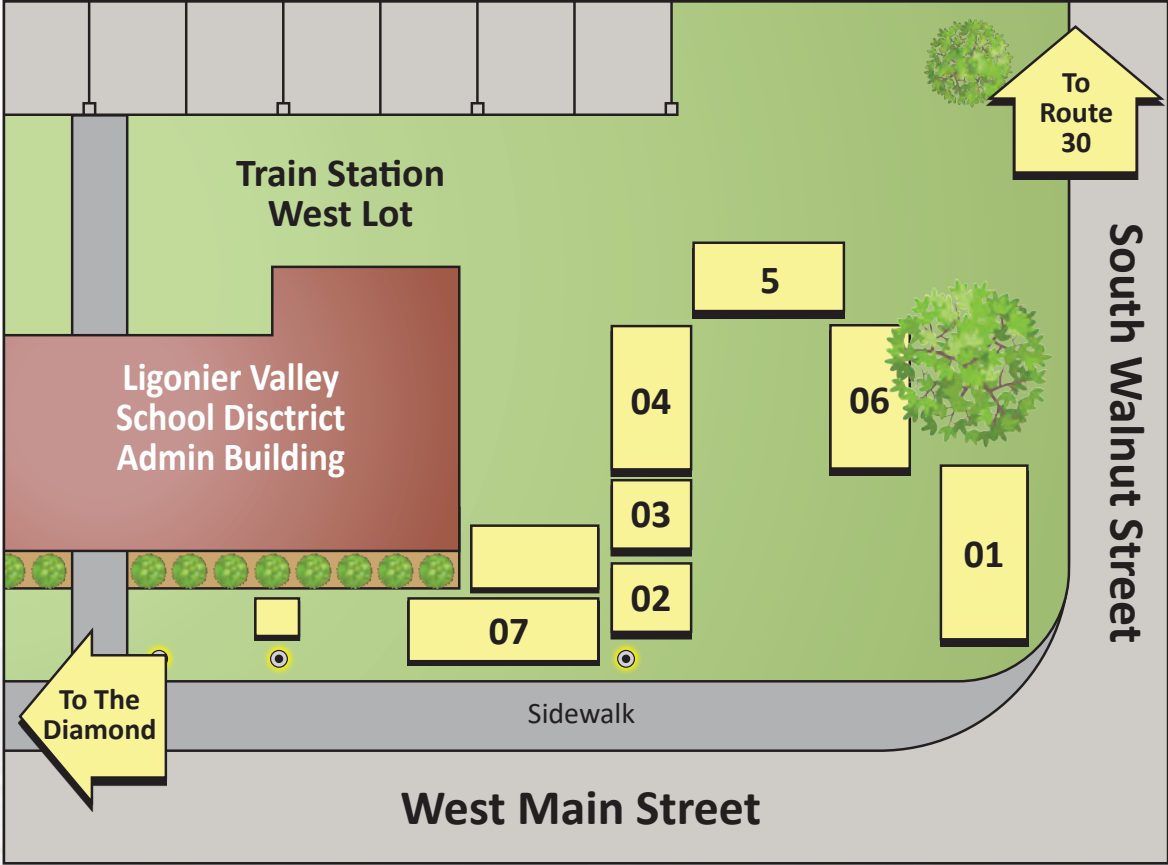
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01-03	Crago Concessions	Deep fried pumpkin rolls, gourmet Philly cheese steak, kielbasa & kraut, chicken tender baskets
04	Press House Coffee	Hot ciders, iced lattes, bottled expresso / cold brew, gift baskets
05	Nanny GOAT Olive Shop	Extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar
06	Gem Cookie Company / Bubba's Polish Foods	Cookies, pierogies, haluski, halupki
07 & 08	Jackson Concessions	Iced tea & pretzels
09	Aunt Carols Gourmet Dips	Dry packets of savory, sweet, & oil dip
10	Cookies & Candies by Christy	Fresh made cookies, chocolates, pumpkin rolls, cocoa bombs
11	Gone Glacier	Freeze dried candies, treats and more
12	Keystone Cultures Co.	Kombucha
13	Hughes Farm & Apiaries	Honey
14	Cinnaroast	Cinnamon roasted almonds, pecans, cashews & peanuts
15	Soldier Boy Beef Jerky	Beef jerky
16	512 Coffee and Ice Cream	World famous 512 banana split, home made ice cream, lemonade and coffee
17	The Creamery at Pleasant Lane Farms	Local award winning cheese
18	Lilac Love	Photo camper
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BOOTH	BUSINESS NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
01	The Pickled Chef	Gourmet grilled cheese
02	The Gray Goose	Wagyu smash burgers, tuna tacos, kettle chips, baklava
03	The Corn Cobbler	Mexican street corn: roasted sweet corn seasoned your way!
04	Carmine's Pizza & Pasta	Pizza, sausage and meatball sandwiches, cannoli
05	The BBQ Buggy	Old fashioned BBQ
06	Donut NV	Donuts
07	Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association	Old fashioned soda wagon



