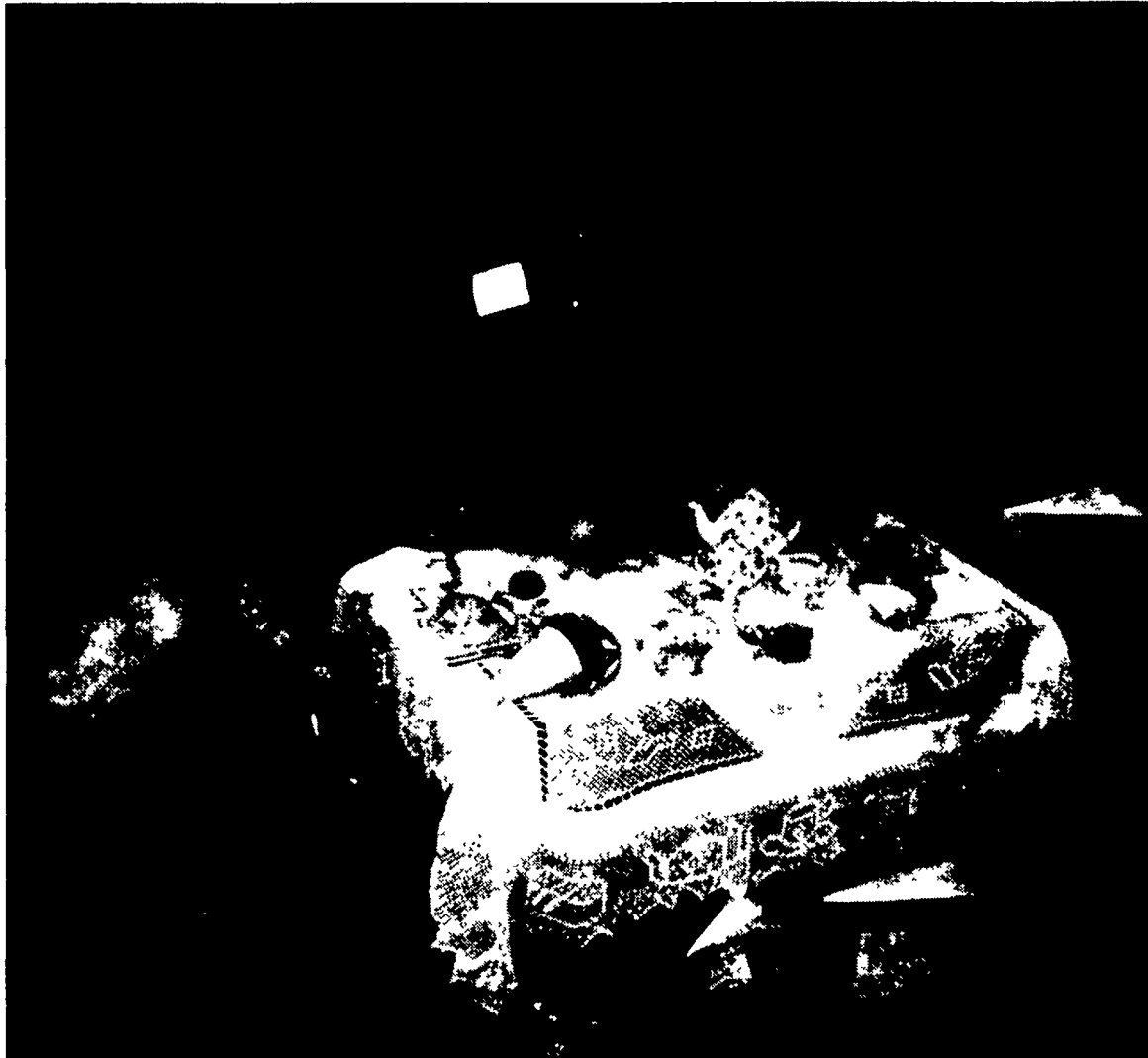


Kids Korner



Cathy Stewart said tea parties offer the perfect background to teach table manners to children.

