## **Jacktown**

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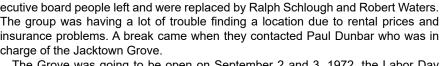
instill appreciation for the future.

On November 2, 1971, nine people were chosen to represent the group. They were Paul Brodt, Russell Meixell, Nelson Remel, Stanley Souders, Raymond Ittery, Ed Yankencheck, And Leonard Ritter. With \$35.00 in a hat they set out to plan an engine show for sometime in 1972. While inquiring for a location two of the ex-









The Grove was going to be open on September 2 and 3, 1972, the Labor Day weekend, and no other events were to have the grove that weekend. The group now picked a name for the newly formed club it would be known as the Blue Mountain Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association. The stage was set for the first show at the Jacktown grove and the Association was formed. Fundraisers included bingo, a cakewalk, and an afghan to be raffled. The afghan was donated by Mrs. Meixell. The profit from the 1972 show was \$285.45. In 1973 Jacktown Grove gave the Association a better date which was July 20, 21, and 22.

The 1973 show was more successful due to better advertising and more displays, which included Browie Grubb's peerless steam tractor and a display of antique cars. With the increase in profit, the association purchased buttons for the 1974 show to help advertise and to reach many more engine collectors. The association had now grown to about fifty members. 500 buttons, and brass plaques, were ordered for the





1974 show with plans for posters with pictures. A broom maker and an antique car club were invited to attend. By 1978 the Association had purchased a grain binder, sawmill, shingle mill, and a 65hp case steam traction engine.

A lease was attained with the Jacktown Community Center for the engine shows location. Through a lot of work from many members, the association has grown to one of the most well know shows in the east and has been able to maintain free parking and admission, as intended by charter group back in 1971. We would welcome you to come visit and enjoy some time with us at Jacktown. "The Home of Blue Mountain Antique Gas and Steam Engine Association. Information for this history came from Stanley Souders meeting notes.

## **LVHN**

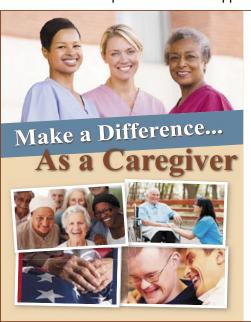
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This project seemed like a simple formula from the start - patient and persistent developers, (my longtime friend Lew Ronca and his partner Norton Herrick), smart government investment (\$9 million in RCAP and a CRIZ designation) and lastly but most importantly a strong tenant, Lehigh Valley-Jefferson, stepping forward willing to take a risk.

On Monday, we marked the first day of the new Tower site. The return of the site to productivity. Many acres remain and I am excited to watch the rest of the area develop and bring new energy, new people and new life to these 50 acres.

Development like this is what has made Bethlehem the envy of Pennsylvania and a shining star of old manufacturing towns across the country. Local developers always believed it was special. Strong government leadership at the local and state level with a willingness to be patient and work collaboratively with the private sector and finally a tenant in this case one of the leading employers in the Lehigh Valley and a tremendous health care system Lehigh Valley-Jefferson willing to put a stake in the ground.

We should all be proud of what is happening today and excited about what will happen tomorrow.







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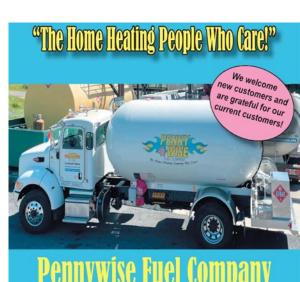
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