

Quilt patch contest planned for this month

NARVON — Owners of the Mt. Rock Family Shop are sponsoring a quilt patch contest during the month of July.

Patches for the contest, which is open to everyone, can be any size and made in the design of the quilter's choice. Minerva Koser, who is sponsoring the contest, said the deadline for entries is July 30.

Patches can be sent to Minerva at the Mt. Rock Family Shop, Box 203, Narvon, Pa. 17555. Quilters who want their patches returned should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their entry.

Minerva also asked that the quilter's name, address and phone number be included with the patch,

along with the name of the quilt design.

Awards will be given in adult categories and in categories for children aged 16 and under. The first-place winner receive \$3, the second-place winner \$2, and the third-place winner \$1.

Anyone wanting to judge the patches is invited to do so by coming to the store. The final decision will be based on popular decision.

This is the first year Minerva, an avid quilter herself, is holding the contest. Further questions about the contest should be directed to Minerva at (717) 768-8011.



Minerva Koser and her daughter, Phoebe Oellig, left, are sponsoring a quilt patch contest during the month of July. The patches will be judged by customers in Minerva's store, the Mt. Rock Family Shop. Above, Minerva and Phoebe display one of Minerva's quilts.

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Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

The other day my husband and I did something unusual. We got up at 4:30 to go fishing at Lake Struble in Chester County. I felt this was a ridiculously early hour to arise, but I did it.

As I'd made sandwiches the night before, all I had to do was fill a thermos bottle with coffee. Allen had loaded our aluminum boat on the trailer the night before and so we started for Honey Brook, Pa.

Would you believe that I couldn't find any worms in my garden? But that turned out to be an advantage, as then, we drove to Kurtz's Fishing Ponds to get bait and I had an opportunity to meet Mr. Kurtz again. We hadn't seen each other since the 1940's when we both had the same employer. It made the day worthwhile as the fishing itself was a disaster.

For one thing, Allen had to row the boat all around the 146-acre lake because his electric motor would not work. It took over one half an hour to row across it as there was quite a breeze. But, he said it didn't tire him at all and he would not let me take a turn rowing.

He only got two tiny fish and I got none. There were four other parties there and they continually moved from spot to spot as they couldn't catch any fish either.

However, it was a beautiful June day with just a few large, white cumulus clouds in a blue, blue sky. We saw a deer come down to the water to drink and we heard several ringnecks nearby. Some bullfrogs were croaking in the cattails growing along the marshy edge. The best part was simply being there together enjoying the scenery and each others company. With life's uncertainties, one never knows if we will share two or 100 more mornings like that one.

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