

# THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

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## TIME TO CLEAN UP OUR COMMUNITY

At the April 4, 2006 Borough Council Meeting, the Police Department was directed to undertake a campaign to address properties in the Borough which are in violation of the Borough's Property Maintenance Ordinance. Specifically, the Police Department was directed to focus on those properties which are in violation of the abandoned materials and structures sections of the Northumberland Borough Codes.

As such, the Police Department is going to begin in 30 days, from the

date of this newsletter, to address those properties found to be in violation of the Ordinance. To assist Borough residents, the enforcement effort will entail a systematic approach. The effort will start in the First Ward. 30 days later, violations observed on properties in the Second Ward will be addressed. Lastly, in 60 days, violations in the Third Ward will be addressed. For those property owners unfamiliar to the Borough's Wards, the First Ward is the area, running north and south, proceeding east towards

the North Branch of the Susquehanna River from Second Street. The Second Ward is the area between Second Street and Fifth Street. The Third Ward is the area from Fifth Street to the Borough line along Eighth Street.

The Police Department—with full Council backing—is encouraging all residents to comply with this Ordinance to make our community a better place to live

The applicable ordinance states:

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## RECYCLING CENTER—NOW TAKING PLASTIC

With the arrival of this edition of the Pineknatter News you are formally invited to recycle your No. 1 and No. 2 plastic bottles and jars at the Liberty Recycling Center. We can only accept plastic bottles and jars **with the recycling symbol** and either **num-**

**ber 1 PETE or number 2 HDPE** imprinted on the container. Although there are plastic containers with numbers 3 thru 7 on them, the only ones with a market in this part of the country are number 1 PETE bottles and jars and number 2 HDPE containers. Toys, meat trays, cosmetic contain-

ers with a recycling symbol and either a number 1 or number 2 are NOT RECYCLABLE. Like Glass bottles and jars, please discard the caps (even if they are plastic) and rinse the containers out.

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### Arbor Day Memorial

On April 28 an Arbor Day observance will take place in King Street Park. The Susquehanna Garden Club will be sponsoring the event to memorialize Sgt. Brett Swank, who lost his life serving his country in Iraq. A tree has been planted in his memory and a plaque will be unveiled. The time is to be announced. Call the Borough office.



### Northumberland Joint Veterans Annual Awards Dinner

This year's dinner is scheduled for April 29, 2006 at the American Legion Post 44. The social hour will begin at 5:30 followed by the dinner at 6:30. This year the veterans will be recognizing the work of the Daily Item and the Danville News along with reporter Eric Mays. The speaker for the evening will be John Deppen.

### National Day of Prayer is May 4, 2005 at 12 noon.

I Samuel: 2:30, "Those who honor me I will honor" is the text used to derive the theme for this year's National Day of Prayer: "America Honor God." The Northumberland Ministerium will be leading prayer for this annual event in front of the Northumberland Borough Building at 12 noon.

## FOURTH ANNUAL HISTORY DAY SET

Come one; come all to Northumberland's History Day in King Street Park on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 5:00pm!

You will be greeted by a wonderful step back in time to experience Northumberland in its younger days. Learn about the important life-line the canal provided as well as the area stagecoach. The Pennsylvania Canal Society and the Muncy Historical Society will be in the park with a replica of a packet boat, which was an actual pas-

senger boat that ran on the canal. There will also be authentic stagecoach rides through the streets of Northumberland (free for children!). The kids can get their picture taken with special portrait boards showing them dressed in period clothing, make their own hats and learn and play colonial time games.

The History Club of CW Rice Middle School will have games and fun for all ages! Their dedication to History Day has been outstanding since its beginning. Recently, three 7<sup>th</sup>

grade students from the History Club competed in the National History Day competition where they won first place in their division! They performed a skit on the history of Northumberland, which they will perform at different times throughout the day. They have also planned a game similar to Hollywood Squares based on questions about Chief Shikellamy and they hope those who attend History Day will want to play! The students plan for this event all year and they give a special flair to the day.

