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what is family and morale, welfare & recreation?

In 1940 a branch within the Army was established known as the Morale Division which later became known as “Special Services”. Family and MWR is a group of men and women who provide support and leisure activities to our Soldiers (active duty, Reserve, and Guard) their Families, military retirees, and civilian employees. Currently working in Family and MWR are approximately 37,000 employees worldwide and their mission is to deliver quality programs to Soldiers and their Families.
Christmas tree on our cover this month is decorated in a festive patriotic theme. The tree resides in the home of a retired Colonel and his Family from Carlisle Barracks. Many of the ornaments capture a memory from the places where this family has lived and visited. At this time of year we give thanks to our Military Families around the world for their service to our nation.

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Brakes really aren’t optional equipment and taking care of them isn’t optional either.

A regular brake inspection is on every car’s maintenance schedule. An inspection will check your brake system and let you know if there are any problems. Of course, if you’re having trouble with your brakes, get your car into a service center right away. And watch out for these problems:

- Low or spongy brake pedal
- Hard brake pedal
- A brake warning light that stays on
- Constantly squealing or grinding brakes
- Vibrations or clunking sounds when you apply your brakes

There are two types of brakes: disc and drum. Disc brakes have a rotor that’s attached to the axle. Calipers straddle the rotor, kind of like the brakes on a bicycle. Drum brakes are more common on back wheels. Pads, called shoes, push against the inside of the drum to slow the vehicle.

There are several things that need to be serviced on the brake system. First, the brake pads and shoes wear out with use, and become too thin to really help. If the brake pads wear away completely you can damage the rotors. The calipers can grind grooves in the rotor. Then the rotor must either be resurfaced or replaced and that can be expensive. But putting it off is dangerous because your vehicle won’t stop as quickly. Sometimes rotors warp or crack and must be replaced.

Brake fluid is also important. When the brakes are applied, the pressure in the fluid activates the brake pads or shoes. Not enough fluid, not enough pressure to brake properly. Also, water builds up in the brake fluid over time, which leads to corrosion, leaks and brake damage, and with hard use, the brakes could severely fade or even fail. You should change the brake fluid when your manufacturer recommends it.

There are different grades of brake pads. There are regular, metallic and ceramic – higher grades cost more, but give better braking performance and smoother operation. It’s OK to upgrade your brake pads. But, never use a grade that’s lower than what the manufacturer recommends.

Be sure to properly maintain your brakes to stay safe on the road.
WINNERS!

2014 BEST IN THE VALLEY

Boiling Springs Tavern
Place to EAT

Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse
ATTENTION

American Artisans Gallery
Place to SHOP

Shippen Place
Place to SLEEP

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MORALE WELFARE & RECREATION
DIRECTORY

MWR PROGRAMS
Directorate of Family & MWR
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Carlisle, PA 17013
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
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(Except during youth bowling Nov
Mar from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.)
Sun 1:00-8:00 p.m.
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Carlisle, PA 17013
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Golf Course
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Carlisle, PA 17013
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CYS Division Chief
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CYS Central Registration
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School Liaison Officer
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Youth Center
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Youth Sports
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Carlisle, PA 17013
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313 Lovell Avenue
Carlisle, PA 17013
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Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
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USAHEC Catering
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Carlisle, PA 17013
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Annville, PA
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Located next to the Splash Zone pool.
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Open when Tiki Bar is closed for inclement weather.
Joint Pub
Thurs-Fri 4:00-10:00 p.m.
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Legal Office
717-245-4115
Post Exchange/Class VI
717-243-2463
Post Office/USPS
717-245-4245
Optical Shop, PX
717-249-5150
Police Desk
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Police Desk
717-245-4115
Motorcycle Registration
717-245-4115
Veteran
717-245-4168