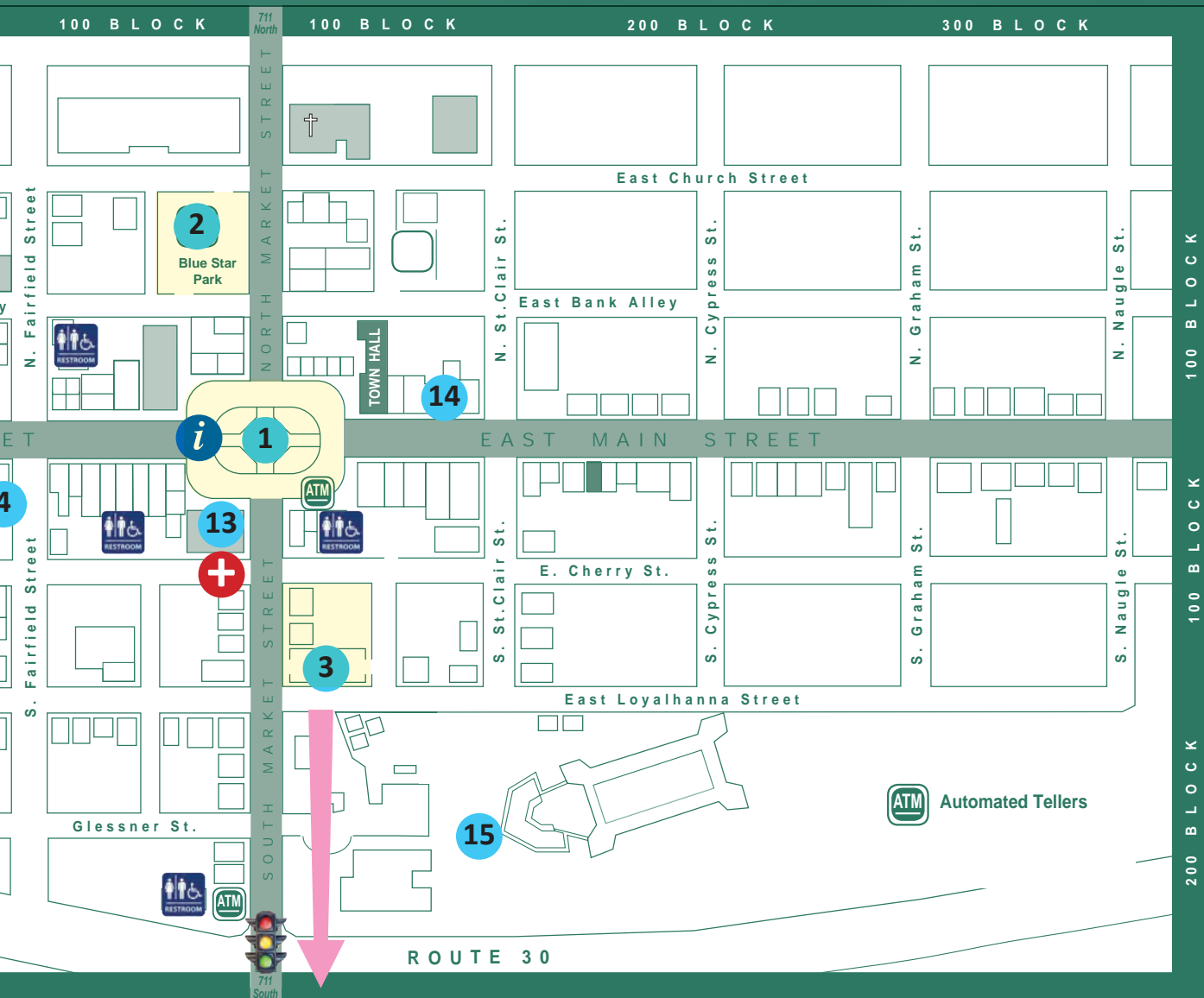
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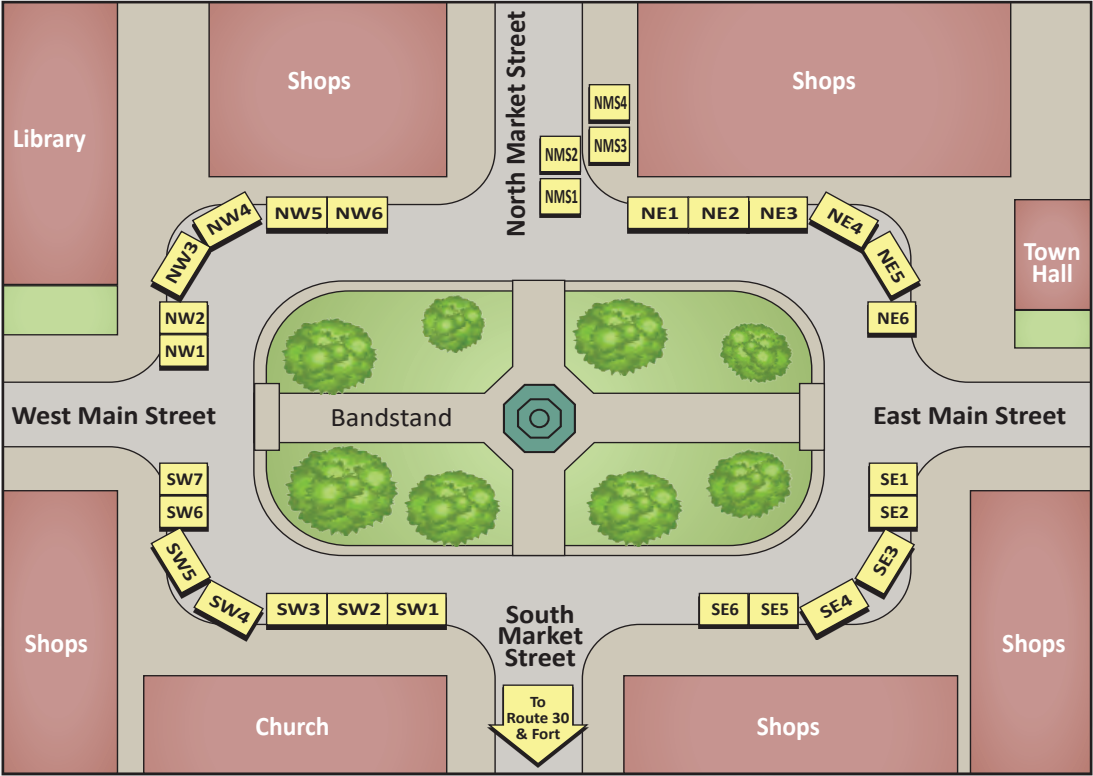
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7. **Wine & Spirits Lot**
Official Vendor Lot

