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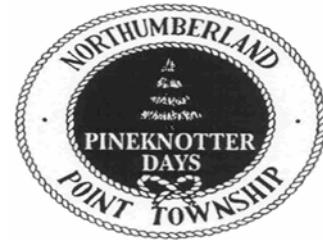
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PINEKNOTTER DAYS ISSUE

SUMMER 2002

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Thirty Years Later, Still Going Strong!

It's been a little more than 30 years since a group of community-minded individuals got together to plan a celebration for the Northumberland - Point Township Bi-centennial. They surely did not envision the annual week-long celebration known as Pineknitter Days into which their endeavor would evolve. It was only after the Bi-centennial, as they reflected on the great community spirit and fellowship that took place during the festivities, did they decide to

make it an annual event. To that end, The Northumberland - Point Township Pineknitter Days Association was incorporated September 4, 1973.

Although the Pineknitter Days Committee spends the better part of a year planning for the next year's celebration, the success of Pineknitter Days is possible only through the cooperation of many other people. Each year, businesses and non-profit groups bring their wares into the park; some of

these vendors have been a part of Pineknitter Days since its inception in 1973. For some non-profit groups, this is the main source of income.

However, no matter how many or what concessions are involved, without the support of the general public, Pineknitter Days could not continue to be as successful as it has been. Each year, Northumberland - Point Township area residents, as well as those from surrounding communities, come and

(See *Thirty Years* on page 4)

From the Soapbox Race to Soccer Fest, Week Has Something For Everyone

The Mud Flaps. Chance. Re Creation. That is just some of the evening offerings. The Pineknitter Days celebration kicks off with a Soap Box Race and con-

cludes with the Harrisburg Heat in Soccer Fest. In between, of course, there are the regular *oh so good* offerings such as funnel cakes, hot dogs and the

occasional frosted shake. Did we mention the enormous Craft Fair on the 4th of July?? See the complete schedule on page 2.

Welcome To The 30th Annual Pineknottter Days!

The following events are scheduled to take place June 29th through July 6, 2002 in King Street Park except where noted:

Saturday, June 29th
SOAPBOX RACE, 8 a.m.
(sponsored by Northumberland Police Dept.)
Rain Date: 7/6

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM
SWIM PARTY, 1 p.m.—7 p.m.
(sponsored by the Point Township Police Dept.)

MISS PINEKNOTTER PAGEANT, 6 p.m.
Canterbury Commons Room, Nottingham Village Nursing Center

Sunday, June 30th
COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE, 7 p.m.
King Street Park Gazebo

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 1st
WVLY/WMLP LIVE BROADCAST

PINEKNOTTER OF THE YEAR AWARD, 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT:
RE-CREATION
(sponsored by Northumberland National Bank)

PINEKNOTTER STORE AND CONCESSIONS, 6 p.m.—10 p.m.

Tuesday, July 2nd
ENTERTAINMENT:
CHANCE

PINEKNOTTER STORE AND CONCESSIONS, 6 p.m.—10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3rd
ENTERTAINMENT:
LUCKY AFTERNOON

PINEKNOTTER STORE AND CONCESSIONS, 6 p.m.—10 p.m.

Friday, July 5th
CAR SHOW,
6 p.m.—9 p.m.

Independence Day Schedule

Join us all day on the Fourth of July!

PINEKNOTTER STORE AND CONCESSIONS

9 a.m.—10 p.m.

CRAFT SHOW, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

ART EXHIBIT, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

BALLOON ANIMAL ARTIST, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

CHICKEN BBQ, 11 a.m.

WVLY/WMLP LIVE BROADCAST, 8 a.m.—Noon

ENTERTAINMENT: TRUE HEART

ENTERTAINMENT:
MUD FLAPS

PINEKNOTTER STORE AND CONCESSIONS, 6 p.m.—10 p.m.

Saturday, July 6th
SOCCERFEST,
9 a.m. featuring the HARRISBURG HEAT, Weis Soccer Fields, Point Township



Pineknottter Days is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Northumberland-Point Township with proceeds benefiting community service projects

Borough Council Meets To Serve

The Northumberland Borough Council invites all citizens to its public meetings. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. excluding this month, July, when we are only meeting on the 16th, on account of the July 4th holiday. Your comments are welcomed and needed to make a better Northumberland!

