

## Johnsonville Farm & Garden Will Celebrate Its 10th Year In Business And The 100th Anniversary Of It's Historical Structure

By Allen and Janet Haddad, Owners Totts Gap Farm, LLC. / Aline Haddad, Owner, Johnsonville Farm & Garden, Inc.

JOHNSONVILLE - The Johnsonville Farm & Garden building (the main barrel) was constructed in 1925. It was lengthened and the mill and corn crib were added in 1947. It was originally known as Hartzell's Feed Store before it became a part of the Grange League Federation (GLF) in 1947. It was owned and operated by The Grange League Federation (GLF), then Agway Corporation, then the family of Fred Irwin until it closed in 1997 and remained closed until 2014. During this time, the structure fell into disrepair and portions of it were condemned for use.



In 2014, the property was purchased by Totts Gap Farm, LLC. and Johnsonville Farm & Garden, Inc. The buildings were restored to their original condition and the

parking lot was repaved reviving a 100-year-old structure and institution serving the regions agricultural and garden needs.

On April 14, 2015 Johnsonville Farm & Garden (JFG) reopened its doors and has been selling feed, seed, farm and garden supplies, household sundries and offering farm and garden advice for the past 10 years.

The concept of restoring and reopening the Johnsonville Farm & Garden came about when Aline Haddad (Bangor Area High School '06) returned home from college in 2012 after having acquired rudimentary knowledge in agriculture, animal husbandry and organic farming. Aline believed that Upper Mount Bethel, the Bangor Area and The Slate Belt needed such a vital resource to nurture and complement the rural nature of the area by fostering healthy farm and garden practices and supplying the basic resources needed to promote such a

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## Vietnam War Veterans Gather In Stroudsburg To Honor Fallen Comrades

By Haylee Hein / WNEP

STROUDSBURG, Pa. — Saturday marks Vietnam War Veterans Day In Monroe County, the Pocono Chapter 678 of the Vietnam Veterans of America hosted a ceremony Saturday morning in Stroudsburg Court House Square.

The ceremony included a reading of the names of those from Monroe County who died in the war, along with guest speakers of veterans who served.

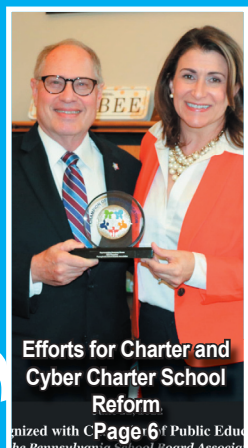
Organizers say it's important to give a moment of thanks to those who did not receive a warm welcome home.

Patrick Conway says, "There's a lot of pain and hurt in our veterans community after all these years, and still exist, and we take every opportunity to make sure that they realize that they can be proud of their service."

The county honor guard also participated with the rifle volley and taps to honor veterans.



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