8. **LVSD Administration Building Lawn**
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11. **St. James Lutheran Church**
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12. **Pioneer Presbyterian Church**
Food and beverages available
13. **Heritage United Methodist Church**
will host its annual Pancake Breakfast Friday and Saturday. Mutual Aid's First Aid Station is located in the Church basement.
14. **Parade Reviewing Stand**
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15. **Fort Ligonier**
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16. **Mack Darr Stage**
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NMS2	Simply Good	Apple dumplings & donuts
NMS3	TRIB TOTAL MEDIA	SPONSOR
NMS4	OAKS ROOFING & SIDING	SPONSOR
NE1	Darlington VFD	Roast beef sandwiches, fresh cut fries
NE2	Jaffre's Restaurants	Street tacos, Jerk chicken mac & cheese, famous fish, Arancini skewers
NE3	Gosia's Pierogies	Homemade pierogies in many flavors
NE4	Marilyn's Kitchen	Homemade gnocchi, meatball subs, stuffed hot peppers
NE5	3 Rivers Concessions	Smoked turkey legs, hot dogs, corn dogs, kielbasa, and more!
NE6	Sandhill Berries	Fruit pies, cobblers, crisps, sundaes, shortcakes, and more!
SE1	Patti's Pastries	Jumbo homemade cream filled cupcakes & lady locks
SE2	Rescue Dogs	Specialty hot dogs
SE3	Dark Side Coffee Roasters	Freshly brewed coffee, iced coffee, iced lattes
SE4	Hoshi	Hibachi, mahi mahi, steak, salmon, scallops
SE5	Out of the Fire Café	Burgers, pulled pork, corn & mushroom soup
SE6	Ligonier Twp 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	Antiochian Village	Lamb & chicken gyros
SW7	Boy Scouts of America	Ham BBQ, hot dogs, hot ham & swiss, soft pretzels, nachos, donuts, water & soda
NW1	Fairfield Boys Club	Hot sausage sandwiches, Indian corn
NW2	Big Black Grill BBQ	BBQ pulled pork, baby back ribs, hot sausage, BBQ 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



