

Winning essays in 'Why I Like Mount Joy' contest

by Sharon Roberts

The nine winners of the "Mount Joy —My Kind of Town" essay contest braved the bitter cold on Sunday, November 13th to receive their prizes at the parade reviewing stand. Jim Roberts, President of Merchants Association, presented the awards. The Mount Joy Merchants Association and the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce extends its thanks to all persons who took time to participate in the contest. Special thanks are also extended to Mrs. Mildred Roberts, Ms. Sue Schlosser and Mr. Sam Harnish for judging the entries.

The first prize winner in the 11 and under age group was Nadine Berrier. She received a \$50 savings bond. \$25 bonds were awarded to the second and third place winners: Benjamin Kling and Mike Gainer.

In the 12 to 18 age group, Cathy Brubaker took first place and received a \$100 savings bond. A \$50 bond went to second place winner Tracie Grove. Third place winner, Grace Snyder received a \$25 bond.

Sharon Brown, recipient of a \$100 savings bond, took first place in the 19 and older age group. A \$50 bond went to Darla Kulp Mason for second place. Joe Shaeffer, third place winner was awarded a \$25 savings bond.

Thomas Bair, 17, received an honorable mention for his essay.

It was evident in the essays that were received that Mount Joy is the town that many are glad to call "home." How about you? If you think about it, Mount Joy does offer a lot.

by Nadine Berrier, 11

Mount Joy is my kind of town because of all my best friends live here. Although not many of my relatives live here, it gives me a chance to know more people better.

A small community gives children a better chance to grow up. There are alot more healthy people in small towns than in a big city. There isn't as much air pollution or water pollution.

There aren't as many accidents or killings in a small city.

In Mount Joy you have more room to play in back yards than in big cities like Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.

Mount Joy has churches, stores, library, tasty freezes, dairies, factories, gas stations, schools and restaurants, just like any big city. Mount Joy has everything a big city would have and lots more.

I like it because it has streams and other places like Sico Park and other parks where you can enjoy yourself in nature. You can fish and do all sorts of things outside.

At my breakfast table I look out the windows and see bluejays, rabbits, squirrels, cardinals, and robins. You could not possibly see in the city. This is one of the nicest things of living in Mount Joy.

by Cathy Brubaker, 17

As I was thinking about what to write for this essay, many ideas crossed my mind.

For one thing, Mount Joy is a place of opportunity. It has a baseball team for young or old, a pool for those hot summer days, tennis courts for others who enjoy a fast, exciting game, and also a park for a lazy Sunday afternoon.

This town is a industrial asset to Lancaster County. It has many fine companies such as Peter Paul, Donegal Industries, A.M.P. Corporation, Sico, N.C.R., and Florin Feed just to name a few.

Mount Joy is also a fantastic farming community. It is comprised of poultry, beef, grain, and dairy businesses.

Elm Tree Acres Dairy is a store in which you can enjoy many fine products from our area.

My home town, Mount Joy, has lots of helpful and willing people who care about our town's well being, such as the admirable ambulance and the fire department crew and the dedicated police.

Last but not least Mount Joy is a fine Christian community with numerous churches in which to worship.

by Sharon Brown, 28

Mount Joy is my kind of town, it's true.

The reasons are varied and more than a few.

The men who govern this town, one must realize do not always agree, yet manage to compromise.

And when they come to their decisions they feel they've done their best for all the citizens.

The stores and factories in our community give all who want to work the opportunity.

There are parks, restaurants, schools, and churches and businesses where one can make any kind of purchase.

A Vietnamese family lives down the street from mine.

They're here because our citizens are so generous and kind.

The air is always so fresh and clear, even with the factories, there's no air pollution here.

There are competent doctors, police and firemen when we are in need.

The people of Mount Joy are quite safe indeed.

I've had no great desire from here to roam, because Mount Joy is more than my kind of town —IT'S MY HOME.

WRONG!

Well, we got some more guesses about our mystery photo of the last two weeks, but still no right replies, despite one woman who wrote:

"Dear Editor; I thought surely everyone would recognize the mystery photo. It certainly is clear to me ...It's POPCORN."

Unfortunately, it's not. Sorry. Other shots in the

dark included "a close-up photo of a vacuum cleaner bag cut open," polyurethane foam, and soap suds at the car wash.

Obviously this is a tough one. Here's another hint: The object in the photo (yes, there's only one) is dead. Also, it's encased in plastic, and it's near Park City.

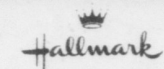
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Brownie troop 319 investiture



Brownie Troop 319 held its investiture last Friday. The ceremony was led by troop leader Joyce Leese and assistant leader Barb Kreider. Many parents attended.

Shown above are, front row, left to right: Lody Smith, Kristin Deck, Lara Chtarelli, Lenny McKain, Melissa Hifield (sorry if that's spelled wrong, Melissa), Lisa

Yoder; 2nd row, Danielle Marion, Susan Weidman, Amy McKain, Angela Beaner, Kristin Zimmerman, and Lynne Williams; 3rd row, Buffy Bomgardner, Lodi Lovinger, Lori Williams, Michelle Hoak, Debra Thome, and Lisa Williams. Oops! We forgot Marcy McCurdy, at the end of the 2nd row. Sorry, Marcy. Not shown are Lenny Voytek and Lisa Hicks.

Congratulations & Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Jefferson Hartzler for his election victory to the Donegal School Board.

Also, on behalf of Jeff and the entire Donegal Democratic slate, thanks to all who voted for and supported us in the November election.

Jim Pekarek, President Donegal Democratic Club
John E. Matoney, District Leader