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**Soap Box Race
Set**

**SOAP BOX
RACE**

When:
Saturday,
June 29th
At 8 a.m.

Where:
King & Fourth
Streets

The Northumberland Parks & Recreation Committee and the Police Department will sponsor the 3rd annual SOAP BOX RACE.

KIDS KRAFTY KORNER

The Northumberland Recreation Committee will once again sponsor crafts and games for children ages 5 through those finishing 5th grade.

The sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30, starting June 19 and ending July 31, (with the exception of July 3.) The program is

in its second year of operation and will be held at the Girl Scout Little House at 344 3rd Street. Mayor Gretchen Brosius will be planning the projects and overseeing the activities. Anyone interested in helping is asked to call 473-9609 or 473-3414. Come join the fun!



Race day will be June 29, beginning at 8:00 am.

The race is held on King Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets. A first, second, and third place winner from each age group will receive

a trophy! All racers will receive a T-shirt. One lucky winner will take home a race car that day compliments of Dale Walter of Walter's Mobil!

Additional Ad space

Thirty Years

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help support us by buying from the vendors. And we are especially thankful for those people living in the King Street Park area who contend with the general confusion and noise associated with the celebration each year.

As in previous years, the Pineknotter Days Committee is looking for the help and support of many people. We hope area residents will come to King Street Park and participate in the different

activities. Unless the vendors, and thus Pineknotter Days, make money, we will not be able to continue to provide the nightly entertainment and other things that are a part of the celebration. Each year, we rely on borough and township residents to help set up, work in the stands, and clean up after the festivities. We also hope they will provide baked goods or other items for the Pineknotter Days cake wheel stand.

Through the years there

have been numerous changes, but the community spirit and fellowship that was evident in 1973 is still evident each year during the July 4th week Pineknotter Days celebration. We hope all residents of the Northumberland - Point Township area will be able to avail themselves to many of the different activities associated with this year's Pineknotter Days celebration.

1973
Pineknotter Days just started, just as:

- **The Sting** was the year's Best Picture
- On television, "All in the Family" and "The Waltons" ruled
- *The Supreme Court made its famous Roe v. Wade decision*
- An agreement was signed in Paris to end the fighting in Vietnam
- 1973 was the last year of the Vintage Mustang
- Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in the **Battle of the Sexes Tennis Match**
- And Lyndon Johnson died



Celebrating *Life*

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SUN Home Hospice is a program of SUN Home Health Services, Inc.

The Health Report:

Food borne Illness

By Lee Shaffer,
Borough Health Officer

In a recent survey by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with regard to Food borne Illness, the following risk factors are the greatest need of attention. I would point out that the factors are equally important in the home as well as in the food industry.

These include the following:

- Improper Holding Times and Temperatures i.e.: cold foods below 41°F - hot foods 140°F or above
- Contaminated Equipment/Cross Contamination

Wash fruit and vegetables before cutting.

Do not cut raw meat and then cut fruits and vegetables using the same knife.

- Poor Personal Hygiene
Wash hands before handling food; Use hair restraints, etc.

Food Safety Guidelines for Bake Sales

While we do not usually associate food borne outbreaks with these types of sales, baked goods still require food handlers to practice safe food handling methods. Here are some tips for people providing and selling at bake sales.

All food should be prepared in clean and sanitary kitchens by persons free of communicable diseases.

All food handlers must wash their hands with soap and warm water before preparing food.

(See *The Health Report* on
page 6)

Additional Ad space

Upcoming Recycling Schedule for the Borough

Curb-side recycling in the borough will be held on the following dates this summer:

*July 1, 2, 3 * August 5, 6, 7 *September 9, 10, 11*

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A Mayor's Welcome

Celebrating 230 Years of Community Spirit

It is summer in Northumberland. The kids are enjoying time out from school, and are playing Little League baseball, AYSO soccer, and swimming at Liberty Pool. Some are enjoying the playground program at C.W. Rice, while some others are working on crafts at the Girl Scout Little House on Wednesday mornings. None of these programs, including Pineknottter Days would be possible without the help of dedicated volunteers from both Northumberland and Pt. Township.