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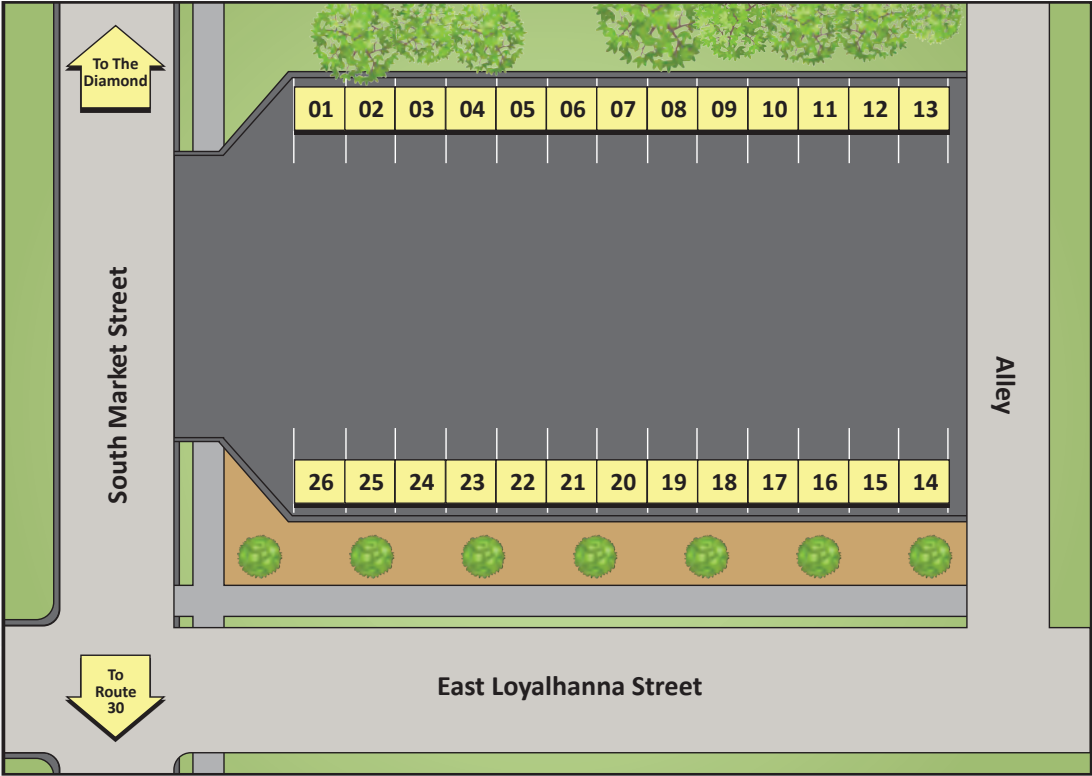
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01	Leathercrafter	Leather belts, bags, and accessories
02	Trezana Jewelry	Silver jewelry and copper & bronze art with clay gemstones
03	Grandma Jean's Pennsylvania Kitchen	Natural soap and bath products
04	Jeanne Marie Jewelry	Hand crafted beaded jewelry, 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	Custom framed hand-drawn pencil sketches & sports memorabilia
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 fresheners, wax melts, soap, aftershave, linen sprays, and bath bombs
14	C.S. Artistic Designs	Handcrafted wood products
15	Kelsey James Art	Canvas paintings and paintings on repurposed vinyl records
16	Michele Fleming	One-of-a-kind birdhouses and home decor
17	The Electric Booth	Figure lamps made from repurposed items, electrical components, and steel pipe
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 Metal Art	Handcrafted aluminum signs with a positive message
24	Dan Stanley Art	Colored pencil drawings

BOOTH	BUSINESS NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
25	Chris Deighan Art	Freehand ink drawings on a variety of materials or laser burned into wood
26	Nuckelberry	Readifeeder - wild bird seed solid seed bird feeder
27	Dear Rosie Designs	Handmade little girls twirly dresses and hair accessories
28 & 29	Pittsburgh Custom Wine Barrels Co.	Home furnishings from expired wine and whiskey barrels
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 many items
33	Modtique Boutique	Upcycled antiques, lamps, & painted furniture
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	Photographs taken with a telescope and camera
40	Vessel Studio Glass	Contemporary glass vessels and seasonal glass decor
41	Laurel Treasures	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 painted antique books, cans, teapots, axes, etc.
46 & 47	Canine Confections	Homemade dog & cat treats and pet accessories
48	Stitch Chicks Custom Designs LLC	Custom embroidered items
49	Little Dippers	Dip mixes, wine slushies, & chicken wing mixes
50	Action Awards by Kogut	Roasted almonds, pecans, peanuts & cashews
51 & 52	Zenspire Designs	Intricate hand drawn designs on stickers
53	Geology Jewelers	All natural minerals, fossils, jewelry, meteorites, and more
54	Hobaugh Custom Woodworking	Custom wooden furniture
55	The Toffee House	Almond English toffee
56	Burn Brothers Candle Co	Soy candles poured in a variety of mediums
57	Yellow Brick Kids	High quality products for children that encourage free movement and play
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	The Chocolate Moonshine Fudge & Truffle	Infused fudge and truffles
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



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01	Wind & Fire Chimes	Copper and bronze cattail wind chimes
02	Freedom Girls	Unique home décor
03	Tender Blossoms	Wool hats, scarves, flowers
04 & 05	Kate Laine Jewelry	Handcrafted jewelry
06	Emilytrends	Handmade jewelry using nickel free metals & Swarovski crystals
07	A.O.K. Accents	Hairbows and home decor
08	Beef Jerky Experience	Beef jerky
09	She Shed Night Lights	Handmade stained glass night lights
10 & 11	Pittsburgh Fudge	Homemade fudge, cookies, and chocolates
12	Fashionably Chic Baby	Handmade sewn items
13	Mary’s Bears	Personalized teddy bears
14	Barshell Designs	Handmade leather bracelets, rings, and necklaces
15	Fussy Cuts Papery	Shimmer cardstock twirled into plants.
16	Lake Erie Variety	Laser engraved and laser cut home decor
17	The Grumpy Farmer	Homemade soy wax candles & tart melts
18	Zeiders & Co. Gemz	One-of-a-kind jewelry with a Celtic specialty and steampunk flair
19	RiverRat Yarn	Indie dyed yarn, fiber, hand-spun yarn, and woven wearables
20	Heidi Kerchensky	Hand-painted wood crafts & crochet scarves
21	Petyk Customs	Wood cutting boards, serving trays, coasters
22	GA Custom Blades	Handmade custom cutlery and blacksmithed items
23 & 24	Huckle Bee Farms	Organic raw honey & craft honey infused with different fruits & veggies
25	K&S Treasures	Clocks cut from vinyl records
26	Herold’s Original Kettle Corn	Kettle corn

