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ISSUE

The PINEKNOTTER NEWS

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History Day Issue

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Another 'Splash' coming June 3

Summer is coming, believe it or not, so Liberty Splashland is planning some new and fun things for your family to enjoy this 2004 season. If the funding is secured in time there will be a new 1200 square foot spray ground for your younger ones to enjoy. This will be a totally enclosed area with a grassy area for lounge chairs that you parents can enjoy while watching your kids. The dump tower will be painted the red, white and blue color scheme like the rest of the park. The Big Squirt squirt gun system will also be installed with the squirt guns available for purchase at the Liberty Café. Our second annual Liberty Fear Factor Day will be one of the kick-off events for Pineknotted Days on Saturday July 3 at 4PM. This is similar to the popular TV show with two stunts and something gross. It was a blast last year! Merle Phillips grandson Nate won the adult division

last year. If you haven't taken the time to visit Liberty Splashland or if you didn't even know it exists then you are missing out on some fun times right here in your back yard. Liberty Splashland boasts the only drop slides in the area, the only Dump Tower, the only Big Squirt system, sand volleyball, 100 lounge chairs, pool tubes, the largest community swimming pool, a great menu, swim lessons, Northumberland/Sunbury swim team and now a children's spray ground. Special events include the ever popular lip sync contests, Liberty Fear Factor Day, and splash hops. There are special events every other week all summer long. Liberty Splashland is your source for summer fun. Passes can be purchased at the Borough office now or at the park after opening day June 3. Season pass rates are \$75 for an individual and \$150 for a family. The park is available for rent and birthday parties.

Call the park after opening day for all the details. Funding is still being sought for the water park concept. The future of Liberty Splashland includes such things as 2 waterslides that will be nearly 300 feet each, a new bath house, all new decking, a lily pad walk, a new spray ground and either the Flow Rider boogie boarding activity with lazy river or a huge water playground with 1000 gallon dumping bucket. The purpose of this Aquatic center is to bring people here from other communities to use our facility just as other communities are doing all over the country.

This isn't a park created just for the residents of Northumberland but a regional park that would draw 25,000 to 40,000 people each year. The awesome thing is we have the numbers to prove it. We hired the best in the country to see

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**SUPPORT
NORTHUMBERLAND
RECYCLING**

WHEN

SATURDAY 7 am-11am *

* Corresponding with the Danley Trash pickup

WEDNESDAY 6 pm-8 pm

WHERE

RECYCLING CENTER

ROUTE 11 N.

Just after Shumaker
Industries

WHAT

Newspaper

Magazines

Cardboard

(corrugated only)

Clean Glass bottles & jars

(clear, brown, green)

Cans – aluminum & steel

Please – do not bring

candle jars, drinking glasses,
chandeliers,

window glass or cereal
boxes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your group can earn money
by helping.

Preserving the future by
recycling today!

REMEMBERING DOWNTOWN NORRY

This is the first year the History Day Committee will be replicating a downtown business of Northumberland. In the mid 1950s, the millinery shop of Clarice Hummel was located at 70 Queen Street. The name of the shop was *Hats by Clarice*. There she created many beautiful hats of both feathers and flowers. Her specialty was ringneck pheasant creations. This History Day exhibit will feature many of her creations along with the book that was

written about her and photos of the shop. An areas will be provided for the children to create

their own hats! If you have any hats by Clarice that you would like to display, please call Gretchen Brosius at 473-9426. We are hoping that *Remembering Downtown Norry* will become an annual event of the History Day celebrations. Please feel free to submit any ideas

you may have for next year!

GENERAL STORE

The word “tavern” as used today is synonymous with “bar” or “saloon” – but not so in the 18th century! The tavern was the town hall, the visitors’ bureau, the news center, the Western Union and post office, the library, the casino – you name it. People went there to learn the latest news and gossip, see what was for

and general store, hosted by Cary Shaner of West Lawn, Pennsylvania.