Be sure to visit the Native American display to learn about the history of the tribes from our area and their contributions. Of course, you should also bring your appetite because there will be many fares to choose from. There will be an Open Hearth cooking demonstration. You'll be amazed how efficient women were in the kitchen when they prepared the family

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### Police News

The Northumberland Police Department recently added a new tool as a resource in the Department's traffic safety efforts. The Police Department purchased a radar based speed indicator device which measures and displays the speed of vehicles as they pass by. The device will serve as a visual indicator of your vehicle speed and a reminder to travel at the posted speed limit. The device will be posted at various locations about the Borough. Residents who feel that there is a speeding problem on their street may telephone the Police Department so that we can add the street to our list of anticipated locations.

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call for more details.

## It's spring cleaning time!

Start cleaning out your closets, basements, and attics to make some extra cash. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Yard Sale & Chinese Auction is set for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8 am – 3 pm. Space is available for \$5.00 for a ten foot space, or \$10.00 for a ten foot space and a table. Stop by the school for some great deals, yummy food, and you can even try your luck at the Chinese Auction. If you can't make the sale, feel free to drop off your treasures as a donation at the school on June 1 & 2 from 6-8 pm. Call Noelle at 473-7563 to reserve your spot today!

### Get Organized!

If you feel overwhelmed by stacks of paperwork, take a simple step toward decluttering your desk by examining your magazines. In general, there is not a need to keep magazines once you've read them. Toss them or share them with a friend. If you'd like to keep an article or recipe, tear out the page, keeping only the article, not the entire magazine. You may also want to evaluate your subscriptions. If you find that you do not have the time to read the magazines you've subscribed to, cancel your subscription instead of allowing the back issues to pile up.

# LIBERTY RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

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from your home.

Mercury is a hazardous substance in your home. You may have thermometers with mercury to check loved ones temperatures, a barometer to tell you when the weather is about to change or maybe you recently changed your old heating thermostat for a programmable electronic model. Each of these items may have a silver metallic material that moves in them which can be dangerous to your family's health. You can dispose of these items free of charge at the Liberty Recycling by handing it to one of the volunteers and asking them to put it in the "Mercury bucket". The recycling center has a special container from DEP to store mercury in until DEP disposes of it.

Changes abound at the Liberty Recycling Center

Thanks to a grant from DEP the Liberty Recycling Center recently took delivery of two new pieces of equipment. The grant provides a 90% refund to the borough for the new equipment. A new Toyota forklift replaces a diesel Bobcat used to move large

quantities of materials within the building and to load trucks to take the materials to sites where the recycled materials are used to make new products. A new horizontal baler has been added to the equipment line used to process the recycled materials to make them marketable. This new baler will allow us to bale newsprint to be sold to processors who will remove the ink and make new rolls of newsprint paper for daily newspapers. In the past we gave the loose newspaper away and it was then baled and sold. Magazines will also be baled to make them more marketable. We plan to continue to bale corrugated cardboard, steel cans and aluminum cans with the equipment used in the past. This new baler will also provide us with the opportunity to recycle plastic containers.

Volunteers needed

The key to the success of the Liberty Recycling Center for over 33 years is the spirit of people who have been willing to give a few hours each month to help save our landfills, reduce the cost of new materials and save our natural re-

sources to produce new products. Individuals are not paid but the group you represent gets a yearly payout based on the money earned. Presently the recycling center is manned by volunteers representing the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and Shikellamy Football Boosters. One more group would make it a monthly rotation. Call the borough office (473-3414) and let us know you are interested and we will show you how to help the center and your group's financial status.

Sorting Helps

Pre-sorting the materials you bring to the recycling center helps keep the quality high so we get the most money for our product and saves the volunteers a lot of work. Removing the shiny ads from newspapers helps because the shiny ads get recycled with magazines. Recycling steel cans and aluminum in separate containers is another way to help. Please do not include candle jars, drinking glasses, light bulbs or window glass with your bottles and jars.