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01	Designs by Agi	Hand decorated clothing & accessories
02	It's in the bag	Handmade scrapbooks
03	Steel City Salt Company	Locally made blends, salt infusions, flavors & rubs
04 & 05	The Oldelathe	Turned wood pens, bowls, trays & decorative items
06	Schmoopsie Couture	Dog collars, leashes, neckties, bowties, kerchiefs & more
07	Up and a WAY Designs	Refashion used burlap coffee sacks from various countries into items
08	Treasures In Glass	Stained & Fused Glass
09	Astro Vinyl Art	Hand carved art made from upcycled records
10	Red Maple Fine Crafts	Hand thrown pottery
11 & 12	Karen's Country Collections	Country furniture & home decor
13	True Honey Teas	Craft teas with delicious honey granules
14	Fearless Sparrow Creations LLC	Whimsical handmade felt and fabric gnomes
15	The Neighborgoods	Tea towels, aprons, onesies, and more
16 & 17	Ed's Art Glass	Fused glass jewelry
18	Belle Farm	Goat milk soap made with mile from our own goats
19	Designs for Dolls	Handmade American Girl Doll clothes and accessories
20	Fairfield KC	Hanson's Original Kettle Korn
21	Little E's Pizzeria	Pizza, nachos with pizza dip, caprese salad, Italian hoagies, homemade donuts, bottled house dressings

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Bandstand (On the Diamond)

1:30pm-3:00pm- Side Effects

4:00pm-6:00pm- East Coast Turnaround

Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street)

10:00am-1:00pm- Shirley Dragovich

2:00pm-5:00pm- BookEndz: Tim Bush & Gary Stewart

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Bandstand (On the Diamond)

1:30pm-3:00pm- Full Kilt

4:00pm-6:00pm- Dystopia

Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street)

9:00am-11:00am- Meredith Holliday

1:00pm-5:00pm- Wayne Shaffer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Bandstand (On the Diamond)

10:30am-12:00pm- Detention

1:00pm-2:30pm- HiDef

3:00pm-4:45pm- The Modelaires

Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street)

10:00am-1:00pm- Jane West & Joe Golden

2:00pm-5:00pm- Fuzz Hout

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BookEndz is an Acoustic duo from Greensburg, PA. Members include Tim Bush and Gary Stewart. Formed in 2007, they have performed at various venues throughout the Westmoreland County area. Their music consists of Classic Rock, Oldies, and Country, performing songs by Tom Petty, Eagles, America, Johnny Cash, just to name a few. They will be performing on the Mack Darr Stage at Fort Ligonier Days on Friday, October 11, 2024 from 2pm to 5pm. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of musical entertainment.

Shirley Dragovich “Gashouse Annie”.....

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 Pavillion, 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.



Side Effects Band is made up of 4 Musicians Rich Ressler of Latrobe, Rich Howard of Ligonier, Rich Kost of Greensburg & Cynthia Sexton Proctor of Greensburg. The Band plays a variety of cover songs with an emphasis on heavy Vocals as well as songs that cover many eras of Classic rock. The band also moves into the realm of great Fiddle songs by one of the finest fiddle players in the area. You will be entertained as our Fiddle player moves about the audience playing his tunes inviting folks to follow him on a musician journey. With Rich Ressler



on Drums & Percussion, Rich Kost on Bass Guitar & Vocals, Rich Howard on Guitar, Fiddle & Vocals and Cynthia Sexton Proctor on Keyboards, Piano & Vocals this Band has a total of 200 years of experience playing over the years.

Full Kilt Band

Full Kilt is a Celtic rock group formed in 2006. The band consists of four musicians. All members have been involved with various styles of music and played in various groups prior forming Full Kilt. They shared a common interest in Celtic music and decided to form a group.

The group members are:

Mandy Passmore-Ott... fiddle, whistles

Jake Yarnish... percussion

Chris Myers... bass guitar, vocals, guitar, percussion
(does it all!)

Mike Zerbee... guitar, banjo, and vocals.

The group performs a wide variety of traditional and current Celtic music. They cover such bands as, "Gaelic Storm", "Great Big Sea", and "Flogging Molly", in addition to performing original songs and original arrangements.

Full Kilt plays several local venues, including Molly Maguires, Altoona, and Johnstown Inn, Johnstown. The band also performed many events such as: Highland Games in Ligonier, 8 Great Tuesdays Concert series in Erie, Thunder in the Valley, Johnstown, Susquehanna Valley Celtic Music and Wine Festival, Sunbury, Pa., Potato Fest, Ebensburg, Mt. Pleasant Glass and Ethnic festival, and Summer Concert Series, Ebensburg.



In 2017 the band hosted a tour of Ireland with Epic Journeys, performing in Dublin, Derry, and Ennis.