NORTHUMBERLAND CANAL HISTORY

Michael P. McWilliams Sr. will give a program about local canal history around the Northumberland area. His program will be in the basement of the Christ United Methodist Church at 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30.

*2nd Annual
History Day
Celebration
May 8, 2004*

sale, play cards or dice or dominoes, hold meetings for community and private projects, sing, read books, do puzzles, discover the dates for local events and get their mail.

Come and explore The Thirsty Groundhog, a traveling historic tavern

Dressed as “Cap’n Mick”, he will tell you about the canals and then he will change hats to show a slide show of pictures of the canals and ruins. Bring your questions!

“Cap’n Mick” will be in the park to answer your questions between

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shows or to sign on a load of cargo!

When you hear the bell toll at 10:00am, you will know we are starting our day! Many years ago, the bell at St. Mark's Episcopal Church was rung to notify the residents that the packet boats were arriving.

NORTHUMBERLAND RAILROAD HISTORY

We have such a rich history of the railway industry! Enjoy the movies being shown at the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library throughout the day.

HISTORY OF POINT TOWNSHIP

Do you know where Cameron, Chulasky, Riverton, the Devil's Feather Bed, Tuckahoe Mineral Springs, Sarah's Delight or Strawbridge's Gap are located?

Have you ever tasted pickled heart or tongue? Do you know how to make soap, sauerkraut or clothes from feed bags?

Did you know that Northumberland was once considered for the

state capital and at another time, the county seat? Do you know where the last dairy farm in Point Township is located? Did you know the farmers in the township formed their own phone companies, installed the poles, lines and phones?

Answers to these questions plus other history and trivia will be found at a display of the History of Point Township. There will also be many period items, articles and maps. The display will feature life in the olden days and the changes in agriculture through the years.

Glenda Strouse, whose family is involved in grain and dairy farming in Point Township will be available through the day for discussion and questions.

Once again, Furman Foods will have a display of their family and company history. They will exhibit machinery used in the early days of the cannery as well as interesting items which will surely interest one and all!

OFF SITE THINGS TO SEE AND DO!

Experience a history

lesson on your ride to the Lloyd/Johnson Mill House where you will enjoy many activities! Transportation will be provided on the hour from King Street Park.

Dana Ramsey is a historian/instructor on Open Hearth Primitive Cooking and she will be doing a demonstration in her 1820c home along Lodges Run in Point Township. She will give visitors a feeling of being transported back in time to experience the sights and smells of an 1800's kitchen. Visitors will also be able to see how their foremothers cooked their family's meals such as roasted duck done on a string, roast beef roasted in a reflector oven, corn chowder, pies and sweet cakes baked in a tin kitchen and Dutch-oven.

In addition at the Ramsey home, weather and conditions permitting, visitors will be able to ride a stagecoach and experience what this form of travel was like for the early settlers. Imagine, riding a stagecoach traveling through the Central Susquehanna Valley!

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'Liberty and Justice' Program Scheduled for May 1st

To commemorate Law Day, May 1, 2004, the Shikellamy Key Club and other area youth will be presenting the program "With Liberty and Justice for All." Under the direction of Key Club advisor, Ms. Ruth Bromfield, many historical characters who helped to establish our rights and privileges will be portrayed. The two performances presented at 2:30 and 7:30 will take place at the Original Bank Centre at 85 King St. Northumberland (more recently known as the Moose Building). All donations will be sent to Habitat for Humanity.

Second Street Committee Reorganizes

The Second Street School Community Center Committee has reorganized with some new members and some new ideas. They have a goal of opening up the gym by Pineknott Days and are planning some summer activities to generate income for the project. We would like your help and your encouragement. Call the Borough Office (473-9426) if you would be willing to help at our May 22 clean up session or just show up at 9:00 in the gym. May 3, at 7:00 is our next meeting.

