



The MacGahan Festival

New Lexington, Ohio

June 9-10, 2017



Friday evening
Knights of Columbus Hall
Jefferson St. at Route 13
and Monument Square
7:30 until ?
(Food provided)

Memorial Service at 10:30
Floral Tribute at the statue
across from the Court House
Luncheon and Program at noon
at the library

Organization and festival background:

The MacGahan American Bulgarian Foundation was begun by a small contingent of Bulgarian Americans from the Akron/Cleveland area. They came to New Lexington to encourage the local people to begin a commemoration to perpetuate the memory of the American war correspondent Januarius A. MacGahan who is considered a hero in Bulgaria, but is relatively unknown in the county of his birth. This year is the 39th MacGahan Festival. It is held the weekend closest to the birthdate (June 12) and death date (June 9) of MacGahan. Next year will mark the 40th annual festival and the 140th anniversary of the death of MacGahan. New Lexington is one hour southeast of Columbus, OH. The foundation is a non-profit organization.

Schedule of events

Saturday morning

Memorial service at the grave of MacGahan in the New Lexington Cemetery at 10:30 am.

Celebrant: The Reverend Father Vladimir Bakurdzhiev from St. Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church in Fairlawn, Ohio.
Concluding with Taps by Jacob Faber

Floral tribute at the MacGahan statue at Main and Brown Streets across from the Perry County Court House.

Luncheon and program at noon at the Perry County District Library on Jackson St. (a block from the statue)

Invocation: Father Vladimir Bakurdzhiev and Reverend Robert Heinlein

Bulgarian American luncheon Moussaka, Shopska Salad, Baklava, watermelon/fresh fruit, beverages

Remarks by Ivan Anchev, Consul General of Bulgaria in Chicago, Illinois

Keynote address by Alexander Petrov, Associate Professor at The Ohio State University

Entertainment by Bulgarian folk dance ensembles "Verea" and "Horo."

Presentation of MacGahan Scholarship checks to two graduating seniors by Barbara Mooney

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