This year is an anniversary year for both of our communities. It has been 230 years since both communities were established. We have a rich history here and the heart of our community has always been its committed volunteers. This volunteer spirit has become known over the years as a *Pineknottter*. And it is with great pride that I remember thankfully the volunteers of yesterday and today and ask the young people to continue this tradition when planning their futures.

God has richly blessed us as Americans and as Pineknotters so let's remember to thank Him and pray for wisdom and guidance as we work together to make our community a better place.

Have a fun and safe summer, and welcome to Pineknottter Days 2002!

Gretchen Brosius, Mayor

Go Online Northumberland

Northumberland Borough invites you to visit our web site at www.northumberlandborough.com Go here to find the latest information on all borough happenings. Go online today—you'll be glad that you did!

Another Haunted October set

The Northumberland Recreation Commission will once again present 'A Nightmare on Second Street" at the Second Street Community Center this upcoming October. Proceeds benefit the Liberty Pool project as well as other recreational activities throughout the borough. Dates and times will announced soon.

The Health Report

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Food should be tightly wrapped or sealed during transport. Vehicles used to transport food should be clean. Food should not be transported with family pets. Packages must not be open and cannot be opened to sell part of the contents.

Any decorating of cookies, cakes, etc., must be done prior to packaging and cannot be finished in the booth.

All food contact sur-

faces must be clean and sanitized regularly. Use disposable paper towels for cleaning. Avoid using sponges; they harbor bacteria. A sanitizing solution can be made using one (1) teaspoon of chlorine bleach with one (1) quart of lukewarm water. This may be placed into a spray bottle and labeled "sanitizer" for easy use. Sanitizing solution should be made fresh daily since the bleach can dissipate.

(See *The Health Report* on page 8)

Additional Ad space

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Summer Internship Program Again Benefits the Borough

Northumberland Borough once again benefits from the Summer Intern Program developed by the Degenstein Foundation and PHEAA. College students and college-bound high school seniors who receive PHEAA loans or grants are eligible to participate in this Summer Intern program. Ninety percent of the wages paid to these students are reimbursed to the employers by these two organizations.

The borough currently has students employed at the Liberty Pool, the Summer Recreation Program, assisting with the Arts and Crafts program, and working with the borough street crew. These positions and others are available through this Summer Intern



2002 Summer Recreation Program

The 2002 Summer Recreation Program is underway for students who have just finished Kindergarten through students who have just finished 7th grade. The program, which began on June 3, will be held from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Monday - Friday, until August 9th.



The outdoor program will be held at the tennis courts and on the field above the C. W. Rice Middle School.

This program is FREE and will involve many different activities including: tennis, basketball, kickball, whiffleball, and others. Sponsored by the Northumberland Borough Parks and Recreation Committee and the North-

umberland Borough Council, college students will plan and supervise the activities.

Funding has been provided by the Degenstein Foundation and the Joseph Anselmo Sr. Community Trust.

2002 Recreation Program

When:
June 3—
August 9th
9:30—11:30 a.m.,
Monday-Friday

Where:
C.W. Rice
Middle School Fields

The Health Report

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Food handlers should not use bare hands to handle food. If hands are used, they must be washed, dried and covered with gloves before contacting ready-to-eat foods. Or, food handlers can use utensils such as tongs to serve food.

If offering food samples, protect them with a cover and offer them to customers with clean tongs, toothpicks, napkins, etc.

A trash container must be provided for disposal of spoons, toothpicks, napkins, etc.

Items acceptable for a bake sale are breads – yeast, quick breads;

cakes (except cream-filled or cheesecake); cookies; brownies; muffins; candies; dried fruits, herbs, spices; cupcakes (except cream-filled); and fruit pies NOT requiring refrigeration.

Items NOT acceptable for a bake sale are cheesecake; pumpkin, cream or custard pies; cream-filled cupcakes or doughnuts; frostings and fillings with cream cheese or whipped cream; homemade ice cream; and frozen items.

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(See *The Health Report* on
page 9)



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Attention Volunteers: Make A Difference, Make This Summer Better

The borough's many organizations are looking for volunteers to serve and that means they are looking for YOU! If you want a better Northumberland—and we all do—give a little bit of your time to making a difference. Volunteers are currently being sought for the Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee, the Second Street Community Center Advisory Committee and Liberty Pool Association. Contact the borough office at 473-3414 for more information. You may also apply online at http://www.northumberlandborough.com/volunteer_form.htm Or, you may use the form on Page 12!



