



Samantha Leclair, 3, daughter of Heather and Mick Anderson, of Montgomery, paints a pumpkin during the "Meet Me in Montgomery" event on Monday.

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Residents enjoy initial Montgomery meeting

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MONTGOMERY — The first "Meet Me in Montgomery" event was held last week as a part of an "open house-Columbus Day celebration" for local businesses on Main Street.

"Our intent was to bring people to town to show off the town of Montgomery," said coordinator Becky Sanguedolce, who owns Riverside Campground and Lounge.

She helped organize the event as a part of the Revitalizing Montgomery Project.

"The Revitalizing Montgomery Project and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership planted 60 trees down town with the help of Penn College students," Sanguedolce said. "Ten

more trees are scheduled to be planted before the end of October."

Montgomery was declared a River Town in January, which qualifies it to receive grant money to make the town more attractive for visitors and tourists.

"The ultimate goal of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is to bring the river people to the town and the people of town to the river," Sanguedolce said. "This is our first time we held the event. We were kind of testing the waters to see what turnout we would get."

She was pleased with the response.

"We had great results. All the businesses participated, as well as the local library, church and special groups like the Lions Club and the Girl Scouts," she said.

The group plans to make it an annual event.

Future projects to revitalize the town include development of the public riverfront, a riverfront trail, more forestry projects and creation of riparian buffers.

"The Valley Rehabilitation is also on Main Street and has been celebrating Columbus Day with an open house for the last nine years," according to owner Susan Andrews. "We like to do something special to celebrate Columbus Day and to recognize the improvements being done to the town."

"It's nice to see everyone come out for the event and we can't wait until next year," Andrews added.

Free food, pumpkin painting, stickers, and so on were available for citizens to enjoy their visit to Main