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## ARTICLE II

### Abandoned Materials and Structures

*[Adopted 5-2-67 as Ord. No. 238; Amended 9-6-05 by Ord. No. 2005-1]*

*~ 42-7. Declaration of nuisance. [Amended 9-6-05 by Ord. No. 2005-1]*

*It is declared as a nuisance to accumulate garbage, junk and rubbish and to store abandoned or junked automobiles in the Borough of Northumberland, except on public dumping grounds; and it is directed that all dangerous structures on public or private grounds shall be prohibited in the Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania.*

*All porches, carports, sheds*

*and yards, open and visible to the public eye or adjacent to sidewalks utilized by the public shall remain free of discarded or broken household furnishings, dumpsters, appliances, junk, etc. and similar items, excluding the type designed for use in such structures. Such structures and areas shall be kept in a sanitary and orderly manner, free of litter, rubbish and garbage not stored in approved covered containers as required by law. All such discarded items and their containers shall be removed from such structures or areas within 24 hours.*

*For purposes of this Section, an abandoned or junked automobile shall be deemed to include any automobile, trailer or other titled vehicle whose state of disrepair is such that it*

*poses a risk of harm to children or other members of the public, or poses a risk of attracting and/or serving as shelter for snakes, vermin, insects or other wild animals.*

Residents who feel their property may not be in compliance with the Ordinance and may require more than 30 days to bring their property into compliance are asked to telephone the Northumberland Borough Office, (570) 473-3414, during normal business hours, to request an extension of time prior to the deadline for their particular ward. Likewise, property owners who may not have the resources to perform a cleanup are asked to telephone the Borough Office.

## Memorial Day Observance

The Memorial Day parade and ceremony will be held May 29, 2006, sponsored by the Northumberland Joint Veterans which encompasses the American Legion Post 44 and the VFW Post 8298. The parade will form at King Street Park at 8:30 and move at 9:00. The parade will end at the Riverview Cemetery. This year the civil war cannon will be rededicated. Sean Deiter from Boy Scout Troop #325, from St. John's Lutheran Church, has refurbished the cannon as his Eagle Project. The speaker for the ceremony will be announced at a later date.

## Kids Krafty Korner

The Kids Krafty Korner is part of the Northumberland Borough recreation program that is offered to children from age 5 through 5th grades. This summer it will be held again at the Girl Scout Little House on Third Street and is opened six consecutive Wednesday's starting June 14 and concluding July 19. The hours of operation are 9:30 to 11:30 and we thank the Joseph Anselmo Trust for their contributions to this time of craft fun and games for the children of Northumberland and Pt. Township. Please pick up a registration slip at the borough office or sign up the first day you attend. Any questions call Gretchen Brosius at 473-9426.

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## Fun with Cryptograms From *The Pineknotted News*

What is a cryptogram? It is simply a puzzle based on a code--one that you must break to solve the puzzle. It is a phrase or quote where each letter has had another letter substituted for it. For example, in a particular phrase, every "a" may be changed to an "x" and every "z" may be substituted by an "m." Every letter in the phrase is changed and a different code is used for each individual cryptogram.

To illustrate, look at the simple letter substitution in the following cryptogram:

- Puzzle: EZRW RW VF GSVTNCG XH V YDLNEXJDVT.

- Solution: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A CRYPTOGRAM.

In this example, every "w" represents the letter "s," every "e" represents the letter "t," and so on. Letters are never substituted with themselves. You solve a cryptogram with a trial and error process, guessing the letters as you go. And as with most puzzles, practice makes perfect!

### THIS ISSUE'S PUZZLE

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Hint: L=T / [Solution is on page 14.](#)



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### Senior Action Center Welcomes You

Did you know there is a place for seniors to come for fellowship with other seniors? It is in your own back yard at 268 Second St. The center celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!

