

# December 2024



## Recurring Weekly Events

**Dec. 7-Jan. 3- Shining Light Through the Darkness,** evenings, Kish Park, 1 Derry Park Drive, Lewistown. Walk-through Christmas light display, model train display, music, and more. Visit the Facebook page for a list of events.

**Friday-Sunday- (Dec. 1-22) Christmas in Coal Country,** times vary, East Broad Top Railroad, 421 Meadow St., Rockhill. Departing from the beautifully decorated station, you'll travel aboard cozy warm train cars for a one-hour ride behind a 107-year-old steam locomotive. Along the way, Santa Claus will board the train to visit with every family and give each child a special 'coal-themed' gift. Tickets also include a delicious cookie and a cup of hot chocolate for every passenger.

**Friday-Sunday (Dec. 6-22) Lights, Camera, Christmas Trolley,** Fri. 5-9 p.m., Sat. 2-9 p.m., & Sun. 2-5:30 p.m., Rockhill Trolley Museum, 430 Meadow St., Orbisonia. Take a ride on a heated antique trolley, see lighted holiday displays, & free hot chocolate & cookies in Santa's workshop. \$12 adults-\$10 children.



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## First Friday

**Hometown Potters' Studio-** 9 a.m.-9 p.m., make a scissor cut Christmas tree for \$10.

**Blue Juniata Foodways-** 5 p.m., Ukrainian Holbutsi on the porch of the Crooked Shelf Bookshop

**East End Coffee Co.-** 6 p.m., Tim and Duane Show perform; art by Neil Demi

**Moon Dragon-** 2-11:30 p.m., Lorcana, Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon play night.

**Dec. 5- The Royal Crazy Parade,** 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Festival of Ice, Downtown Lewistown. We're taking a cue from England this year so grab your crown and get in line for the Royal Crazy Parade. Everyone is welcome and the route is especially do-able for small kids, strollers, and wheelchairs. Meet at Lewistown Borough Building on Third St. at 5:45 p.m.

**Dec. 5- Dave Gates performs,** 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Join Dave for an evening of unique acoustic covers of popular songs as well as original tunes.

**Dec. 5-6- Festival of Ice,** 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Downtown Lewistown. The event features stunning ice sculptures and live ice carving demonstrations, creating a magical winter wonderland. Visitors can enjoy live music, a live nativity, and a variety of fun kids' activities. The festival also offers local vendors, delicious food, and a cheerful atmosphere, making it a perfect start to the holiday season for the whole family.



**Dec. 5-6- "Follow the Star"** Nativity exhibition, 5-9 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, N. Main St., Lewistown. Nativity sets collected from around the world will be on display in the rear vestibule.

**Dec. 5-8- Holiday Word Scramble**, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Downtown Lewistown. Join the fun during the Festival of Ice with the "Holiday Word Scramble" scavenger hunt! Explore the windows of participating downtown businesses, where you'll find a special letter displayed in each window. Collect all the letters as you make your way through town, then unscramble them to form a holiday-themed word. Once you've figured it out, submit your answer for a chance to win exciting prizes from local businesses! Entry forms can be found on the front porch of the Historic Courthouse.

**Dec. 6- Mr. Jimmy Trio performs**, 6 p.m., Hungry Run Wine Bar & Bistro, 10042 US Highway 522 South, Lewistown.

**Dec. 6- Christmas Photos**, 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Photography by Angela Lutz, 42 W. Market St., Lewistown. Stop by Cinema Records, located beside the Miller Theater, during the Festival of Ice on Friday December 6th for some free record-themed Christmas photos!

**Dec. 6-8- An East Waterford Christmas**, East Waterford. Friday evening includes town tree lighting at 6 p.m., walk through the lights at the park, and food trucks. Saturday includes food, shopping, crafts, live nativity, American House tours, photo booth, games, and more. Sunday includes wine and spirits Bingo. Follow the Facebook page for a detailed list of activities.

**Dec. 7- Kiwanis Pancake Festival**, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 200 E. 3rd St., Lewistown. Featuring pancakes, sausages, and drinks. Enjoy a fun-filled morning with family and friends!