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The Health Report

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meat, poultry and seafood must come from an approved source. Food processing plants, meat processors, poultry and seafood should be prepared in Department of Agriculture approved facilities.

If they are not approved we do not know if it is a sanitary facility, how the meat is chilled or stored and transported. Our local shops and markets are inspected and ap-

proved by us and we try to make sure their suppliers are all approved. Health Issues within the borough can be addressed by calling Lee at 473-3414.

West Nile Virus Warning

WEST NILE virus is a serious concern and we are asking for your help in order to prevent it from spreading. More birds, especially crows, have tested positive for the virus in Pennsylvania. In addition

to birds, mosquitoes are also known carriers of this virus. The WEST NILE virus is a known cause of meningitis and potentially death. Our concern and obligation is to eliminate the breeding sites for mosquitoes. This includes items such as tires, cans, pans, unused wading/kiddy pools, sandboxes, clogged rain gutters, unused swimming pools, small bodies of water in low lying ground, and anywhere else that stagnant water can accumulate.

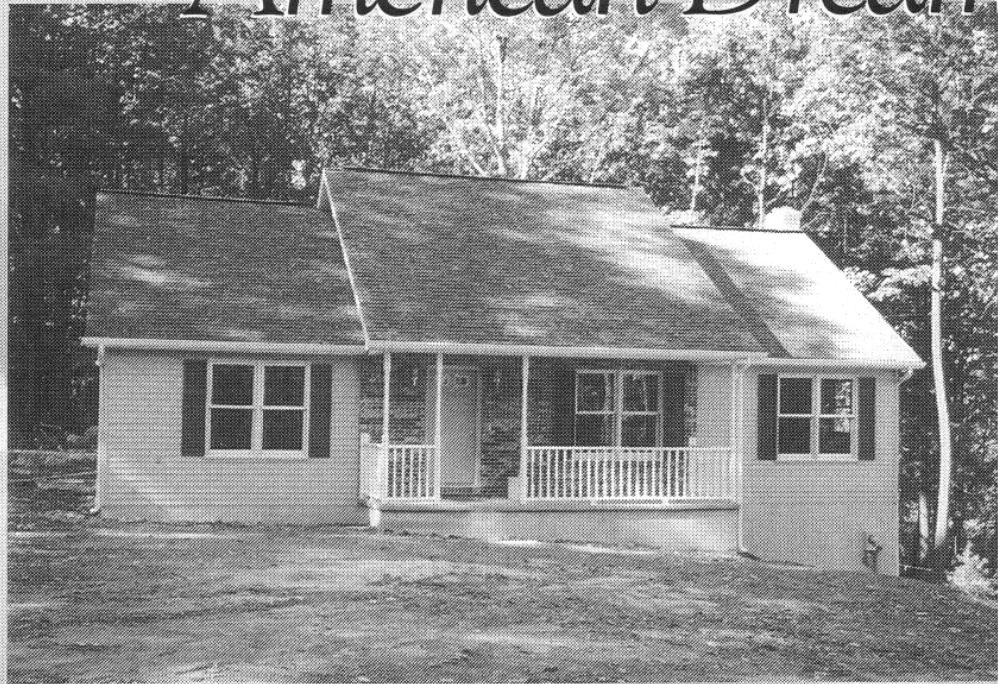
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important to the safety of the entire community.

Thank you.
Lee Shaffer,
Health officer



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From The President of Borough Council

Greetings, and welcome to the 30th Annual Pineknottter Days celebration! Now entering its *fourth decade*, the Northumberland-Point Township Kiwanis organization has provided fun for the young and old alike, all to benefit the local community.

Over the course of the next week, I invite those visiting from outside our borough to explore what I consider the *Heart of the Pennsylvania Susquehanna Valley* and get to know us better. Come to the Craft Fair, relax to some great entertainment, and of course, sample the terrific food. There is a lot to see and do, so make a week of it!

So from our family to yours, welcome!

Bryan M. Wolfe, President,
Northumberland Borough Council

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They Always Ask: What is a Pineknottter?

It happens every year.
Northumberland welcomes people to Pineknottter Days and they begin asking. What exactly is a PINEKNOTTER?