SEASON GREETINGS
December is
National Drunk, Drugged Driving Prevention Month

HAY A SAFE HOLIDAY PARTY:
Always know who is driving - make sure the designated drivers have plenty of non-alcoholic drinks
Serve food
Obey the law - never serve anyone who is under 21 or is already intoxicated
Signs of impairment can include lack of coordination, aggressive behavior, very talkative, very indifferent, and slurred speech
Offer Safe Rides - provide taxi company numbers or have a designated driver available

For additional information contact Army Substance Abuse at 245-4756

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THEATER

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre – Lancaster, PA
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Discover the true meaning of Christmas as you go back in
time with Ebenezer Scrooge and the Ghosts of Christmas Past,
Present and Future. This is the Charles Dickens’ story you know
and love but like you’ve never seen before!

2013 CHRISTMAS SHOW
American Music Theater – Lancaster, PA
800-648-4102, www.amtshow.com
The First Noel, more enchantment and Splendor than the North
Pole Itself.

GEORGE BALANCHINE’S THE NUTCRACKER
at Hershey Theater
December 21-22
Saturday: 1 pm & 5 pm, Sunday: 2 pm
Performed by the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet

ART SHOWS

FIRST SATURDAY: Art in Carlisle
December 7, 10 am – 5 pm
Visit three simultaneous fine art shows all in the first block of
North Hanover Street in Carlisle. The Garden Gallery, Nancy
Stamm’s Galleria and Haverstick Gallery & Studios.

THE ART OF CHRISTMAS IN MT GRETKNA
The Gallery at La Cigale, Mt Gretna
December 14, 11 am – 5 pm
A festive Christmas celebration in quaint Mt. Gretna. Seasonal
refreshments and an abundance of fine art gift ideas. www.
GalleryAtLaCigale.com

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at Village Artisans Gallery,
Boiling Springs
December 1, 1 pm – 4 pm
Sculptor Diane Troutman will showcase her handcrafted Santas
to usher in the holiday season.

FAMILY

BOILING SPRINGS TREE LIGHTING
Children’s Lake, Boiling Springs
December 1, 5:30 pm
Visit the charming village of Boiling Springs where Santa arrives
by boat! 400 luminaries are lit around the lake, the luminaries
are lit Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings throughout the
holiday season and from December 23 through January first
they are lit every night.

HERSHEY SWEET LIGHTS
A winter wonderland awaits at Hershey Sweet Lights, A Holiday
Drive-Thru Spectacular. Enjoy nearly 600 illuminated, animated
displays from the comfort of your car as you drive through two
miles of wooded trails. Families return year after year for this
holiday tradition. Admission is charged.

HERSHEY PARK CHRISTMAS CANDYLANE
The magic of the holidays comes to life at Hersheypark
Christmas CANDYLANE. With two million twinkling lights, rides
for all ages, and festive decorations there is something for all to
enjoy! Visit Santa at his Candy Cottage or even join him and Mrs
Claus for breakfast.

Sing along with the heart-warming Christmas show or visit
Santa’s reindeer and quaint village shops. Christmas Candylane
features many attractions for guests of all ages including over 30
rides including the family-favorite, Twilight Express.

WHITAKER CENTER
Holiday Trains and Trees Display
Through January 1
A variety of beautifully decorated trees will rekindle memories of
holidays past. Children of all ages will be delighted by themed
toy train sets and hands-on activities. Free with Science Center
admission. You can also view these 3d movies located in the
IMAX theater at the Whitaker Center.

The Polar Express IMAX 3d Experience
Santa vs the Snowman IMAX 3d Experience

Visit www.whitakercenter.org for more info about holiday events.
After retiring from the military at the AWC, my husband Neil and I knew this was the place we wanted to call home. The area’s diversity of cultural events and activities provides a rich environment for families and singles alike. We are located a few hours from many major cities including Washington DC, Baltimore, New York City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

If you would like more information why our area is so appealing to military families, give me a call. Perhaps my hometown will become your hometown.

