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1 Service Electric
This building, that had been Guinan's Department store, was purchased in 1945 by John Walsonavage, founder of Service Electric Television, the first TV cable company. Mr. Walsonavage had sold appliances from his store on Main and Pine Sts. It was there in 1948 that he ran a cable from an antenna on a nearby mountain to his store. When a customer bought a television, Walsonavage ran a cable to their home and charged them for the service.

2 Veterans' Memorial
This is a memorial in memory of all men and women of the Mahanoy Area who served bravely in all American wars. The tank is a US Army M-60 A3 Patton tank that was dedicated on May 23, 1998.

3 St. Canicus Church
St. Canicus, the English speaking Catholic Church in Mahanoy City, was dedicated in July 1866 by Bishop Wood of Philadelphia. This present church and school was built in 1924. Across the street, where there is now a parking lot, stood the first Irish church built by Irish immigrants in 1863.

4 Mansion House
The Senior Hi-Rise building, built in the late 1970s, replaced the grand Mansion House Hotel and Restaurant. Built in 1863 of brick and stucco, this four story structure was the center of Mahanoy City's social life for many decades. It housed an ice cream shop, bakery, coffee shop, bar and dining rooms. Many important figures of the day stayed at the Mansion House.

5 Victoria Theatre
Constructed by Chamberlain Amusement Company in 1925, the Victoria had seating for 1,570. Orchestras, vaudeville, vocal and instrumental soloists and operettas were seen here. Big bands appeared at the theatre on a regular basis including the Fred Waring Band and John Phillip Souza. In later years "talking movies" and local productions were also featured here. It closed its doors in 1981.

6 Elks Building
Dedicated in 1916, the first floor of the building was originally a theatre. The second floor included a grille, dining room, bowling alley and billiard tables. The third floor housed a beautiful dance floor and stage.