Welcome To The Borough

As President of Northumberland Borough Council, I welcome you to the Second Annual History Day Celebration. Thanks to the work of dedicated volunteers, from Northumberland and Point Township, this year's event will surely be a success. Whether its watching the Fiddler Woman doing her thing, eating some 'oh so good' food in the Park, or of course, brushing up on your local history, I am sure that you will find lots to do on May 8th.

I would like to thank everyone involved in this project for their time and dedication. Without these volunteers, events such as this in small town America wouldn't be possible. Enjoy!

Bryan M. Wolfe

Sidewalk Project Continues

The Borough's sidewalk beautification project continues this summer with the following deadlines quickly approaching:

2nd Ward

Property owners in the 2nd ward are subject to fine and other penalties for not complying. The deadline for property owners in this ward has passed.

3rd Ward

Property owners in the 3rd ward (those voting at the Kiwanis Building) have until **October 31** to fully comply with this project. After October 31, owners who fail to comply will be subject to a fine and other penalties.

1st Ward

Property owners in the 1st ward (those voting at the Borough Office),

have until **July 1st** to seek a 1-year extension or total exemption. The date to comply is **October 31 or October 31, 2005 for those seeking an extension.**

Contact the Code Enforcement Office for more information.

Acorn Little League set for 2004 Season

The Northumberland Acorn Little League has kept tradition over the years and added some as well. The League currently consists of the following players, by division: 87 T-Ball; 36 minor league; 44 major league; 49 Jr. league; 39 Sr. league, 25 minor/major software league; and 25 Jr./Sr. softball players. Our new lighting system was completed in the middle of 2003 at the Acorn Field. It was a very costly but successful project for

Northumberland Acorn Little League, but with the help of the Northumberland Borough, grants, and other volunteer work we can now light up the ball field for our children. Pennants to help pay for the expenses of the lights are for sale to businesses that want a exciting new way to advertise. Please call Bryan Luden at 473-3241 if interested in the pennants. Northumberland Acorn Little League will have it's Memorial Day Celebration at the Acorn

Field following the Little Leaguer's annual parade. After the parade the Little League Queen will be crowned as is tradition. Following those ceremonies the games will begin. The whole Borough is welcome so come on down and enjoy our famous Barbeque chicken and other great food while watching a game or two. The regular season for baseball and softball begins on April 26th.

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Groninger Insurance Ad

Forestry Grant

The Northumberland Beautification Project began in 2002 to enhance the southern entrance into the Borough of Northumberland. Volunteers worked to clean out weeds and debris along a section of Route 11 leading into the Borough.

Last year, the Borough was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Northeast Pennsylvania Urban Forestry Program to purchase trees and shrubbery. The Forestry Program and Penn State Cooperative Extension provided assistance in choosing the species of trees. Flowering crab apple trees, Douglas fir, and pin oak trees have been planted around the Sewer Authority fence line by the Borough Crew. Additional trees and shrubbery will be planted in an area near the railroad underpass this year.

Volunteers wishing to assist in the Borough's efforts to beautify this area are encouraged to contact the Borough Office.

From The Health Officer

Hurrah! Spring is here and now that we are cleaning up the winter mess, it is a good time to also eliminate things and places where water can collect and create breeding places for mosquitoes. West Nile virus infection is a disease we don't need.

Picnics and eating out are the norm with summer. Remember – HOT foods hot (135° or above) and COLD foods cold (41° or be-

low). No food should sit out unprotected and should be placed under proper temperature within two hours. In extreme heat, this time should be much less than 2 hours.

Always use clean utensils and wash hands. If hand washing is not possible, there are now hand sanitizers that can be substituted for hand washing; use them. Time and temperature are also considerations

we need to remember when we take a "doggy bag" from a restaurant. If we make a few stops on the way home, we may bring home more than we started with: spoiled food and the makings of food borne illness. If you think you may be bringing food home, carry a small cooler with an ice pack. This rule also applies to perishable food you get at the grocery store.