The late George Donachy, a friend to many in this borough, told an out-of-town acquaintance one time what he felt defined the word Pineknottter.

We print that definition here as a tribute to George, and to all those Pineknotters that have left us but will certainly never be forgotten.

A Pineknottter

"Pine" is a versatile evergreen, "Knot" is a hard piece of wood growing from a branch. We have been and will be versatile and hard. The "Pine Tree" gives us a vision of pride, standing erect. The "Knot" strength...The will to win.

- Source: *Northumberland Alumni Book, 1883-1965*

Volunteer In The Borough

The Borough is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please provide us with the following contact information and return to The Borough of Northumberland, 221 2nd Street, Northumberland, PA 17857. Forms may be faxed to: 473-3986

First Name

Last Name

Home Phone

FAX

E-mail

Which committees would you be interested in learning more about or joining?

- Civil Service Commission
- Revitalization
- Second Street Advisory Committee
- Sewer Authority
- Shade Tree Committee
- Zoning Board
- Liberty Pool Association

- Planning Commission
- Fire Police
- Flood Mitigation
- Housing Authority
- Little League
- Parks and Recreation

Additional Ad space

Creating A Roadmap

The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis to discuss ideas and plan events around Northumberland and its history. Our goal is to “Create a Roadmap for Our Community”.

Our first project is a fundraiser of a print titled “Front Street Station” by Jeffrey Lynch. It is a historical work of Front Street Station as a train station many years ago. Please stop and visit us during Pineknotter Days to see a framed print we will have on display. We will also have prints for sale in the park on July 4th during Pineknotter Days! Cost of the print is \$90 and proceeds benefit the Revitalization Committee. You can take one home with you or you may purchase a print from Karen Stahl at Peace of Home gift shop, 90 Queen Street. If you have your print framed by Peace of Home, Karen graciously donates 10% of your framing cost back to Revitalization! We would like to thank her for all her hard work on this project as well as the local businesses that have volunteered to display the print.

New projects include flower planters for downtown, replacing park benches in King Street Park, a community bulletin board to be placed at King Street Park and replacement garbage cans for downtown.

Additional Ad space

Please watch the Northumberland Borough website for our next meeting date. We'd be happy to have new members join our committee and ideas are welcome from the community.

Community Pavilions Still Available for Summer

Pavilions Available for Rent
Pineknotter Park and Liberty Hollow pavilions may be reserved by contacting the Borough Office at 473-3414. The rental for Pineknotter Park pavilion is \$50 per day and requires a \$50 refundable deposit. Liberty Hollow pavilion is rented for \$25 per day with a \$25 refundable deposit.

These areas are perfect for family picnics and reunions.

Sidewalk Project Underway

The Borough's Sidewalk Beautification Project is in full swing. As noted in a letter mailed to property owners earlier this summer, those with properties located within the 2nd political ward have until October 31 to fix or install sidewalks. Contact our code officers in the borough office for more details.

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Liberty Pool Opens for Season

Exciting things are coming to the Liberty Pool! New for 2002 are the bright, fun colors. Lounges, tables and chairs invite you to spend some time relaxing around the pool. The newly renovated "Liberty Café" has an expanded menu. Sand volleyball is now available for the active individuals. You can float in the water on a pool tube, or experience the one-of-a-kind DUMP TOWER, designed by

Greg Carl.

General Admission is just \$3.00 per day, with a rate for children under 5 of \$1.00 and a Senior citizen (55+) rate of \$2.00. Pool hours are 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm daily. Splash hops are planned for July 9 and August 20 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

SUPER SUNDAY GIVEAWAYS are scheduled for every Sunday during normal hours. Local merchants

have generously donated the prizes. Other special days are being planned. Watch for the "moms get in free" day, "dads get in free day" and "grandparents get in free day" to be announced. Other activities will be an adults only party this summer and contests, like a lip sync contest where local business leaders and personalities will judge the contestants with a cash or prize giveaway awarded to the winner.

A junior lifeguard program is coming in July for those ages 11-15, with limited spaces available.

Pool rentals and birthday packages are now offered. Ask Travis Fisher, the pool manager, for more information.

The Liberty Pool Commission is seeking members for fundraising events for the water park. Contact the borough office at 473-3414 if you are willing to volunteer.