Open Monday thru Friday from 8 to 4, hot meals are offered at 11:30. Free transportation to and from the center and for day trips is provided by the North'd County Transportation Dept. Day trips include the grocery store once a week; shopping malls; and a variety of restaurants.

A craft class meets every Monday. Crafts are sold at

the center. Come check out our crafts for sale! A quilt rack is available for quilters to come and socialize. Every Wednesday we have an exercise class at 10:30 and BINGO at 12:30. You can usually find someone to play cards, a board game, put together a puzzle, or just sit and have a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy each other's company. The Sunbury Community Hospital offers free blood pressure and sugar testing each month. Guest speakers help to educate us on a variety of subjects.

Beverly Lenker, one of our members, plans day trips for your enjoyment. Trips this

year include Gettysburg on June 15; the 3 Little Bakers Dinner Theatre on August 29; Horseshoe Curve on Sept. 21; and Lorenzo's Dinner Theatre on Oct 12. Trips are open to anyone. Call the center for more information.

You are invited to come to our annual open house on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend and check out the center!

We will have a bake sale and sell iced tea and lemonade at Pineknottter Days on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Something special will be

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### Job Opportunity Available for this summer

Applications are available at the Northumberland Borough Office for students interested in summer employment with the Borough through the PHEAA Summer Intern Program. College students and college-bound high school seniors who receive P.H.E.A.A. loans or grants are eligible to participate in the Summer Intern Program. Interested students should contact the Borough Office at 221 Second Street, Northumberland, to obtain application forms. Employment opportunities exist at Liberty Splashland as lifeguards, concession stand and front desk clerks, and with the Borough Street Department. Students may earn up to \$2,500 during the summer months through this program. The deadline to apply is May 10, 2006.

### Quick Tip

Your weight can fluctuate from day to day, and even from hour to hour. Weighing yourself every day can discourage you by giving you an inaccurate perception of your actual fitness level. Instead, weigh yourself once a week on the same day and at the same time. You'll get a better indicator of your overall weight loss, instead of monitoring the normal ups-and-downs that everyone goes through day to day.

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# What to Do When You are in an Accident

Being in a car accident can be a frightening experience. Your main concern will be your safety and the safety of all of your passengers. Once you've made certain that everyone is alright, you'll need to take these steps.

You should have your insurance information available in your vehicle and some paper and a pen to allow you to jot down the particulars of your accident and a sketch of the scene. You may also want to keep a disposable camera in your glove compartment so that you are able to accurately record the accident scene. You will need to note the name of the other driver, his or her license plate number, address, insurance information, and the names of any

responding officers to the scene. In addition, you will need the police report number to give to your insurance company.

You will need to stay at the scene until the police have come and told you it is safe for you to leave. Once you've left the scene and returned safely home, you will need to contact your insurance company. You should do this even if the accident was minor or if it was your fault. In most states, you will not necessarily have to pay higher insurance rates as a result of an accident, as some state laws protect you from this.

Your insurance agent will guide you through the claims process, but it is still a good

idea to know exactly what your coverage includes. Review your copy of your insurance policy and keep copies of all documents relating to your accident. You may also want to keep a phone log of any phone calls you make to either your or the other driver's insurance company.

If you need repairs done to your car, remember that you should be in control of the repair process, even if your insurance company is footing the bill. Be comfortable with the repair shop before allowing work to start. If you feel that the job was not completed correctly, you can insist on follow-up work to correct this.

## Have a Safe Memorial Day Weekend!

Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer recreation season. It can also be a time for accidents. Make sure that you and your family are safe this Memorial Day weekend by remembering these simple safety tips.

### Drive Safely

More people will be on the road on Memorial Day weekend, making for congested roads and highways. Don't forget to always wear your seatbelt, and observe all posted traffic signs and speed limits. It is especially important for children to be in proper child safety seats in your car. And never drink **and drive!**

### Play Safely

If you are going to be spending time near or on the water, don't forget to be safe. If you will be on a boat, wear a life jacket, follow all boating rules, and don't operate a boat while drinking. If you will be swimming, remember to swim with a buddy, swim only in safe water, and never dive into shallow water. All children should be supervised at all times around any type of water. If you will be spending any time in the sun, don't forget to use sunscreen and wear a hat.

