

The Bradford County Heritage Association
Heritage Village and Farm Museum

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The Heritage Village and Farm Museum Presents

Christmas in the Village

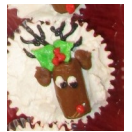
Sunday December 5th 11AM– 3PM Free Admission

Route 14, Gates 2 & 3, Troy PA

Christmas Caroling, Festival of Trees,
Holiday Bake Sale, Unique gifts, Tree lighting,

Jacob Gilpin will present holiday music, Puppet show,
caroling, Live Nativity, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause, craft vendors,

Free refreshments, Free Kids Crafts, Free Admission



Join in the fun to ring in the holiday season at *Christmas in the Village*.

Come see the beauty of the *Festival of Trees* in the Carriage House. There will be vendors and over 30 gift packages for sale to benefit the Bradford County Heritage Association, wrapped and ready for giving. For those of you who like to shop locally, this is a wonderful opportunity to support local businesses. And who doesn't appreciate having a ready wrapped gift? These beautiful gifts are for everyone on your list – children, men, women and even your pets!



Parents and grandparents, there will be the opportunity to get some photos of your children with Dobin and sleigh.

A special event for adults and children, roasting a hot dog over a campfire (\$)

At 11:30 you can experience a live Nativity in front of the Inn and hear the story of the Christ Child – the real reason for Christmas. Pastor Josh Yorks and members of the congregation of the Holy Trinity UMC will perform the Live Nativity.



At 12:30 Melody Lewis will read her favorite Christmas story on the front porch of the Inn. This beautiful story emphasizes the true meaning of Christmas. She will also sing some Christmas carols in foreign languages.

Then at 1:15, Mrs. Claus will be in the schoolhouse with Christmas stories she loves to read to the children. Adults will enjoy them too!



At 2 pm the Patchwork Gen 2 Puppets will present *It's a Wonderful Life* on the front porch of the Inn.

At 3 pm in front of the Inn, there will be the tree lighting and caroling to end a wonderful day in the village.

If you are a non-profit, or a vendor or have a craft you want to set up and sell, there are spaces still available. Set up is free. For more information contact Barb Barrett at (570) 786 – 9482 or email bbarrett362@comcast.net

One by one, the state made us take down our 4 original road signs and their replacements. All, no longer 'approved' under the 1971 'Highway Beautification Act'. The current process to provide signage is laced with regulations and red tape. We received a grant for signage from the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency and Deb Lutz has devoted hours to the project. This road sign, a cooperative effort between the Bradford County Heritage Association and Alparon Park is the first of 4 planned for Routes 6 and 14 coming into Troy. Special thanks to Deb, Ralph Knapp, Dale Palmer, Mike Kelly, Jeff Bower, Trent Shirk, Jerry Stout, and Colton Baxter in erecting this new sign on Rt 14 south of Troy. Another will soon be placed on Shedden's barn Rt 14 north of Troy. We are grateful for the community support offered by Carolyn Mickley and Troy Schoely for providing the sites. Next goal will be east & west Rt. 6.



Have you wondered why Thanksgiving always falls on the fourth Thursday of the month, that was actually up for debate for a while, too.

1621 was the year of the first Thanksgiving, which created the framework for the holiday. Then, in 1678, a court in Boston declared Thursday as a day of fasting and prayer. A century later, President George Washington proclaimed that Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of "Thanks-Giving." The next two presidents did the same, but the tradition didn't stick around for long.

That was, until President Lincoln came along. In the midst of the Civil War, Lincoln proclaimed that the last Thursday of November would be Thanksgiving Day. But the back-and-forth didn't stop there.

The National Dry Goods Association pushed Franklin D. Roosevelt to move the holiday back a week so it would benefit from another week of Christmas shopping. But not all of the states wanted to make the change. Texas and Colorado actually celebrated both days, while the rest of the states were split, and everyone was generally confused about when to celebrate the national day of thanks. Finally, FDR signed new legislation to officially move Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday in November. (Little Things)



Again our Tuesday work crew have been busy, new to the gate from the Heritage Village to the Fair Grounds, is a beautiful 'welcoming' sign, sponsored by Randy & Terren Smith and installed by Ralph Knapp, Dale Palmer, Mike Kelly and Deb Lutz.



The Serve Inc high school students have cleaned up the 3 Sisters Garden, and begun the grape vine fence, More grape vine is needed should you know any we can harvest please let us know.



Thanksgiving Trivia



1. When was green bean casserole introduced to Thanksgiving dinners?
2. Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade began in what year?
3. Which U.S state consumes the most turkey every Thanksgiving?
4. When was the first Thanksgiving parade broadcasted on TV?
5. Which U.S State has the most turkeys?
6. What is the average length of a 'Turkey Trot'?
7. Who organized the first Thanksgiving?
8. True or False: The first pumpkin pies were made in England
9. How long did the first Thanksgiving meal last?
10. Which U.S state first adopted Thanksgiving as an annual holiday?
11. How much does the heaviest pumpkin weigh, according to the Guinness World Records?
12. True or False: Pumpkins are vegetables
13. What type of meat was brought by Native Americans to the first Thanksgiving meal?
14. When was the first Thanksgiving NFL football game?
15. Who began the tradition of 'breaking the wishbone'?
16. What holiday happens after Thanksgiving, but is not Black Friday
17. What is the most popular holiday destination for Thanksgiving in the United States?
18. Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?
19. What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?
20. What year did the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade first have balloons?

Thanksgiving Trivia Answers:

1. 1955
2. 1924
3. California
4. 1946
5. Minnesota
6. 5 miles
7. William Bradford
8. True
9. 3 days
10. New York
11. 2,624.6 pounds
12. False
13. deer
14. 1920
15. The ancient Romans
16. Native American Heritage Day
17. Orlando, Florida
18. John F Kennedy
19. The Wampanoag
20. 1928

The public is invited to the next regular
BCHA Board meeting Wednesday
December 15, 2021 1PM at the Museum

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The museum has closed for the season.