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H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center presents

Tony Orlando’s Great American Christmas TUE | DEC 17, 2013 | 8 PM
Love Me Tender – The Premier Elvis Valentine’s Bash SAT | FEB 1, 2014 | 8 PM
MEMPHIS The Musical THU | FEB 6, 2014 | 7:30 PM
H.O.P.E. Diversity Scholarship Program THU | FEB 20, 2014 | 8 PM
An Evening With Herman Edwards – Lecture “Your Life Plan” THU | FEB 27, 2014 | 8 PM
Mandy Patinkin: Dress Casual with Paul Ford on Piano FRI | MAR 7, 2014 | 8 PM
The Music Of Ella & Ellington: starring Patti Austin & THU | MAR 13, 2014 | 8 PM
The Duke Ellington Orchestra SAT | MAR 15, 2014 | 11 AM & 2 PM
Women of Ireland SAT | MAR 22, 2014 | 8 PM
Diary of a Worm, a Spider & a Fly SAT | MAR 29, 2014 | 6-7:15 PM
An Evening with Don Williams SAT | MAR 29, 2014 | 8 PM
Circle of Friends Gala SUN | APR 6, 2014 | 3 PM
An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin WED | APR 16, 2014 | 7:30 PM
SU Spring Band Concert THU | APR 24, 2014 | 8 PM
Bring It On: The Musical SUN | APR 27, 2014 | 3 PM
The Ten Tenors on Broadway FRI | MAY 2, 2014 | 8 PM
SU Community Orchestra Spring Concert SAT | MAY 17, 2014 | 8 PM
NEW! Tickets ON SALE December, 16 – 11AM Brian Regan SAT | MAY 17, 2014 | 8 PM
NEW! Tickets ON SALE December, 16 – 11AM Ronnie Milsap SAT | MAY 31, 2014 | 7:30 PM
40/40 Vision Tour
The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie & The 5th Dimension featuring Florence LaRue

NEW! Tickets ON SALE December, 16 – 11AM Shippensburg Symphony Festival Series
Concert I: Shippensburg Symphony THU | JULY 10, 2014 | 7:30 PM
Steven Hough, pianist THU | JULY 17, 2014 | 7:30 PM
Concert II: Shippensburg Symphony Joshua Bell, violinist THU | JULY 24, 2014 | 7:30 PM
Concert III: Shippensburg Symphony & Chorus Guest vocalists

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Call the Luhrs Center Box Office at 717.477.SHOW
Order tickets online at luhrscenter.com
Mechanicsburg – Join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce from 10:30 pm until midnight as they count down to the New Year with an evening of music, food and fun before the dropping of the wrench.

Dillsburg – Activities for all ages from 4:30 pm to midnight. Enjoy famous Pickle Soup, fried pickles and a Pickle-Dip Chocolate Fountain at this pickle-themed celebration! An early pickle drop will be held at 7 pm when "Li’l Dill" will be dropped in conjunction with Ireland’s midnight. This celebration honors Dillsburg’s Irish founders while providing family fun for those who want to be in bed before midnight. Dance outdoors from 9 pm until midnight when the official Dillsburg Pickle will be dropped.

Carlisle - A family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration of the arts is held on New Year’s Eve on the streets of downtown Carlisle. Your admission ticket provides access to a mix of entertainment from country singer Payton Taylor, The Celtic Martins, featuring Irish and American fiddle tunes, Hancock ball room dance, Popcorn Hat Players stage show for the young and young at heart, Brad Crum, Elvis impersonator, Indie Rock band Ducky Duke and the vintage, local favorites Leblanc & Kissinger and so much more! Admission button may be purchased in advance. www.firstnightcarlisle.org

Harrisburg – The strawberry will drop again at Harrisburg’s New Year’s Eve celebration, an evening that is full of live entertainment, dancing and fireworks. The event takes place at Market Square but be sure to check out events planned all day throughout the city. Visit www.harrisburgrec.com or www.visithersheyharrisburg.org to find additional information about events as it is added.