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## Action Center

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raffled off also.

In the fall, we have a craft and bake sale at the center. Have a hot dog and drink while checking out the goodies!

We welcome new members anytime along with ideas on how to make the center an even more enjoyable place to come. Call or stop by the center for more information. We hope to see you soon!

### New Playground in the Works

Spring is finally here! As we start to venture out of our homes a bit more for walks, bike rides, and outdoor activities... wouldn't it be great to have the opportunity to have some fun at a new playground in town?! The recreation committee has been working on plans for just that – a new playground at the Second Street School. The possibilities for this space are endless. A few things on our wish list include jungle gym equipment, swings, picnic tables, benches, slides, and a basketball court... just to name a few. What would you like to see there? Let us know! Any residents or local businesses interested in lending a hand with this project is encouraged to give the borough office a call or join us at our next planning meeting on April 26 at 6:00 pm at the borough building. This will be quite a project, so the more help we can get; the sooner we will be able to enjoy this new recreational space!

### SPRING FLING CRAFT SHOW

The Northumberland/Point.Township Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the first annual Spring Fling Craft Show in downtown Norry on May 20, 2006 from 9 to 3. Come out and enjoy some spring shopping and or rent a space to sell your creations. Spaces are available and contracts can be obtained on line @ Craftlister.com. You can also pick up an application and a copy of the regulations at the Northumberland Borough Office at 221 Second Street or contact one of the Kiwanis members.

## Stress Busters for Those Short on Time

In your busy life, it can seem like you don't have much time to get to everything, much less take time to try to relieve the stress in your life. But there are some simple things you can do in just a few minutes that can make all the difference in your day. If you find yourself running around in circles everyday, take a few moments to stop and try these stress busting activities.

- Stop to complete a routine activity that doesn't take much brain power. Mowing the lawn, working in the garden, washing the

car, or just taking a quick walk around the block can help stop the gears in your head from spinning out of control. Use the time to try to relax your thought process. The key is to choose activities that are repetitive and routine, letting your body and mind relax into a familiar and easy activity.

- Do something out of the ordinary. If you find that you are overwhelmed with daily life, it may be time to step out of your day-to-day routine. Schedule a massage for your lunch hour, visit a museum, or stop to

visit a friend. It may seem like you don't have time for such activities, but taking the time to do something different can work wonders for your mental state.

- If you really feel out of control, take some time to get organized. It is easy to put off clearing up your desk or organizing your closets. But the longer you let these tasks go, the more overwhelming they will seem. There is also a psychological boost once you are done, making you feel more in control and helping to add calm and order to your daily routine.

## FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Spring has sprung! At least I thought so until our recent surprise snow storm. Aside from that, CHANGE is all around us.

I'm happy to report that the Emergency Services Board (ESB) is continuing to be very productive and the result is CHANGE. Currently, our recruitment and retention committee is diligently working on creative plans on how to keep our dedicated VOLUNTEERS, attract folks to come help us help our "customers". The ordinance committee has re-

viewed and made CHANGES to the borough's fire ordinances to make them suit how we plan to conduct business. These CHANGES will be forwarded on to the borough council for their approval very directly. Soon the budget committee will come into full swing, beginning to prepare for the upcoming budget season.

The Line Officers have CHANGED our training plan, both in what training we desire our responders to obtain and maintain, and how we make sure they get

it. They have done an excellent job **with** this and the result will be that our responders will have even more knowledge to rely on to keep them safe and provide service to our "customers". The Chief Officers have developed standard operating guidelines, which are like instructions for responding to emergencies. These standards are written and we can use them as a training tool to streamline our actions and improve our service to the Borough.

