



Trucksville neighbors throw old fashioned block party

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Both young and old got together for an old fashioned neighborhood block party off Orchard Street in Trucksville Sunday, August 7.

People who had been neighbors for decades, and people who are new to the area and wanted to get to know each other came to the block party. There was food to keep everyone happy and games to keep people busy, but there were also something else not quite as easy to measure. A sense of community.

The community that is glimpsed by a shared history of days past when the neighborhood was surrounded by farmland and traveled by dirt roads and trolley cars. When one knew all his neighbors by their first names, as well as the generations that followed.

The people who live there remember the past.

"When I was a little girl growing here everyone used to go to the same church down the street," resident Ruth Merrel talks of the year 1910 and what life used to be like in the Back Mountain.

"There was two or three trains running to a lumber community in Noxen. When I was younger I remember having to be home with the mail train at 4:00," said Ruth.

Library news

Dinosaur Days party today ends summer reading program

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Dinosaur Days Summer Reading party will be held today at 1:30 in the children's room at the library. All children participating in the program are invited to the party.

Our Dinosaur Summer display, being presented by the children of the Back Mountain who have loaned us a dinosaur, will be coming to an end on August 17. A very special thank you to the children who brought their dinosaurs in and they can now return home anytime after the 17th. One new addition in the last week was a baby saurus in a pretty shade of

orange brought in by Todd Butcher who is 8 years old.

I had the privilege of meeting Norman Bridwell, the creator of Clifford the Big Red Dog, while attending the American Library Association gala celebration in New York City a few years ago. Clifford the Big Red Dog has been special to me because of my son's name and he has many of the books about Clifford, and now, so does Elizabeth Bridwell, the best selling author of more than 34 Clifford books, states "I think Clifford's success is based on his not being perfect." Clifford the Big Red Dog will be celebrating his 25th anniversary in 1988. He is every child's idea of what a dog should really be!"

Tips for a safe return to school

It's that time of year again. School is just around the corner and kids are anxiously awaiting their first day back to class. Leo Landau, M.D., a pediatrician on staff at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, says that children between the ages of three and six should follow certain guidelines as they start the new school year.

The following tips will help make your child's school year safer.

-A crossing guard must be on duty when a young child is crossing the street.

-Children must know how to look left, right, then left again, before crossing the street.

-When a child goes to school for the first time, he or she must be instructed to go home with family members only.

-Children should never take a ride from strangers to or from school when walking.

-A child should never talk to someone they don't know.

-A child should never take candy, food or drink from a stranger.

Quilt show this weekend at Oldest House

Margie Hovan will present a Quilt Show at the Oldest House, located on E. Main St., Laceyville, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20 and 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. She will show new and antique coverlets of both traditional and original designs, made by herself and friends, most of whom reside in Wyoming County.

Mrs. Hovan has been actively interested in quilting for the past eight years and has been a member of the Pennsylvania Quilters since that time. She has studied with professionals: Donna

Goobic; Anne McClintic and Elly Sienkiewicz and has entered her work in the Pennsylvania Quilters' 1988 Show at the Vermont Quilt Festival, earlier this year. It will be displayed on Saturday, afternoon. Mrs. Hovan is the wife of Attorney John Hovan of Tunkhannock. They have three children: Aaron, 14; Kathryn, 11; and Paul, 5 years old.

The Oldest House is easily reached from Route 6 by any of the three exits to the Main Street of Laceyville.

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Kim Dougherty was recently selected as a graduate assistant at Villanova University for the 1988-89 academic year.

Dougherty, a resident of Dallas, graduated from Dallas Senior High School in 1984 and Villanova University in 1988, where she earned a degree in Biology. From August 1986 to 1988 she held a position of Resident Assistant and Head Resident responsible for peer and academic counseling for 150 female residents.

She was a member of Alpha Epsilon National Pre-Medical Honor Society and Phi-Sigma National Biological Sciences Honor Society and a Deans List student.

She is presently pursuing a graduate degree in Counseling. She is the daughter of Harry and Elaine Dougherty.

Congdon's have silver anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Congdon celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 10.

Dinner was at Charlie Brown's Restaurant. Melvin Jr. hosted the dinner for the couple.

Service notes

Marine Pfc. Paul Yurkin, son of Robert R. Yurkin of Dallas recently reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. He is a 1986 graduate of G.A.R., Wilkes-Barre.