Hershey – This free event is held at the intersection of Chocolate & Cocoa Avenues. Last year’s event had an estimated attendance of 12,000 people, who came out to enjoy lots of live entertainment. The band R5 will be the headliners this year and the night culminates in the raising of a giant Hershey’s Kiss and a grand fireworks display. www.hershey.com

Shippensburg - The annual “Drop the Anchor” New Year’s Eve celebration will be held at the square in downtown Shippensburg again this year. The local community comes together and activities are planned for all ages. Local merchants will be open and restaurants will be offering dinner specials.
**SPORTS – ☎ 245-4029**

**Fitness Classes:** Thorpe Fitness Center, 3rd Floor. Step and Strength, Combatives, Zumba, Yoga, Yoga for Athletes, Fitness Boxing, Tae Kwon Do, Ta Bo, Body Blast, and Pilates. All classes are FREE except Tae Kwon Do and Ta Bo.

**BARRACKS CROSSING FRAME STUDIO ☎ 245-3319**

**Holiday Framing Special:** 10% OFF any complete framing order. Offer good until Dec 17.

**Pottery Class:** 8 Week Adult Pottery Class (ages 18 and up) Every Tuesday (Jan 7-Feb 25). 10 am-12 pm or 1 pm-3 pm.

**Beginner Framing Classes:** Call for dates and times. Learn to frame your artwork in a small group environment (max. 4 per class). Cost: $50 (all supplies included).

**Automotive Detailing Service at Barracks Crossing Auto Shop:** Stop by and try our new auto detailing service with three packages to choose from. Make an appointment at 245-3156.

**LEISURE TRAVEL SERVICES ☎ 245-4048/3309**

**GET YOUR TICKETS AT THREE GREAT LOCATIONS:**

- Carlisle Barracks
  - 842 Sumner Road (located beside the Commissary)
- U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center (950 Soldiers Drive)
- Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club (9-65 Fisher Ave)

**Hersheypark Christmas Candylane:** Discount Tickets Available. Nov–Dec 2013. $11 per person ages 3+.

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra:** Dec 8, 7:30 pm show. $48 per ticket (save $3 + svc charge) Section 104 Rows T & S.

**Longwood Gardens:** Dec 13, $60 Adult, $59 Senior (62+) and $49 (child 5-18).

**Army/Navy Football Game:** Dec 14. SOLD OUT

**New York City “Day On Your Own”:** Dec 14, $48 per person. Must register by Dec 9.

**WWE Live Holiday Tour:** Dec 29, Giant Center, Hershey, PA. $35 per ticket. Section 105 rows Q–R–S.

**Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Show:** Jan 25. Garden State Convention Center, Somerset, NJ. $30 per person (transportation only). Registration required by Jan 17.

**Regal Cinema Discount Tickets:** Red Tickets $7 (Limited) and Blue Tickets $8 (premium). Not applicable to any 3D film. ($9.25 Regular cost at door).

**Baltimore Aquarium:** Discount tickets available.

**Discount Tickets for your Florida Vacation.**

**BOWLING – ☎ 245-4109**


**New Year’s Eve:** Family Party 7-9 pm $16.95 p/p. Late Party 10 pm-1 am $24.95 p/p.

**Thursday Night Fun League:** Begins Jan 9.

**Monday Night Mixed League:** Begins Jan 13.

**Saturday Night Cosmic Bowling:** Every Sat, 7–9 pm $9 p/p. Bowling, Cosmic Lights and Top 40 Hits

**Sunday Bottomless Bowling:** Sep 8 – Dec 22. Bowl from 1 pm to close for only $6.50 all day!

**Open Play Club:** Purchase a card for ONLY $10 and Bowl for $1 per game. Valid until Dec 31. Only good during Open Bowling.