Dinner And Storytime With Mrs. Claus And Yummie

INTERCOURSE (Lancaster Co.) — Kitchen Kettle Village is a great place for kids at Christmastime. This season the Kettle Cafe, located on the Village Grounds, is hosting a "Dinner and Storytime with Mrs. Claus and Yummie" on the Fridays before Christmas, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 beginning at 6 p.m. During each one-hour event Mrs. Claus will tell a holiday story, and will personally give each child attending a special gift. And Yummie, the Village mascot who greets

children throughout the year, will delight those attending with his own special antics.

The menu features two dinner options, each priced at \$6, plus there will be a "Grab 'N Go" food section available for adults. Reservations, which are required, can be made by calling Corie at (717) 768-2706.

Kitchen Kettle Village, home to 39 crafts, food and artisan shops, is located on Rt. 340 in the Village of Intercourse, 10 miles east of Lancaster. During the holidays the Village is open 9 a.m.-5

p.m., Monday-Thursday, Fridays 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday (Holly Days) 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A full roster of live concerts, food and craft demonstrations, and special kids activities are also scheduled each weekend, Nov. 28-Dec. 20 that are open free to the public, and there is plenty of free parking on the Village Grounds.

For more information, contact Kitchen Kettle Village, Rt. 340, Intercourse, PA 17534. Telephone (800) 732-3538. Or log on to www.kitchenkettle.com.

Christmas Magic At Rocky Ridge County Park

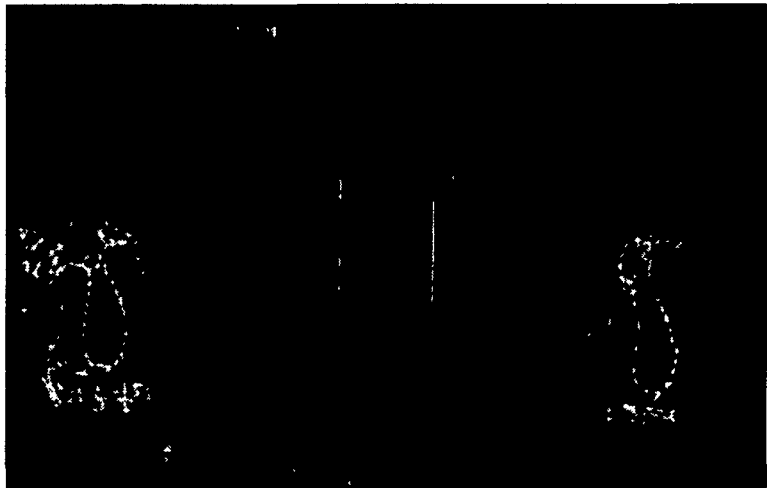
YORK (York Co.) — Christmas Magic — A Festival of Lights takes place at Rocky Ridge County Park, York, from now through Dec. 31. Christmas Magic will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. The hours are Monday through Friday 6 p.m. until 9

p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Adult admission is \$5, children ages 4-12 are \$3, children three and under are free and senior citizens are \$4. A group rate of \$4 per adult is available for groups having 12 or more adults.

This holiday festival has hosted more than 411,000 visitors since its opening in 1984. There are 250,000 dazzling lights spread over a one-half mile walking trail that is handicapped accessible. The trail meanders through a mature oak forest that has been transformed into a magical Christmas wonderland.

As you stroll along enjoying the holiday music, you will find theme areas including Disney characters, dinosaurs, farm animals, snowpeople, a light volcano and stream, lake with skaters and much, much more. Along the trail are five enclosed buildings with cozy fires burning. They house adorable animated holiday scenes, an elaborate toy train display by the Susquehanna Valley Garden Railroad Society, hot food and crafts. The York County Heritage Trust will provide a sleigh scene.

Bring a canned good to donate to the York County Parks Ranger Division food drive. Inclement weather may close the trail nightly. For trail updates or for more information call our 24-hour voice mail at (717) 840-7440.