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Boyer Chiropractic Clinic Ad

From The Health Officer

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Speaking of restaurants, etc... If you observe incorrect food handling in a restaurant, deli or grocery store, it should be reported to management and if necessary reported to the local health department. The new food code forbids handling ready to eat food with bare hands.

Food Service Training for Volunteers

In our last newsletter, we outlined the new Pennsylvania Food Codes. As a result of the new codes, there are now options available to volunteer groups such as churches, fire companies, etc. This includes any group who qualifies as a tax-exempt

organization. These groups qualify for free training for their food service people. I recommend they take advantage of this service. According to the new food code, any food service that serves food to the public fourteen (14) or more times a year should have a permanent food permit/ license. All others should obtain a temporary permit. They may be fee-exempt, but are required to meet the food code standards. As a convenience for our local groups, I can have the department of Agriculture come to our area to teach groups of volunteers on safe food practices. The course is four hours and there is no final examination. (All other food handlers are required to take a 16-

hour course and pass an examination to be certified by the State of Pennsylvania.) There will be a certificate issued from Harrisburg to all attendees.

I need to know how many people are interested in attending the course so that I can arrange a time and date for the class. Please call the borough Office at 473-3414 to indicate your interest. I think this program is important for all volunteer groups; we can all learn new and better ways. The bottom line is to know how to prepare and serve safe food to the public.

Lee Shaffer, Health Officer

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Borough to Adopt the Uniform Construction Code

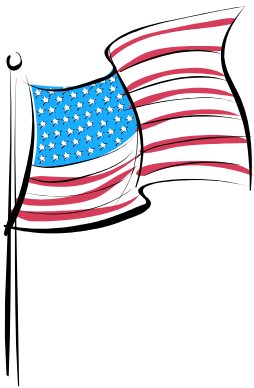
The Borough of Northumberland is in the process of adopting the Uniform Construction Code as described in Act 45 of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This code will regulate and control the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, and/ or replacement for all buildings or structures in the borough. The tentative date of implementation is June 1, 2004. Anyone have questions should contact the Borough Office at 473-3414.

National Day of Prayer is May 6, 2004.

This year's theme is "Let Freedom Ring". The Northumberland Ministerium will be leading prayer for this annual event in front of the Northumberland Borough Building at 12 noon.

Memorial Dedication Planned

On May 29, 2004, the dedication of the World War II Memorial will take place at the Mall in Washington D.C. On the same date at 2:00 p.m., the Joint Veterans of Northumberland and Point Township will gather in King Street Park. They will gather at the Second Street end of the park to dedicate the new monument that has been purchased to memorialize all who have died in Northumberland and Point Township in the service of this great country. Representative Merle Phillips will be the keynote speaker for the event. As Americans it is hoped that you will come to pay tribute to both memorials and that you will continue to pray for those who are serving today.



REMEMBERING DOWNTOWN NORRY

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EARLY NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE

David Ramsey is a Mohawk American Indian who educates the public on early Native Americans who lived in our area and writes for *Susquehanna Life Magazine* on Native Americans. He will be talking to visitors about local American Indian Life and also explaining the specific interest of his particular home and surrounding areas of European influence.

THE AUGUSTA REGIMENT

Third Battalion Pennsylvania, The August Regiment, will encamp at David and Dana Ramsey's home from Friday evening through Saturday. Representing Colonel James Burd's company who built and garrisoned Fort Augusta, the group will demonstrate 18th century military camp life, cooking, camp crafts and military drill as it was during the French and Indian War in our area (1756-1763).

Commanded by Captain

Michael Slease of Milton, this living history group is composed largely of men and women from the Snyder, Union, Northumberland County area, with some members from Maryland, New York and North Carolina. Using primary documentation from journals, publications, military manuals and items of material culture along with many years of practical interpretive work, the members of Burd's Company represent and honor the men, women and families who involved themselves in various ways with the British provincial army of the period.