**Birthday Parties:** Celebrate your birthday with us. Enjoy bowling, food, and friendship while leaving the set-up and cleaning to us.
Basketball Registration:
• Registration: 1 November - 13 December 2013.
• Season Begins Jan 3 & ends March 15, 2014.
• Registration fee: $40, $35 for any additional children.
• Volunteer coaches needed—receive free registration for one child
• Bantam League: K- 2nd Grade
• Elementary League: 3rd- 5th Grade
• Middle School (6th-8th) and High School (9th- 12th)
• Mini-camp: 10, 12, 13 December *mandatory for assessments

MST Ice Skating: December 7, Twin Ponds West, Meet at YS 1pm - Back at YS 4:30pm, $10 includes transportation, skate rental, & admission. For YS Members in 6th-12th Grades

MST Trip to Hershey Park Candy Lane: December 20, Leave YS at 4pm - Return to YS 10pm, Meals on your own, $11.

OUTDOOR REC - ☎ 245-4616
Tubing @ Ski Roundtop: Dec 27 from 9 am–2 pm. $40 per
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(includes transportation & lift ticket). Must register by: Dec 20.

Night Skiing: Dec 28.

Boating Safety Course: Jan 11. FREE. PA Fish & Boat Commission. 7 am–3 pm @ Post Chapel. Must register by: Jan 3.

Ski Trip: Jan 25. Liberty Mountain Ski Resort. 8 am–5 pm. All ages welcome. $79 (includes transportation & lift ticket). Ski rentals are available at the resort. Must register by: Jan 17.

Snowshoeing: Feb 8. Blue Knob State Park. 6 am–8 pm. Tubing and Downhill Skiing also available. $25 w/shoes and $20 w/o shoes. Includes Transportation. Must register by: Jan 31.


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UPCOMING EVENTS
Christkindlesmarkt Holiday Craft Bazaar: Dec 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: PA National Guard Armory Open to the Public
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Winter is a wonderful time to explore historic Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and all it has to offer. Once a powerful symbol of American Industrial manufacturing, the city has learned to change and grow after the devastating economic impact the closing of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation had on the community. Through a partnership of non-profit ArtsQuest, the City of Bethlehem, the Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority, Local Public Television and Sands BethWorks, which donated the land for the project, a plan was conceived to transform the manufacturing site into an arts and entertainment district that would be a showcase for music, art, festivals and educational programming.

Built in the shadow of the blast furnaces of the former Bethlehem Steel plant, the site has been reborn. SteelStacks offers more than 1,000 concerts and eight different festivals throughout the year. Musikfest is held in August and is one of the nation’s largest music festivals, with more than 500 performances on 15 stages. An authentic Oktoberfest is presented each October and includes live music, delicious German food, dachshund races and more. This time of year the Christkindlmarkt holiday market takes center stage at SteelStacks.

Over one million guests have come to enjoy the unique gift ideas and old world charm of Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem. The festival runs for six weeks, Thursday through Sunday and features more than 125 vendors each week. It has been recognized by Travel and Leisure Magazine as one of the top holiday markets in the world. Visit www.christmascity.org and click on the Christkindlmarkt tab to view a list of artisans and vendors. The website will also link you to the Historic Bethlehem site where you will find even more to enjoy in the Christmas City including horse drawn carriage rides, historical walking tours; holiday open houses and beautiful Christmas tree displays found around the city.

There are many family fun activities to enjoy while visiting Christmas City, USA. Stop by the ArtsQuest center at the SteelStacks complex and view the Gingerbread House Competition & Exhibit. Participants can enter traditional gingerbread structures such as Victorian, colonial, modern or cottage designs, or they can construct a Lehigh Valley gingerbread building representing famous architecture from the area. Student and Kids and Family designs round out the categories and there will be Gingerbread House Making demos featuring local artists the weekends of December 6-7 and December 13-14.

