

Woodsman's festival —want to climb a greased pole?

The Elizabethtown--Mount Joy Forest Fire Crew will conduct its first annual Carnival and Woodsman's Festival on Friday, September 9 (5:00 p.m. - ?) and Saturday, September 10 (12:00 noon - ?) on the grounds of the Crew station on Greentree Road in Mount Joy Township. A building dedication ceremony will also be conducted on Saturday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. (Rain Dates - 16 & 17 sept.)

Everyone is invited to attend. There will be displays, live entertainment, games, contests (log chopping, greased pole climbing, etc.), Food and fun for all. The Countrymen will entertain with country and western music on Friday evening and the Singing Miller family will entertain with family and gospel music on Saturday evening. You may also inspect the forest fire station while you're there.

For more information call 653-2130 or 367-5460.

Boro Authority meets in Mount Joy

Authority members heard the Consulting Engineer, Robert Stark, detail the progress of the 1 million gallon standpipe being constructed at Rapho Industrial Park. According to Stark, the standpipe will be started within the next few weeks. The foundation is almost completed.

The Authority will make a decision at a later date as to the lettering proposed for the standpipe. One idea, proposed by a contractor, would place the words "Mount Joy" on the structure in 3 ft. high letters.

In other business the authority granted permission to the engineers to prepare bid documents and contracts to advertise the repainting of the existing

standpipe at David and Lumber Sts.

The Authority approved requisitions for the following:

From the Sewer Bond redemption and Improvement Fund for the payment of interest on the short-term loan in the amount of \$1,525.73; To be paid from the Water Construction Fund as follows: \$31,057.65 for Estimate No. 5 of Contract III construction of water transmission mains and related work; \$38,371.32 for Estimate No. 4 of Contract I, construction of well pumping stations and water softening plant; and \$31,030.81 for Estimate No. 3 of Contract IV, construction of 1.0 million gallon standpipe and related work.

Junior misses —3 local girls try for title

Three DHS Juniors are entering the 'Junior Miss' contest at Hempfield High School.

Contestants will be judged on both talent and appearance. Winners will receive money.

The local contestants are: Eileen Penyak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Penyak, Fairview Ave., Marietta, is a member of the band, dramatics club, Spanish club, varsity club, National Honor Society, soccer team, and is a cheerleader.

Karen Lin Albright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Albright, RD1 Marietta, is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish club, Hispanic Honor Society, and the basketball, track, and hockey teams.

Joi Shearer, already Miss Mount Joy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shearer, 220 Delta St., Mount Joy. She is a majorette, is on the honor roll, and a member of the dramatics club and chorus.

All three girls plan to perform on the piano.

Story of a refugee

Two years ago, Tri Duc Vu left his native country, and risked his life, to find freedom. Now he is starting a new life here in Mount Joy

"I didn't like communists; I wanted freedom," says Tri Duc Vu, a Vietnamese refugee now living in Mount Joy.

On April 30th, 1975, it was raining in Saigon. Tri had been a law student up till then, but on that day the Viet Cong entered the city, and Tri decided to leave. Along with ten other people, he climbed into a small fishing boat -about 15 feet long -and took off down the Mekong River.

"We had to hurry," he relates. Crowds were surging toward the boat, threatening to capsize if too many boarded — and the communists were not far behind. The group got away from shore, but the communists fired a rocket at them, which hit the water about thirty feet from the boat and exploded. Tri was deafened in his right ear by the blast.

Escaping the river, the tiny boat drifted out to sea. There was no food or water. Two infants died and had to be thrown overboard to the sharks. The boat had a motor, but they had no idea where they were, or where they might end up.

Finally, on the fourth day, the exhausted refugees were picked up when a U.S. Navy ship chanced upon them. Four days after that they arrived in the Phillipines.

Tri's ear healed eventually, although he was totally deaf for several hours after the rocket hit. "No worries about that," he told the **Times** reporter, "We just wanted to live, to get out."

Tri lived at an Air Force base in the Phillipines for two months, and then another base in Guam for two more months. During this time he had no idea what had happened to his family, whom he had last seen in Vietnam. He had known only one man in the fishing boat (his teacher at college —now living in Memphis, Tennessee).



Tri Duc Vu works in the meat room at Weis Market in Mount Joy. Now 22 years old, Tri came here two years ago —and had some scary adventures on the way.

Eventually he was sent by the authorities to a refugee camp in Arkansas. He spent another two months there.

On his last day at the camp, Tri recalls, he was "walking around to remember," when he happened to glance down at a scrap of discarded newspaper on the ground. The paper had his brother's name on it. Tri got in touch with the American Red Cross, which found his brother's address: Indian-

town Gap. (His brother had also managed to escape, with his wife. The rest of Tri's family is still in Vietnam: his mother and sister, who live in their old house, and two additional brothers, interned in "educational camps.")

Shortly after that, Tri, his brother, and his sister-in-law moved to Mount Joy. They now live at 363 No. Barbara St. His brother works for Brubaker Plumbing Co. in Rohrerstown. All three were sponsored by

St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Tri spent his first six months here looking for a job. His biggest barrier was linguistic. Although he had studied some English in Vietnam, he could understand our tongue much better than he could speak it. He applied at ten places, but in the end his fourth application came through at Weis Market in Mount Joy.

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