Full Kilt has released three CDs. "Ride on Celtic Spirit", "Come Have a Drink with the Band", and "Celtic Crossover".

For future dates and performances, please check schedule on Full Kilt Band facebook page.

Dystopia

Founded in 2023, Dystopia is a classic rock band comprising five seasoned musicians hailing from the Pittsburgh area. With each member boasting decades of live performance experience, the band ignites stages with their hard-hitting, energetic, and unforgettable live shows.

Band members are

Jeff Fandel – Lead Vocals and Guitar,

Mike Granata – Bass and Vocals,

Mike Pavia – Drums,

John Potochnik – Lead Guitar

Jim Waggle – Keyboard and Vocals.

Their repertoire spans the decades, offering a dynamic journey through classic rock hits from the 1960s to the 2000s. From the iconic anthems of the past to the timeless favorites, Dystopia brings audiences to their feet, inspiring impromptu sing-alongs and infectious dancing.

From the moment they take the stage, Dystopia captivates audiences with their undeniable musical



pro prowess. Their commitment to preserving the original essence of classic hits shines through in every note, from meticulously crafted arrangements to the rich tapestry of instrumental tones. With solid percussion, thundering basslines, and soaring vocals, Dystopia delivers a performance that resonates deeply with fans of all ages.

Their popularity is undeniable, with venues routinely reaching capacity and eager lines forming outside, all clamoring to experience the electrifying energy of a Dystopia performance. Yet, amidst their success, the band remains grounded in their love for music and their dedication to delivering excellence wherever they go.

For fans of classic rock and live music aficionados alike, Dystopia is a must-see act. Don't miss the opportunity to witness their musical magic firsthand at their next event. Arrive early, secure your spot, and prepare to be transported on a nostalgic journey through the greatest hits of rock 'n' roll history with Dystopia.



Singer songwriter

Meredith Holliday

has been gracing area stages for many years. Taking classic rock songs and, placing her own spin on them while still staying true to the original versions. Meredith is also, an original and founding member of Sweet Judy's, a tribute to Crosby, Stills, and Nash.

Wayne Shaffer

Wayne Shaffer is thrilled to return for his 6th year of playing his guitar at Fort Ligonier Days! Please stop and visit him at the West End Music Stage on Saturday, October 12th, immediately following the Fort Ligonier Days Parade until 5:00 PM! Over the past 11 years, as a plugged-in acoustic guitarist and solo singer, Wayne, has chosen to perform the classic signature songs from the 1960's throughout the decades of his musical memories. If the air waves of memories could talk, they would say, "Wayne", play me the tunes of the... Eagles, Beatles, Keith Urban, King Harvest, DeBurgh, S&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! "It's alright to have a good time... from the time when music was fine!"



HiDef

HiDef is a Local Greensburg based high energy entertainment band. Paying tribute to the greatest rock bands of all time. Seasoned professionals currently performing at local venues featuring full night shows with material that consists of fun, recognizable radio, garage style rock tunes made to keep people dancing.'

HiDef consists of

Chris "Bam" Crawford Drums/Vocals
Jane "Zest" Termyna Vocals/Tambourine
Mark "Boom" Campagna Bass/Vocals
Dobie "Zing" Marquis Guitar/ Vocals.





playing that he asked Ug to replace one of his trumpet players on their tour. My grandfather apparently had a few such offers over the years, but he never took them instead opting not to travel in order to raise a family.

Ug and I are similar in many ways. We have similar facial features – there are some people who have actually thought that it's me in the pictures of The Modelaires from the 1950s. Likewise, we have a love of similar styles of music. We both also emerged as unlikely band leaders. Though unassuming, my grandfather was often called the "Captain" of the original Modelaires by his bandmates and I led Neon Swing X-perience for 24 years when no one else wanted the role.

But, we are also different in many ways. Ug knew a lot about cars and I don't. Similarly, he was a handyman that could fix anything while I am not good with things like that. He also was a little more reserved onstage than I am, though to be fair I never saw him perform in his youth. I've never served in the military and he enlisted in the Navy. But, most related to this band, he was a damn good trumpet player and vocalist – way better than I am.

I am not putting my name in front of The Modelaires because of ego. Rather, the opposite. I don't expect us to replicate what my grandfather and his band did. We are unable to. So, instead, we are reforming under the name "Mike Urick and The Modelaires" to differentiate ourselves from the original group while creating a bridge to their style.

I was mulling over the idea of restarting The Modelaires for years when I finally got motivated to do it. Around the same time that I made this decision, one of the musicians who played with my grandfather passed on The Modelaires box of music to me, sorted and organized just as neatly as I would have expected from my grandpap. When I opened it, I was shocked to see all of the different styles that were included in The Modelaires show. From traditional jazz, to Italian favorites, to polkas, to classic country, to modern rock: they did it all with their trademark style. I recently started playing the trumpets that my grandfather used onstage, and it feels as though these instruments should once again perform songs from The Modelaires repertoire.