Why not start the day of your visit to Christmas City by joining St. Nicholas for breakfast? Kids and their families are invited to enjoy a fun-filled morning featuring Breakfast with St. Nicholas. A delicious hot breakfast, photo with St. Nick, admission to Christkindlmarkt, goodie bag, arts & crafts and more. At night SteelStacks is transformed into a holiday wonderland as the campus comes alive with the sights and sounds of Christmas. Visitors can enjoy the ArtsQuest Holiday Light Show while strolling along the walkways draped in holiday lights and 1930’s-era decorations dating back to the days when Bethlehem first became known as The Christmas City.

With so many things to see and do why not plan a weekend trip to the Lehigh Valley? Begin your planning at the Bethlehem Visitor Center, located in the beautifully renovated 1863 Stock House on the SteelStacks campus. The visitor center can provide information on SteelStacks, Bethlehem and an entire list of Lehigh Valley attractions including restaurants, hotels and events.

Visit www.steelstacks.org/visitorcenter for more information. Additionally the Sands Casino and Resort is located just blocks from the SteelStacks complex. The resort includes the Bethlehem Event Center host to shows, concerts, comedy and sporting events including boxing and MMA.
The resort offers fine dining including Emeril’s Chop House, an indoor Premium Outlet Mall that connects to both the casino and hotel at the Sands Casino Resort and a European Spa and Wellness center.

To embrace the historic Bethlehem experience, why not stay in the middle of it all? The Historic Hotel Bethlehem, located in downtown Bethlehem, has been restored to its original 1922 grandeur. Floor to ceiling palladium windows provide dramatic views to the historic shopping district. The hotel features several murals painted in 1937 by George Gray depicting the history of Bethlehem. The hotel stands on the site of the original cabin where early settlers named the city of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve in 1741.

If you plan on visiting Bethlehem over the holidays be sure to check out the two day family friendly PEEPSFEST™ New Year’s celebration, December 30-31, sponsored by JustBorn, Inc., makers of the famous marshmallow peeps. The fifth anniversary of this free festival will include live penguins, lovable sled dogs, kid friendly rock bands, bounce houses, family disco, arts and crafts, PEEPS® marshmallow treats to roast over fire pits and lots more! If you are looking for other kid friendly activities in the area look no further than the Crayola experience. Located in the heart of downtown Easton, Pennsylvania the birthplace of Crayola crayons, the Crayola Experience is fun for all ages and offers four floors of creativity with activities that encourage children to play, explore, and learn. Visit www.crayolaexperience.com to add this exciting venue to your visit to Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley.

**Historic Bethlehem Holiday Carriage Rides**
**Historic Bethlehem Visitor Center**
505 Main St. Bethlehem, PA 18018
Event Times: Nov. 29- Dec. 23 - Thursdays-Sundays, rides run every 20 minutes from 4-10 p.m. (No rides 7-7:20 p.m. for break). Dec. 26- Dec. 31 -Wednesday-Monday, rides run every 20 minutes from 4-10 p.m. (No rides 7-7:20 p.m. for break)

Enjoy a holiday tradition for locals and guests alike. These cozy, serene rides through beautiful downtown North Bethlehem are the perfect way to enjoy the lights, sights and sounds of “Christmas City, USA” with family, friends and loved ones. Admission Fee: $50 www.historicbethlehem.org

**Central Moravian Church Christmas Putz**
**Christian Education Building**
40 W. Church St. Bethlehem, PA 18018
Nov 29 - Dec 29
Before Christmas Hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 1-7 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sundays, 1-5 p.m. (Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)
After Christmas Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

The Christmas Putz is a retelling of the story of Christ’s birth through narration and music, while tiny lights illuminate each miniature scene. Putz is from the German word “putzen” meaning to decorate. The figures in Central’s Putz, many of them antiques of German origin, are displayed amidst live moss, driftwood and rocks. The building of a putz is unique to the Moravians and Bethlehem’s first settlers brought their figures with them when they settled here. The putz is in its 76th year of operation at Central Moravian Church.