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## Mother's Day Breakfast in Bed

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### Cinnamon French Toast

- 1 egg
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 8 slices thick bread

Whisk together the egg and egg whites until frothy. Stir in the milk, vanilla, and cinnamon. Heat a heavy skillet over medium heat. Dip the bread in the egg mixture, turning to coat completely. Place the coated slices in the heated skillet. Cook until browned on both sides. Sprinkle with cinnamon or powdered sugar and serve with maple syrup.

### Ham and Egg Omelet

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup diced cooked ham
- 1 teaspoon sliced green onions
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese

In a bowl, beat the eggs. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add in the ham and onion and mix well. Melt the butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Pour the egg mixture into the skillet. Let the eggs cook until almost set. Sprinkle the cheese over the top and, using a rubber spatula, fold the omelet in half. Remove the omelet to a plate and serve immediately.

### Ambrosia

- 4 oranges, peeled and sliced
  - 1 banana, peeled and sliced
  - 1/2 cup orange juice
  - 1/4 cup honey
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1/4 cup flaked coconut
- In a bowl, combine orange and banana slices. In a separate bowl, mix together the orange juice, honey, and lemon juice. Pour over the fruit and mix well. Sprinkle the fruit mixture with the coconut before serving.

### Very Berry Smoothie

- 1 cup vanilla or strawberry yogurt
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1/2 cup frozen strawberries
  - 1/2 cup frozen raspberries
  - 1/2 cup frozen blueberries
- Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

Remember, Mother's Day is May 14, 2006!

### It's Warming Up

One swallow does not make a summer. -- Aristotle

The summer morn is bright and fresh, the birds are darting by

As if they loved to breast the breeze that sweeps the cool clear sky. -- William C. Bryant

It amazes me that most people spend more time planning next summer's vacation than they do planning the rest of their lives. -- Patricia Fripp

We need society, and we need solitude also, as we need summer and winter, day and night, exercise and rest. -- Philip Gilbert Hamerton

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**Solution to the Cryptogram on Page 6:**

The rain is famous for falling on the just and unjust alike, but if I had the management of such affairs I would rain softly and sweetly on the just, but if I caught a sample of the unjust out doors I would drown him. -- Mark Twain



**Is Freestyle Cruising Right for You?**

If you are considering a cruise this summer and haven't been on one in a while, you may be surprised at all the options available to you. It used to be that cruise ships only offered pre-set seating, few kid activities, and limited cuisine options. However, cruise lines are moving more towards a "freestyle" concept, giving you more options and flexibility.

Freestyle cruises offer several different restaurants to choose from, with no pre-set seating time. You either make a reservation or opt for one of the open sitting restaurants

available on board. There is also a 24-hour buffet available. The restaurants are designed to offer specialty cuisine as well as food for every taste. There are even health conscious choices available. In many of the restaurants, the menus change daily, giving you lots of variety.

If you are traveling with kids, you can opt for family friendly fare. If you'd rather have a quiet evening with just the two of you, many cruise lines now offer sitting services and special activities for kids, including fun for the teen set. Once the kids are settled into

their activities, you can take advantage of a full-service salon and spa, casinos, sports bars, and live music and dancing.

The main idea behind freestyle cruising is to give you as many options and to make your cruise as enjoyable as possible. There are a variety of cruise lines offering freestyle cruising. Be sure to get as much information as possible before booking your cruise and compare cruise lines to see which is best for you and your family.

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## History Day Set

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meals. The annual Victorian Tea Party highlights a beautiful era and is always a favorite with the decorative seating area, distinctive teas and scrumptious desserts. At this display you have special permission to eat your dessert first! There will also be special brisket sandwiches to compliment the homemade vegetable soup and homemade ice cream, which has always been a hit for History Day.

Point Township history is also an important highlight to the day as many learn about local farming, and olden day customs by families and businesses sur-

rounding Northumberland. You can learn how to make your own soap and discover the art of needle-point. The local blacksmith will show you the basics of forging, which is the oldest industry in Northumberland.