Andrew J. Sabulski, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Sabulski of Lehman, enlisted in the United States Air Force recently, according to SSgt. Russ Garis, Air Force Recruiter for the Wilkes-Barre Area.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, Andy will receive training as a crew chief on jet aircraft.

Andy is a 1988 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School.

Cadet William J. Erie, son of William J. Erie of 17 O'Day Drive, Endicott, N.Y. and Judith A. Greskiewicz of 180 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, received practical work in military leadership at the U.S. Army ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in either the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or National Guard for the cadet.

Erie is a student at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove and attending ROTC at Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

Jody L. Traver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Traver, RD 1, Sweet Valley, enlisted in the United States Army.

Seniors can enter art exhibition

Senior citizens age 60 and over who are interested in exhibiting art work at the Third Annual Arts Festival in Harrisburg may now obtain entry forms from the PA Council on the Aging, according to Senator Charles D. Lemmond (R-20).

Senator Lemmond said the festival is held each October to honor Pennsylvania's older artists and to provide them with an opportunity to display their works. All paintings, photographs, sculptures and other artwork will be displayed in the new East Wing Annex of the State Capitol.

"This festival is a showcase for our many talented senior citizens," Senator Lemmond said. "It is also a tribute to the older artists who have made such a significant contribution to our cultural enrichment."

Those interested in participating in the festival may obtain entry forms by writing or calling the PA Council on Aging, 231 State Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101, telephone (717) 783-1924. The deadline for returning entry forms and artwork is September 20, 1988.



SUMMER FESTIVAL—The annual Arts at Hayfield festival will be held Sunday at the Penn State campus.

Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival this weekend at Penn State

More than two dozen artists and crafters will be on hand for the Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival IV Arts and Crafts Show-Sale, Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman. A variety of items from weaving and hand-painted clothing to pottery and ceramics will be available.

As an added attraction, the Pennsylvania Quilters Association will host a day-long quilting demonstration featuring the basics of piecing and applique. They will also have on display a quilt that will be raffled off during their upcoming Quilt Show '88 scheduled at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus on October 8-9.

In addition, Penn State professor Dr. Thomas Winter will demonstrate the art of caning, an art form passed down to him from his grandfather and uncle who were professional caners.

A full schedule of entertainment will also feature something for

everyone. The popular local folk group "JUST US" will present a two hour concert beginning at 3:30 p.m. Comprised of Joe Lynch (keyboard), Mary Lynch (vocals), and Paul Reinert (guitar and bass) their repertoire includes the contemporary folk-rock sounds of Peter, Paul and Mary, James Taylor, Carole King and Harry Chapin.

For those who enjoy the sounds of old-fashioned four-part harmony, the award winning barbershop quartet "Cross Valley Express" will also perform their spirited renditions of the barbershop classics from "Sweet Adeline" to "Down By The Old Mill Stream."

For children, there will be a Karate for Kids demonstration by Penn State professor Dr. Dudley Snyder, face painting, and a ballet workshop presented by members of the Ballet Theater of Scranton. The youngsters will also get to meet

their favorite television character ALF - who will be passing out balloons.

The schedule follows:
11 a.m., Crafts and art show opens;

12:30 p.m., Ballet workshop for Children presented by the Ballet Theater of Scranton.

2 p.m., Karate for Kids demonstration by Dr. Dudley Snyder;

2:30 p.m., "Cross Valley Express" barbershop quartet;

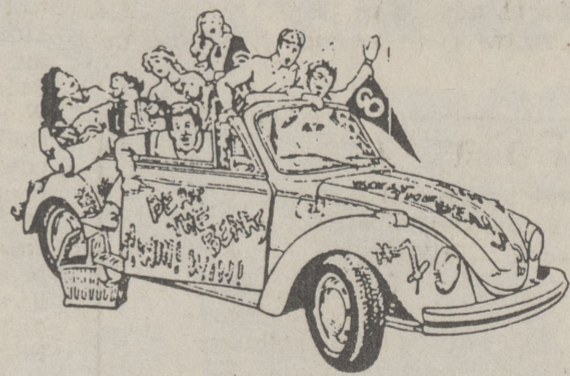
3:30, "Just Us" folk-rock group.

Quilting and caning demonstrations, face painting and food stands will be open throughout the day.

In addition at 8 p.m., the Astronomy Club of Penn State will hold an amateur astronomy session on the lawn of Hayfield House led by Dr. Thomas Winter, professor of physics.

For more information, contact the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus at 675-2171.

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