Admission Free - (Donations welcomed)

**1750 Smithy Blacksmith Demonstrations**
425 Main Street Bethlehem, PA 18018
Admission Fee: Free, donations accepted
Nov. 29- Dec. 23 - Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dec. 26-30 - Thursday- Tuesday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Come see sparks fly at one of the most popular spots in “Christmas City, USA.” A visit to the Smithy includes live demonstrations and an explanation of this important trade in early Bethlehem, along with a bit of humor. www.historicbethlehem.org

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas**
**Christkindlmarkt**
Bethlehem PNC Plaza at SteelStacks
645 E. First St. Bethlehem, PA 18015
Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14

Kids and their families are invited to enjoy a fun-filled morning featuring jolly, old St. Nicholas. A delicious hot breakfast, photo with St. Nick, admission to Christkindlmarkt, goodie bag, arts & crafts and more are included.

Ticket prices: $14.95 for ages 11 and older, $11.95 for ages 2-10, $6.95 for ages under 2.
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Christmas City Village
Downtown Bethlehem
Friday & Saturdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

This authentic German Weihnachtsmarkt is located in the heart of Bethlehem’s historic downtown shopping district along Main Street. Visit 35 wooden huts dressed for the holidays and filled with Christmas gift ideas; enjoy bratwurst with sauerkraut; and warm up with a hot beverage including the popular hot mulled wine from Germany called Gluhwein!

Live Advent Calendar
1810 Goundie House 501 Main St. Bethlehem, PA 18015
Dec 01 - Dec. 23
Daily at 5:30 PM

Visitors to Historic Downtown Bethlehem will enjoy this seventh-annual, one-of-a-kind tradition! The merchants of the Downtown Bethlehem Association will provide a special treat to visitors every day! Crowds of up to 300 gather for the 10-minute program, so get there early! Visitors gather outside the door of the Goundie House, and one lucky visitor will be asked to walk up to the door and open it. When the door is opened, a special guest from a local business or organization will appear and distribute treats among the crowd. The idea of the Live Advent Calendar comes from the tradition of Advent Calendars or Christmas Countdown Calendars for children and families. Each day will be different, and very special surprises will happen throughout the days counting down to Christmas Day!

PEEPSFEST™
ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks
101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA 18015
Dec. 30-31 | Monday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., and Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free event (some activities may include a fee)

A dynamic, interactive family event highlighting the beloved marshmallow confection, PEEPSFEST™ features two days of live music, art and PEEPS®-related programming. The event, presented by Just Born, Inc., the company that makes PEEPS®, and ArtsQuest, culminates Dec. 31 at 5:15 p.m. with the popular PEEPS® Chick Drop and fireworks to welcome the New Year!

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Sunday, December 8

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Sunday, December 29
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Carlisle Barracks Annual Tree Lighting Celebration

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
at the Post Chapel
FREE Event for All Ages, Open to the Public

4:30 pm  Official Tree Lighting Ceremony & Carols
5 pm  Santa Arrives by Fire Truck
5-7 pm  FREE Carriage Rides

Enjoy cookies, punch, hot chocolate & coffee inside the Chapel while visiting with Santa Clause

Cookie Donations needed!
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Jazzercise – Combines Dance, Strength Training, Yoga, Pilates and Kick Boxing movements into one fun and total body workout. A mix of Latin, Hip Hop and Jazz dance movements.