**Dec. 7- Colin Alvarez performs**, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. With one of the most varied song lists in the area, there is guaranteed to be something on there for everyone, making sure each night is a special experience.



**Dec. 7- Christmas Market**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Juniata Valley Winery, 19175 Route 35 S, Mifflin. The Christmas Market is full of local vendors, tasty food, and live music- what a wonderful weekend it will be. Tasting room will also be open for you to sample and purchase for this holiday season.

**Dec. 7- Holiday Shop & Meet Santa**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Lewistown Country Club, 306 Country Club Rd., Lewistown. Over 46 local vendors, four food trucks, coffee, and the man in red will be here for the kiddos and pictures!

**Dec. 7- Calvary Bible Christmas Village**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Calvary Bible Church, 100 Calvary Ln., Lewistown. Celebrate with friends, food, games and more! Children can visit the Wise Man's Shop! Fun and free for the whole family! Items in the Wise Man's Shop will be \$1 each.

**Dec. 7- Port Royal Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting**, 5:30 p.m., Port Royal. The parade route begins at fairgrounds on 8th Street to Main Street, to Third Street, to Market Street, and back to 8th Street. Tree lighting to follow with Santa at Port Royal Lions Club Park.

**Dec. 7- Christmas Around the Square and Nutcracker Display**, 6 p.m.,

McVeytown square and McVeytown Lodge No. 376 Free & Accepted Masons, 25 N. Market St., McVeytown. Start at the square for food and Santa Claus. Then head to the lodge for tours of the Victorian decorations and over 500 nutcrackers on display.



**Dec. 7- "The Star" Movie Night**, 6 p.m., Evangelical Lutheran Church, 200 Logan St., Lewistown. Join for a viewing of "The Star," as well as some refreshments and crafts!

**Dec. 7- Wine & Design: Christmas Cookie Decorating**, 11:30 a.m., Juniata Valley Winery, 19175 Route 35 S, Mifflin. This includes a two hour beginner decorating session a set of cookies, glass of wine for each participant, light refreshments, supplies/tools, a sugar cookie and royal icing recipe to try at home, and of course your finished cookies to take home and enjoy. \$45/person

**Dec. 7- Santa's Trolley**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rockhill Trolley Museum, 430 Meadow St., Orbisonia. All children 12 and under will talk to santa and receive a free treat, Children of all ages will enjoy riding in a heated restored antique trolley, & a model train & trolley display in Santa's workshop. \$5 tickets- under 2 is free.



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**Dec. 7- 3rd Annual Christmas in the Greenhouse**, 9 a.m., Sarah's Bloomers LLC, 13617 Route 333, Port Royal, . Come see handmade wreaths and arrangements done in house by Sarah. Poinsettias and tons of vendors! Soup and hotdogs available also.



**Dec. 7- Lewistown Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade**, 1 p.m., downtown Lewistown. Santa will be ushering in the holiday season along with his friends at the annual parade. "Christmas Around the World" is the 2024 theme.

**Dec. 7- Christmas in Port Royal**, 9 a.m., Port Royal. Breakfast with Santa at Port Royal Lutheran Church. Vendor event at Port Royal Lions Club Park with a train display, rubber duck race and live nativity.

**Dec. 7- 23rd Annual Millerstown Walk Through the Park Holiday vendor event**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Millerstown fire company, Millerstown Park. Vendors, food, entertainment, and a lighted walking path along the river.



**Dec. 7-8- A Heartland Christmas: Weekend 3 Wine Trail**. Seventeen participating wineries. Tickets are \$20/person. Visit the Facebook event page for a link to purchase tickets.

**Dec. 8- Lewistown Community Choir concert**, 3 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, N. Main St., Lewistown.

**Dec. 8- Holiday Open House**, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Greenwood Furnace State Park, 15795 Greenwood Rd., Huntingdon. Make and take crafts & ornaments, toys of the past with the Metzel family, music, refreshments with home-made cookies by the Stone Valley Community Charter School, and visit with Santa!

**Dec. 8- Movie Night at Reedsville UMC**, 6:30 p.m., Reedsville United Methodist Church, 60 E. Logan St., Reedsville. Enjoy light refreshments. "Christmas Manger" will be playing. All are welcome!