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Have A Children's Tea Party

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Tea parties are not only for girls. Boys love tea parties, too, according to Cathy Stewart, who has two children of her own and teaches other children.

Recently, Cathy set up several little tables at the Lebanon County holiday program to demonstrate how delightful and unique tea parties can be for children.

The teddy bear picnic tea party is for guests to bring their favorite teddy bears.

It's a place to eat "beary" good sandwiches by using a cookie cutter to cut bear shapes out of white bread. Fill some sandwiches with peanut butter and honey, and other sandwiches with slices of cheese and meat. Use mustard to decorate faces on cheese sandwiches.

Tea parties are great places to learn tea manners, such as the following:

- Don't start serving until everyone is seated.
- At a formal tea, the hostess pours the tea for everyone. At an informal gathering, set out a couple of teapots and allow guests to help themselves.
- When finished stirring your tea, place your teaspoon on the saucer.
- Put your napkin on your lap. Blot or pat your lips when needed.
- Don't drink if your mouth has food in it.
- Remember to say "Please"

and "Thank you" when asking for food and passing dishes.

- At the table, pass dishes to your right.
- Sit up straight and don't tip the chair.

Another idea is to have a Mad Hatter tea party. Choose the "maddest hat." Ask the guests to vote for whom has the maddest hat, the most creative, most beautiful, and silliest of the tea party.

The one who wins can be the honorary Mad Hatter.

Tea Party Games

After you serve tea, guests will enjoy playing games. Here are some ideas.

Caterpillar's Musical Toadstools

This game is a variation of musical chairs.

Have a footstool or step stool for each guest. If you don't have enough stools, cut mushroom shapes out of paper and place on floor. Start with one stool short, and play music for about 30 seconds. Have each child quickly sit on a toadstool. Remove one toadstool after each game. The last child on a stool wins the game.

Garden Scavenger Hunt

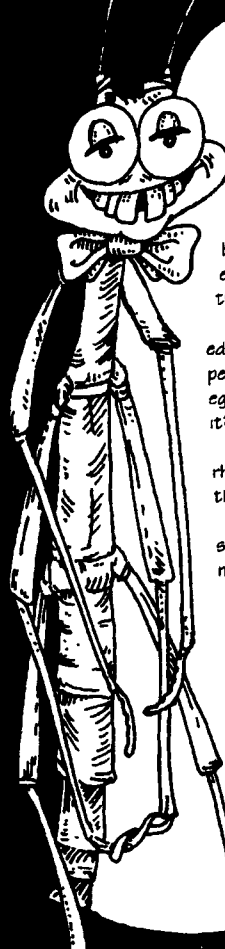
Before the party, write a list of things you could find outdoors such as rocks, leaves, a weed, flower, and so forth. If children cannot read, use stickers or draw pictures for each item.

Divide children into groups. Include the list, pencil, and a bag.

After the children find the items, have them use them to make a craft.

Smart Stuff

with Twig and Eggstick



Dear Twig: Sure, we eat plenty of chicken eggs. But what other eggs can we eat?

Lots of other eggs can be eaten. I'll focus on bird eggs, and farm bird eggs at that, since you might not want to hear about, oh, say, rattlesnake eggs (ew), and since most wild bird eggs are protected by law (and rightly so).

Duck eggs, for one, are edible. In fact, some farm breeders, like Knaki Campbell, crank out nearly as many eggs as a laying hen, and some folks actually prefer them. (And some folks don't.)

Quail eggs (small) and goose eggs (big) are edible, too. Again, some people like them and some people don't. Asian cooks, among others, like quail eggs. Roger Clemens, meanwhile, likes goose eggs. (Get it? Get it? OK, it's a baseball joke.)

And then there are ratites — ostriches, emus, rheas, etc. — great big birds that lay great big eggs that sure make whopper omelettes.

Duck, goose and quail eggs are sold by some supermarkets and often at farmers' and specialty markets.

Ratite eggs are commonly sold for making crafts (whole shells with the insides blown out). They may be harder to come by unless you're friends with an emu farmer or an emu.

Twig