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   • 119 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle PA
   • 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
   • 717-245-3003

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Hunt vs. Bigfoot, 9pm
Saturday, December 14 –
Pettis vs. Thomson, 8pm
Saturday, December 28 –
UFC 168 Live from Las Vegas,
Weidman vs. Silva 2, 10pm
Friday, January 3 –
Ellenberger vs. Saffiadine, TBD
Wednesday, January 15 –
Rockhold vs. Philippou, TBD
Saturday, January 25 –
Henderson vs. Thompson, 8pm
Saturday, February 1 –
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Exploring Cumberland Valley

By: Kristen Rowe

Embrace the chilly season with outdoor recreation in the Valley. Whether you are an experienced skier or snowboarder or just starting out – Roundtop Mountain Resort has something to offer everyone this winter. For a more leisurely outdoor activity enjoy cross-country skiing at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and Colonel Denning State Park. Doubling Gap Lake at Colonel Denning also offers ice-skating. If outdoor adventure sounds too chilly, enjoy a relaxing afternoon or dinner tucked away in one of the Valley’s charming restaurants. With hometown favorites and exotic new cuisines, you’re sure to find something flavorful! Visit the Restaurants page on www.VisitCumberlandValley.com to search by cuisine type or location.

Prepare to ring in the New Year in Cumberland Valley with one of these unique and local celebrations. Enjoy the family-friendly First Night Carlisle for a non-alcoholic celebration of the arts held on New Year's Eve on the streets of downtown Carlisle. Head to Mechanicsburg for the annual Wrench Drop and celebrate with music, food and fun. The town of Shippensburg welcomes the New Year with an Anchor Drop in the downtown area.

Get in the seasonal spirit with a festive event in Cumberland Valley. Here’s just a sampling.

**Art for the Holidays! @ Carlisle Arts Learning Center – Through January 4th**
An opportunity to “give local” and to support independent designers and artists in the area. Join CALC for their holiday open house on December 1st from 1pm - 5pm with free gift wrap and treats.

**When Santa Met Sally @ Allenberry Playhouse – Through December 22nd**
Ever wonder how Mrs. Claus became Mrs. Claus? Or for that matter, how Santa became Santa? Join Allenberry to learn the true tale of how Santa and Mrs. Claus met and fell in love.

**Holiday Exhibit: All Aboard @ Cumberland County Historical Society – December 6th-January 4th**
Come in to the museum for the magic of toy trains and tracks in the historical society’s holiday exhibit.

**George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker @ Whitaker Center – December 14th & 15th**
George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker has all the makings of a great family experience: traditions, dreams and the gift of generosity. The Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, out of Carlisle, brings the beloved holiday classic home to the intimate Whitaker Center on December 14th and 15th.

**Tony Orlando’s Great American Christmas @ The Luhrs Center – December 17th**
No entertainer can move and excite an audience like Tony Orlando. One of the America’s most endearing and enduring stars, Orlando is celebrating more than 50 years in show business. His “Great American Christmas” show offers a wide range of this greatest hits and holiday classics as only the smooth vocals of Orlando can deliver.

**Elegant Candlelit Evening Tea @ The Rosemary House – December 30th**
Enjoy a relaxing night out with your friends and loved ones at this special holiday event. This would make a great Christmas gift! Don’t delay in making your reservations for this very special evening. It always fills quickly!

For more event information and collections of things to see and do visit www.VisitCumberlandValley.com or stop by the Cumberland Valley Visitors Center, 33 W. High St., Carlisle, inside History on High – The Shop.
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Night Skiing-Liberty Mountain Ski Resort
December 20, 3:30 – 9 PM
$59 (includes transportation & lift ticket)
Ski & Snowboard rentals available at resort
Must Register by Dec 20

Ski Trip-Liberty Mountain Ski Resort
January 25, 8 AM – 5 PM
All are welcome
$79 (includes transportation & lift ticket)
Ski rentals are available at the resort
Must Register by Jan 17

Snowmobiling-Blue Knob State Park
February 5, 8 AM – 8 PM
Skiing and Downhill Skiing also available
$28 per person
$20 per snowmobile
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Must Register by: Jan 31

Snowshoeing-Pocono Mountains
February 22, 8 AM – 4 PM
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Must Register by: Feb 14

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