**Dec. 8- Sunday Music with Derek Heidel**, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Brookmere Winery & Vineyard Inn, 5369 State Rt. 655, Belleville. Stop by and enjoy some tunes & a bite to eat.

**Dec. 8- Sean Farley performs**, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Sean Farley performs a soulful blend of blues, Americana, and rock music. He utilizes LIVE looping to build up a full sounding and rhythmic "one man band" show!



**Dec. 8- "Their Light Shines On" Sky Lantern Release Event**, 1-5 p.m., Hungry Run Distillery, 10 Ridens Road, Lewistown. Celebrate life, commemorate a special occasion, or remember those who have passed on at this special event hosted by Geisinger Hospice and Hungry Run Distillery. All proceeds will be donated to Hospice Promise Foundation.

**Dec. 8- Christmas in McCoysville with Rhonda Vincent and the Rage**, 7 p.m., 2584 Ragamuffin Hall, McCoysville Road, Mifflin. Christmas show with the Queen of Bluegrass. For tickets, visit [theragamuffinhall.com](http://theragamuffinhall.com).

**Dec. 12- Christmas Ceramics Painting Party**, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Painting Parties by Judy, 212 W. 4th St, Port Royal. Groups can mix or match their choices. Groups of 6 or more are entered to win a free ceramic tree! For more information visit Painting Parties by Judy on Facebook.

**Dec. 12- Santa's coming to McVeytown**, 6 p.m., Harshbarger's Sub 'n Malt, 5680 US Highway 522 South, McVeytown. Get your photo with Santa and receive a treat!

**Dec. 12- RC3 perform**, 6 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Lane, Lewistown.

**Dec. 13- David Anthony-Magic & Hypnosis Show**, 7 p.m., Brookmere Winery & Vineyard Inn, 5369 State Route 655, Belleville. An incredible show by award winning magician and hypnotic David Anthony! Doors open at 5:30 for cocktail hour with the show to follow. Food will be available for purchase during this time. Tickets are \$25 and must be pre ordered by Wednesday December 11th at noon.

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**Dec. 14- Mifflintown Christmas Tree Lighting**, 5:30 p.m., Mifflintown Walking Bridge, Bridge Street, Mifflintown.

**Dec. 14- Christmas Light Wine Walk Pairing**, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., The Winery at Hunters Valley, 3 Orchard Rd, Liverpool. As you stroll through the vineyard in the glow of Christmas lights, indulge in a delightful wine journey. Tickets for this event are \$30 per person and include five different wine pairings and a map to guide you through the vinyard.

**Dec. 14- Mike Weyrauch performs**, 6 p.m., Hungry Run Wine Bar & Bistro, 11042 US Highway 522 South, Lewistown.

**Dec. 14- Santa's Trolley**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rockhill Trolley Museum, 430 Meadow St., Orbisonia. All children 12 and under will talk to santa and recieve a free treat, Children of all ages will enjoy riding in a heated restored antique trolley, & a model train & trolley display in Santa's workshop. \$5 tickets-under 2 is free.



**Dec. 14- Ted McCloskey & the Hi-Fi's**, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Covers spanning several decades including diverse artists such as Dua Lipa, Fleetwood Mac, Rolling Stones, The Black Keys, etc.

**Dec. 14-15-Bricktown Model Railroaders Association Christmas Open House**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 300 W. Small St., Mount Union. Free admission. Visit the museum to see the progress including the work on the model railroad display depicting Mount Union and the surrounding area in the early 1950s. There will be treats and a possible visit from a special guest or two!

**Dec. 15- Quiet Christmas**, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 200 E. Third St., Lewistown. Soft sounds of the season presented by local musicians. Donations benefit the Theil and Andrea Kauffman Memorial Bible Fund.

**For More Event Information**  
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**Dec. 15- Breakfast with Santa**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Cora's Creekside Tavern, 206 W. Freedom Ave, Burnham. Bring your little ones where the children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season.

**Dec. 20- Ryan Carter & Johnny X perform**, 7 p.m., Hungry Run Wine Bar & Bistro, 11042 US Highway 522 South, Lewistown.