HISTORICAL CHARACTER DEPICTIONS

Reuben Haines was a Quaker brewer, merchant and land speculator during the last quarter of the 18th century. Murray Strausser, formerly of Northumberland, will interpret Mr. Haines as a visitor to the canal master's home at the lock house at the Ramsey's home.

Northumberland Na-

tional Bank will be exhibiting their local historic items and will present in period clothing. Come and enjoy the atmosphere!

Mr. Joseph Epler will also open his business at Second and King Streets for visitors to view his extensive collections. You will be pleasantly surprised to find items from all eras and in beautiful condition. Please stop by to take pleasure in the unique items Mr. Epler has to share!

HISTORY CLUB

The History Club from C.W. Rice Middle School is looking forward to participating again in this year's History Day. They are working on several activities.

They will have a booth where students will do silhouettes. This year, they will add the option of a variety of historical hats! The students have also made a nice selection of the game of "Graces" which they will demonstrate and have for sale.

The students also have a collection of candy tins

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they are selling to raise money for their History Club.

For a special feature this year, the students are doing research and writing and performing a skit about Northumberland's past.

The students will portray a group of elderly folks having a lively discussion about "The Good ole Days" in Northumberland.

The History Day Committee is extremely proud of this group of

students who have taken it upon themselves to do this work for their community!

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK

For those who attended our First Annual History Day in 2003, we hope to exceed your expectations for this year! We will have many activities to keep you milling around, enjoying the displays and activities.

The Fiddler Woman will be singing river

songs and engaging those in the audience. Bev Conrad is an accomplished performer and particularly enjoys the historic traditions of music and how important it was to one and all.

The Friends of Joseph Priestley will be highlighting the Historic Walking Tour. Meet them at their stand in the park to ask for a guided tour.

Weather permitting, there will be a wonderful display of blacksmithing! Northumberland has a great history in this craft. In 1893, a cut nail mill was established on Duke & Second Streets. It has been through many updates and changes over the years, but now operates as a closed die forging shop, which is essentially modern day blacksmithing!

Don't forget to bring your appetite! There will be homemade kettle-style vegetable soup as well as homemade ice cream! Our very own "bake Shoppe" will be full of sweet cakes and cookies which will be made from recipes dating back to the

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Committees

The Borough of Northumberland is currently accepting applications for membership in a number of our outstanding committees. Seats are now available on the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as on the Second Street Community Center Committee. If you are interested in dedicating your time and energies to either of these important community groups, do not hesitate in contacting the Borough office. Membership is open to residents of the Borough.

Deadline Set

On April 7, 2004, the Northumberland Borough Council approved a measure that will ultimately decide the future of the former Second Street School Committee. By a 4-3 vote, Council decided that in the interest of the Community, a September 30th deadline would be imposed on receiving much-needed, already-approved but delayed state grant money for the project. If this funding is not forthcoming by the end of September, Council will reopen the issue and decide how to proceed with the project, under the assumption that grant money will not be coming in the near future.

Sun Bank Ad

King Street Park Rentals

The Borough is currently taking reservations for King Street Park rentals. The park is a great place, for example, to hold your outdoor wedding or other function. With King Street Park refurbishing near complete, this is a great time to utilize this location. Contact the Borough office for more information.

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1800's.

Of course, the ever-popular horse and carriage rides will be available again this year! Embark on the journey and enjoy the thrill of riding through the streets as they did so many years ago.

Stop by the Gazebo and view the Bicentennial Quilt on display. You will learn many new things about Northumberland's past! Story-

tellers will have lessons to share from the Gazebo as well.

Visit the lovely ladies at the Civil War Era Garden Tea Party! Delicious teas and cakes will be a special treat for moms and daughters...even the men will enjoy the atmosphere and special company!

There will be an information booth near the Gazebo to let you know what's going on throughout the day. Of course, you could always stop the Town

Crier when you see him to get the news of the day as well!