The day would not be complete without the storytellers. Every hour, special guests will be speaking from the Gazebo, sharing their knowledge on important events and stories that helped build our town. Come hear about the strong military background, the special characters who were the backbone of the community and special banjo music that was sparked by the canal

folk. There will be a special highlight on Civil War Era information to be shared, as well as soldier/civilian life demonstrations.

This year there will be a special display of historical postcards as well as train movies. A historic site will also be highlighted, so be sure to visit and learn its story. You may also tour the Priestley-Forsyth Library; take a special "history quiz" along with a very special historic walking tour which was developed by the Friends of Joseph Priestley!

Feel free to come in a period costume. . . .you'll be in great company. We can't wait to share our special day with you and your

### Liberty Splashland Season Passes on Sale

Season passes to Liberty Splashland are on sale in the Northumberland Borough Office. Discounts of 10% are offered until May 1<sup>st</sup>. The discounted price for a family pass is \$135 and a discounted individual pass is \$67.50. After May 1<sup>st</sup>, the prices are \$150 for a family pass and \$75 for an individual pass.

### Keeping Your Cool

Protecting Yourself from the Dangers of Sunstroke

Warmer weather is just around the corner. Along with the fun of outdoor activities comes some dangers, too. Among those dangers is sunstroke, also called heat stroke. To protect you and your loved ones from this hazard, keep these tips in mind this summer.

To avoid getting sunstroke, remember to drink plenty of fluids on warm days or when your activity level is up. Avoid caffeine and alcohol, both of which can dehydrate you. Wear light colored, loose clothing and always wear a hat in direct sunlight. Try to stay in the shade and take breaks as needed. If you do find that you are experiencing any symptoms of heat stroke, get help immediately. Symptoms of sunstroke include dizziness, fatigue, headache, and rapid pulse and breathing. This eventually progresses to an elevated body temperature, lack of sweating, confusion, and can lead to shock. The sooner you get treatment, the better.

## Change is a great thing

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Like the weather and physical CHANGES, we are starting to see going on around us, there are physical changes going on within the department. The Hookies have purchased and placed new breathing air equipment on their apparatus. This purchase also included a new breathing air compressor, which was made possible thru a grant program from FEMA. The new equipment is top-of-

the-line, and replaces older units that are in excess of 15 years old and obsolete. The big CHANGE is that the No1's have purchased identical units for their apparatus as well. This shows the cooperation level between the two companies and a commitment to the safety of our responders and residents of the borough.

And one quick note, it was time to CHANGE our clocks again. Please take

the time to CHANGE the batteries in your smoke detectors! I cannot stress this enough! Perhaps we will see another CHANGE and the Chief will remember to remind everyone before it's time to CHANGE the clock again?

Thank you and enjoy the springtime!

Brian Crebs, Fire Chief

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### Upcoming Community Events

**Our Next Issue...**The next issue of *The Pineknotted News* will be published in time for the 2006 Pineknotted Days Celebration scheduled to begin July 1-7, 2006. For those interested in submitting advertising or sending in articles for publication, kindly do so by Friday, June 2.

May 13 - **History Day**, King Street Park, 10 am - 5 pm

May 20 - **Spring Fling Craft Show**, Downtown, 9 am - 3 pm

May 29—**Memorial Day Parade and Service**, Riverview Cemetery, 9 am

June 3 - **Community Yard Sale & Chinese Auction**, Second Street School, 8 am - 3 pm

June 14 - **Music in the Park ~ Heart of PA Chorus**, King Street Park, 7 pm

July 1 - **Soapbox Race**, King & 5th Streets, 8 am

July 3-7 - **Pineknotted Days**, King Street Park

July 12 - **Music in the Park ~ Big Band Tunes**, King Street Park, 7 pm

August 5 - **Lemonade Day**, Downtown, 11 am - 4 pm

August 12 - **Corn Festival**, King Street Park, 11 am - 8 pm

Dates for events are listed online at [NorthumberlandBorough.com](http://NorthumberlandBorough.com)