**Dec. 20- Team Trivia at Shy Bear**, 7:30 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Grab the squad and make the most of a Friday night filled with four slightly challenging rounds of trivia, most of which incorporate a video clue on the TVs. Winning team receives a \$50 Shy Bear Gift Card.

**Dec. 21- Breakfast at the Bistro with Santa**, 10 a.m., Hungry Run Wine Bar & Bistro, 11042 US Highway 522 South, Lewistown. Breakfast and photo session with Santa along with Grace Fala singing interactive Christmas songs with the kids. Reservations required. To reserve, call (717) 543-0910.

**Dec. 21- Ugly Sweater Party**, 9 p.m., Oriental Hotel, 3095 Turkey Valley Road, Oriental. Specialty drinks, kitchen open late, music by DJ Hillbilly Deluxe. Door prizes for the first five ugly sweaters that day and a prize for the best ugly sweater.

**Dec. 21- Silent Fright: A Krampus Christmas Story**, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Hidden Screams Haunted Attraction, 19 S. Brown St., Lewistown. ONE NIGHT only Christmas Haunt Experience! Bring in a new blanket for Families United Network and your admission is only \$7! Sinister Donuts will be set up outside the building during the event with an exclusive menu!



**Dec. 21- Anchor & Arrow performs**, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Their unique sound is an upbeat mix of soul, funk, rock, and jazz. Jenn's moving voice fused with Matt's seasoned guitar can be enjoyed by music lovers of all kinds, but especially those fond of having a good time.

**Dec. 21- Breakfast with The Grinch**, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Granville Fire Company, 105 Malta Drive Granville. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast with The Grinch at the Granville Fire Company. \$5 Donation - 10 and older. Children 9 and under are free.



**Dec. 22- Jaded Acoustic Duo performs**, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Acoustic guitar holding down the midsection and acoustic piano playfully decorating the space all around.

**Dec. 22- Cookies with Santa**, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., McVeytown OIP, 1 E John St, McVeytown. Bring the kids to enjoy milk and cookies with Santa at the McVeytown OIP.



## Mifflin County Model Railroad Club Open House

3 West Monument Square, Lewistown. Lower level.

Dec. 5- 5-9 p.m.

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Dec. 7- noon-4 p.m.

Dec. 8- 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 14- 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 15- 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 21- 1-4 p.m.

Jan. 4- noon- 4p.m. (Thomas & Friends)



The weekly Wednesdays cornhole tournaments are at Reedsville Volunteer Fire Co. Warm ups at 6 pm, bags fly at 7 pm. Guaranteed a minimum of 6 games. We run 4 games of Scoreholio (a different partner each round) to set partners for a double elimination tournament. \$15

12/04/24 Reedsville VFD

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12/18/24 Reedsville VFD

12/25/24 Christmas No Cornhole

12/31/24 2nd Annual Stars & Stripes Cornhole New Year's Eve Bash!

**Dec. 26- Honey Pie performs**, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Ln, Lewistown. Their music is a mix of rock, pop, americana, and roots music, with a few originals thrown in, all steeped in tons of harmonies and lots of enthusiastic energy!

**Dec. 29- Mifflintown Community New Year's Eve 5K Run/Walk**, 1 p.m., Bridge Street, Mifflintown. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. at Mifflintown Walking Bridge, run starts at 1. All proceeds benefit the DeLauter Youth Center and Mifflintown Hose Co. #1. Registration is free. Prizes given to overall male and female finishers. To pre-register, visit <https://forms.gle/QQbsrzVDhzMxYjsn7>

**Dec. 31- New Year's Eve Kids Bash**, noon- 7 p.m., Krise Transportation: Mifflin County, 35 School Bus Lane, Lewistown. Free event. Carnival rides, carnival games, a sweet treat, food vendors and ends with a bus drop!

**Dec. 31- New Year's Eve event**, 8 p.m., Hungry Run Wine Bar & Bistro. Five-course dinner, live music by Remember When band, dancing until midnight, champagne toast, and more.

**Dec. 31-7th annual Bridge the Memories New Year's Eve event-** 10 p.m.-midnight, Bridge Street, Mifflintown. Free hot dogs and soup, goodie bags for the kids, snowmen on display, and DJ Jimi Jams. The replica bridge drops at midnight.