Last year, we started a tradition of introducing a special pottery piece each year. You will be able to purchase a commemorative mug for History Day 2004 for \$15. We call it "A Mug of Substance"! It will serve as a wonderful decoration, a gift for family and friends, or a great way to get your full dose of java in the morning!

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New Pool Season Begins June 3

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if it would work here and it does. Why not take advantage of the opportunities we have to better our community and make it more visible to other people. Those that use the park will pay for whatever debt service would be needed for matching funds through their admission fees. We are trying to take advantage of the national trend to create a positive cash flow by turning the "community pool" into a place where people want to go to have fun and to get wet and spend their

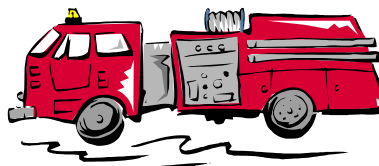
money. Personalized bricks are available to order at \$50 for a 4x8, \$100 for an 8x8 and \$250 for a 12x12. Orders will be placed when 25 bricks are ordered. Some additional funds are being sought for the spray ground. Your support will help to automate the jets to shoot water out of the decking in a random pattern. Only \$3,000 in additional funds is still needed for a programmable controller. We have made every effort to provide the best for your dollar when creating these new features. For example, Lewisburg has recently unveiled their plan

for a new community pool. They plan to spend \$750,000 for their upgrades. With the addition of the spray ground, we will have spent, over a total of 3 years, less than \$40,000 for very nearly the same features and square footage. We hope you enjoy the park and take advantage of all it has to offer you and your family. For a summer of fun, variety and, at a very reasonable cost, come to Liberty Splashland on Prince Street between Front Street and Second Street. Hope to see you this 2004 season!

This Just In...

The Northumberland Fire Company (No. 1's) will be displaying its fire equipment at the May 8th History Day Celebration.

The No. 1's is one of the oldest fire companies in the state; be sure to stop by their display to see the antique items from the early 1800's.



Next Issue:

Our summer issue of *The Pineknotted News* covers the 2004 edition of Pineknotted Days. Issues will be available in late June.

Flower Basket Ad

32nd Annual Pineknotted Days

July 3-9, 2004
Saturday, July 3rd
SOAPBOX RACE 8am
sponsored by:
Northumberland Police Dept./
Parks & Recreation
Committee
BIKE RODEO 3pm
sponsored by: Northumberland
Police Dept.

Sunday, July 4th
COMMUNITY CHURCH
SERVICE 7pm
King Street Park Gazebo

Monday, July 5th
Pineknotted Store & Concessions
9am - 10pm

CRAFT SHOW 9am - 3pm
BALLOON ANIMAL ARTIST
10am - 2pm
CHICKEN BBQ 11am
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT:
SHAMA-LAMA

Tuesday, July 6th
Pineknotted Store & Concessions
6pm - 10pm

PINEKNOTTER OF THE YEAR
AWARD 8pm

ENTERTAINMENT:
RE-CREATION

co-sponsored by:
**NORTHUMBERLAND
NATIONAL BANK**

Wednesday, July 7th
Pineknotted Store & Concessions
6pm - 10pm

CAR SHOW 6pm - 9pm

ENTERTAINMENT:
MUD FLAPS

Thursday, July 8th

Pineknotted Store & Concessions
6pm - 10pm

ENTERTAINMENT: TRUE
HEART

Friday, July 9th

Pineknotted Store & Concessions
6pm - 10pm

ENTERTAINMENT: MCNETT
COUNTRY BAND

Borough of Northumberland
221 2nd Street
Northumberland, PA
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Important Dates—May–June 2004

May 4—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

May 6—World Day of Prayer

May 8—Second Annual History Day

May 18—Council Work Session, 7 p.m.

June 3—Liberty Splashland Opens for Season

June 8—Regular Council Meeting

June 22—Council Work Session

Visit www.northumberlandborough.com for an up-to-date Community function calendar.