I've collected an ensemble of musicians that can build on The Modelaires' passion for music and evolve it to resonate with today's listeners. We're not going to play everything note-for-note the way the original Modelaires did, but we are going to pay homage to their legacy. I hope that this tribute would make my grandfather proud.

The **Modelaires** was a dance band that performed from the 1940s through 2010s. In 2022, the grandson of a founding member is bringing it back!

My earliest memory of hearing The Modelaires was when I was about four years old. I was listening to my grandfather, Mike "Ug" Cilli, sing a song at a church festival in Jeannette, PA. I was so moved that I started to cry. This was probably also my first ever experience with live music. Throughout the next twenty years, I would continue to see The Modelaires as often as I could.

Since that first show, Ug introduced me to many different types of music. I remember listening to Louis Armstrong, Louis Prima, the Mills Brothers, and other artists from that era in his car on our drives back and forth from school. It was a special treat when he would pop in a cassette of newly recorded music from The Modelaires.

I wish that I paid more attention to the stories he told me about the early days of the band during those car rides. But, in truth, he was a very humble person and probably left out a lot of the details about the accolades he and his band received.

What I gathered from the stories that he told me was that he helped to form the band in the early 1940s but took a short break when members enlisted during World War II. The Modelaires performed throughout western Pennsylvania and beyond in their heyday. They disbanded shortly after my grandfather passed away.

I found out more from others who were there. Like how he fixed an upright bass just in time for a show after it was seemingly irreparably damaged en route to a gig. Or about the story of when The Modelaires were playing in a lounge next to the theater where the Harry James Orchestra was playing one night. Harry James, the famous trumpet player, stopped in to hear The Modelaires after his show and was so impressed with my grandfather's

Detention - Acoustic Duo

Jane and Mandi have been performing together for over 19 years. From the inception of forming this acoustic duo, Mandi and Jane have developed their own unique blend of musical talent and humor to delight their audiences. They are excited to return to perform at Ligonier Days this year on Sunday, October 13, 2024.
For more information:
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All of whom were my earliest influences.
I will be performing at the Mack Darr Stage on Sunday from 2-5.

Performing together since 2015,

Jane West & Joe Golden

first met back in the late nineties when Joe was Jane’s first guitar teacher. They reconnected back in Ligonier, PA years later at one of Joe’s gigs and the rest is history...

These days the two perform as an acoustic duo focusing on, but not limited to, Americana classics: Joe’s multi-string talents (guitar, banjo, and fiddle) go from laid back strummin’ to high energy pickin’, complimenting Jane’s relaxed, yet, engaging vocals.

In addition to their duo, Jane and Joe each perform solo and featured musicians in multiple music opportunities all over western Pennsylvania and beyond!

Learn more about Jane’s music and other performances at noteastmusic.com
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For decades, community residents have helped protect and preserve this 18th century landmark

that changed world history. Great care and planning have taken place over the years to achieve historical accuracy and authenticity of the reconstructed fort.

By the turn of 20th century, the ruins of Fort Ligonier were long gone, and only memories of the log bastion remained. But those lingering memories inspired John Jacob Hughes to purchase a parcel of land in 1927 where part of Fort Ligonier had originally been located.

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Hughes presented the property deed to the William Kenly Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which, in 1931, purchased an adjoining lot. In 1934, the DAR erected a monument, now located in front of the museum, to commemorate the site of Fort Ligonier. Houses and structures on Loyalhanna Street surrounded the two preserved lots and covered much of the original fort grounds. In 1946, the newly formed Fort Ligonier Memorial Foundation (now the Fort Ligonier Association), began to see how additional property could be acquired and historical research conducted to reconstruct Fort Ligonier. The effort to rebuild the fort could not have been accomplished without the community's support.

Architect Charles M. Stotz led the first phase of Fort Ligonier's reconstruction from 1949-54 and 1964-69. The first sections of the reconstructed fort opened to the public in 1954.

From 1960-65, local pharmacist and archaeologist Jacob Grimm directed the largest archaeological project of Fort Ligonier yet completed. His dedicated efforts uncovered thousands of incredible artifacts found preserved by an old stream bed discovered near the Fort. Today, Fort Ligonier's Museum displays many of the artifacts found by Grimm along with a fascinating French and Indian War Collection.

Reconstruction efforts expanded in the mid-1990s when additional original fort property



became available, and Brad Mooney with Heritage Restorations added the fascine battery, outer retrenchments, officer's houses, and structures in the lower historic area. Another important part of reconstructing Fort Ligonier and sharing the stories of the British army community – that at one point numbered more than 5,000 people, was recreating the artillery train and wagons that you see on the fort grounds today. During the Fort Ligonier Days weekend, (Saturday and Sunday) the loud booms of cannon fire will be heard echoing throughout Ligonier as cannons from the artillery train are used for historical demonstrations to commemorate the October 12, 1758 attack on Fort Ligonier.





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The real definition of a parade is what takes place at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, October 12, 2024, moving down Main Street in Ligonier, Pa.

It's the central event of Fort Ligonier Days — a Western Pennsylvania autumn ritual that both spectators and participants have looked forward to for over half a century.

It's BIG!

