



2019 Season Backgrounder

October 28, 2019

- Location:** Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Greensburg, PA. (about 35 miles southeast of Pittsburgh)
- Physical Address:** 116 Blue Ribbon Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601
- Dates:** November 22, 2019 through December 30, 2019
Closed: November 25, December 2 and December 9
Closed Holidays: Thanksgiving (November 28); Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (December 24 and December 25)
- Hours:** Gates open at 5:30 p.m., weather permitting
Closing times: Sunday – Thursday, 9 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 10 p.m., weather permitting.
- Admission:** \$20 per family carload or Park & Walk for \$4 per person

\$35 per commercial vehicles & vans, limousines (capacity 10-15) and recreational vehicles, Monday - Sunday. Cash only.

Bus and motor coach – call for pricing
- Website:** overlys.com
- Phone:** 724-423-1400
- Email:** info@overlys.com
- Social Media:** Follow Overly's Country Christmas® on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Highlights:**
- A Westmoreland County holiday tradition since 1956, Overly's Country Christmas, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization committed to providing holiday memories and traditions to the community with the help of the tireless efforts of hundreds of volunteers.
 - Experience old-fashioned holiday traditions strolling the lights and sights in Christmas Village:
 - Hear the clippity-clop and the jingle of bells on a horse-drawn wagon or sleigh ride through Christmas Village (weather permitting).

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- Shop for unique gifts, handcrafted items and souvenirs at the C. Edgar & Sons General Store.
- Snack from our outdoor eateries and enjoy char-grilled burgers, hot chocolate or apple cider, puller pork sandwiches, cheesy-beef fries, sweet and salty kettle korn or handmade chocolates and fudge and a cheesecake in a jar made especially for Overly's.
- Strike a whimsical conversation with Henny Hemlock, the Talking Christmas Tree.
- The clang of the crossing bells and the shriek of the steam whistles herald your arrival at Hartman Station, a g-gauge model train display and museum.
- Reflect on the meaning of Christmas at the life-size manger with live animals.
- Join family and friends for holiday camaraderie and bask in the warmth of the bonfire while sipping hot chocolate, roasting marshmallows while joining in singing along to Christmas carols.
- Visit with Santa and share your holiday dreams and wishes until December 23rd when he returns to the North Pole to get ready for his big day.

Some Fun Facts:

- The electricity used during our season could turn on 150,000 100 watt light bulbs – all at the same time.
- The average home uses 11,000 kilowatt hours per year. During Overly's operating season, the Walkway Castle and Canopy of Lights could light 21 homes for a year. Henny Hemlock, the Talking Christmas Tree, could light 15 homes for a year. Overall, the display draws enough electricity to light a small community of homes with every single light and electrical appliance turned on at the same time.
- Every display viewed at Overly's Country Christmas® is conceived, designed and constructed on site, usually by volunteers. Art clubs, school groups and individuals contribute their ideas and talent each year.
- It takes up to 45 volunteers on some nights to operate the display and Christmas Village.

What's New:

- The Carousel. The Carousel was first featured at the lights last viewing at the home of Harry Overly in 1992. It continued as a major anchor in the lights until 2013 when it was deemed the 40 man hours to assemble and an equal amount of hours to light the piece could better be served developing other areas. The Carousel returns in 2019, smaller but more energy-efficient. It is made of steel, melted and manufactured in the USA by Overly's volunteers and a group of master craftsman.

- The metal sculptures fabricated in collaboration with Westmoreland County Community College and the Student Welder's Association continues since 2014. This partnership began in 2014 and continues today with two additional angels made for the 2019 Season. These sculptures are made from aluminum, melted and manufactured in the USA and provides a unique learning opportunity for the College's students.
- The Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center joined our student projects this year with a 7.5' steel cross, mirroring a smaller cross fabricated for our beloved jackass, Ditto that passed in February 2018. The welding students at the Center joined creative efforts with the students at the auto body department to create and finish the unique look to this cross.
- Overly's Wings Across Westmoreland, unveiled on Opening Night, November 22. Overly's joins other community in the County with a set of Wings, an art initiative of the Westmoreland Cultural Trust. The images in Overly's Wings will highlight memories that keep visitors returning year after year.

Charitable Purposes:

Overly's Country Christmas is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization working year round with troubled youths and providing support to other area nonprofits to bring awareness for their missions and aid in fund raising efforts. During the holiday season, the Family Moments Holiday Program provides an old-fashioned holiday experience to area families at-risk as well as children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses. And in 2019, Overly's Annual Scholarship program was reinstated at local colleges, with programs emulating the values of Harry Overly with family, entrepreneurship, trades.

Photographs:

Please contact us for high resolution photographs.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please call Stephanie Tomasic at 724-423-1400, on her cell at 724-787-4595 or email to info@overlys.com

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