50 to 60,000 people will pack Main Street's picturesque mile of tree-lined pavement to watch it. They will crowd around the bandstand

and buildings of Ligonier's beautiful Diamond, at the halfway point, to enjoy a seemingly endless stream of high school, college and civic marching bands, 18th and 19th century military re-enactors, community floats, the ever popular Shriner units, antique and exotic cars, vintage commercial and military vehicles, tractors, wheeled novelties, surprises galore.

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If you love marching bands you can look forward to the high energy performance of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania band — now in its second century of representing IUP. You'll also see some of the biggest and most storied

high school bands from Western Pennsylvania and beyond, such as the Butler High School Golden Tornadoes; the fabled "Mohigans" of Morgantown High School, in West Virginia; the Franklin Regional High School Panthers, and popular units from Westmoreland and adjoining counties. A large band from Trinity Christian School, in North Versailles, will be making its first appearance in the parade, and units like the massed drummers of the Pittsburgh Steel line and the pipers of the Pittsburgh Firefighters Memorial band will add to the excitement.

Come early, hit the food booths, find a spot, and get ready to enjoy a small town's biggest parade — one that vibrantly defines what a parade is all about.



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Performer Bio

Bill Ochester as Dr. Benjamin Franklin

Beginning in 1998, after retiring from a demanding 20-year career as a Physician Assistant in Cardiothoracic surgery, Bill decided to follow his lifelong passion for 18th-century American colonial history. He joined the Fourth Legionary Corps, a Revolutionary War living history group, and started working as a historic tour guide in Old City Philadelphia. Additionally, he dedicated three years to educating at the esteemed National Constitution Center in the same city.

During this period, he collaborated with various historical character interpreters, fully embracing the educational power of presenting history in the first-person narrative. In late 2004, Bill commenced his portrayal of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, in preparation for the latter's 300th birthday celebration in 2006.

Bill has since been actively engaged in portraying Dr. Franklin. His striking resemblance to Dr. Franklin has enhanced his performances, and he remains committed to mastering and sharing the extensive details of this eminent American figure's life.

In addition to school and historical society visits, Bill has made presentations at the National Constitution Center, Independence Hall (for the National Park Service), Christ Church, Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, and the University of Pennsylvania. He is an active Freemason and serves as Chaplain in his Lodge.

Every July 4th, he joins Thomas Jefferson and John Adams in a poignant reading of the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Prior to this engagement, he regularly participated in the National Independence Day Parade in our Nation's capital city. Bill has also contributed to several PBS channel film projects and continues to travel nationwide to enlighten the public about the life and contributions of this key American personage



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Friday, October 11

9am	Crafters, Food Vendors, & Wine & Spirits Booths open
10am	Fort Ligonier opens Experience the historic site that inspired the festival! (regular admission fees apply)
10am	Local merchant sidewalk sales open
10am–1pm	LIVE MUSIC: Shirley Dragovich Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Rock, Country, Blues, Acoustic
12pm	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY On the Diamond
1:30–3pm	LIVE MUSIC: Side Effects Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) Southern & Classic Rock Fiddle Music
2–5pm	LIVE MUSIC: BookEnds: Tim Bush & Gary Stewart Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street)
4–6pm	LIVE MUSIC: East Coast Turnaround Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) Trucker Rock
5pm	Fort Ligonier Closes
6pm	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths close

Saturday, October 12

9am	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths open
9–11am	LIVE MUSIC: Meredith Holliday Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Acoustic Guitar
10am	Fort Ligonier opens Fort Ligonier Encampment & Living History Activities throughout the day. FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN 17 & UNDER (regular admission fees for adults)
10am	Local merchant sidewalk sale open
11am	GRAND PARADE East and West Main Streets
1:30–3pm	LIVE MUSIC: Full Kilt Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) Celtic
1:30pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
1–5pm	LIVE MUSIC: Wayne Shaffer Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Acoustic Guitar
3:30pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
4–6pm	LIVE MUSIC: Dystopia Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) Classic Rock
5pm	Fort Ligonier closes
6pm	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths close

Sunday, October 13

8:30am	5K run begins at Ligonier Valley High School
8:33am	5K walk begins at Ligonier Valley High School
10am	Fort Ligonier opens Fort Ligonier Encampment & Living History Activities throughout the day. FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN 17 & UNDER (regular admission fees for adults)
10am–1pm	LIVE MUSIC: Jane West & Joe Golden Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Acoustic Guitar
10am	Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths open
10am	Local merchant sidewalk sales open
10:30am–12pm	Live Music: Detention Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) Acoustic 70's
1pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
1–2:30pm	LIVE MUSIC: Hi Def Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) High Energy Rock
2–5pm	LIVE MUSIC: Fuzz Hout Mack Darr Stage (West Main Street) Acoustic Guitar
3–4:45pm	LIVE MUSIC: Modelaires Bandstand Main Stage (On the Diamond) Horns
3pm	Artillery & Historical Demonstrations at Fort Ligonier
5pm	Fort Ligonier Closes Crafters, Food Vendors, and Wine & Spirits Booths close
5pm	OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY On the Diamond
5:30pm	Carillon Concert Calvary United Methodist Church



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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