

THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

SUMMER 2006 JULY—OCTOBER 2006

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A LOCAL TRADITION RETURNS

The 34th annual Pineknotted Days celebration kicks off on Saturday, July 1st with the annual Soap Box race co-sponsored by the Northumberland Police Department and Northumberland Parks & Recreation Committee.

Then on Sunday, July 2nd, the traditional Community Church service commences from King Street Park at 7 p.m. This year's entertainment series begins on July 3rd with Re-Creation performing beginning at 7 p.m. Also at 7 p.m., the Good Citizen Award winner will be announced

followed at 8 p.m. by the announcement of the 2006 Citizen of the Year Award winner. On July 4th, the popular craft show begins at 9 a.m., with Shama-Lama taking the stage that night at 7 p.m. to celebrate Independence Day. Also that day, there will be a chicken barbeque being served beginning at 11 a.m., and the kids can enjoy a balloon animal artist between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Other entertainment performers include True Heart (July 5), the Mud Flaps (July 6) and new this year, Risky

Business on July 7th. The popular Car Show will be held this year on Thursday, July 6th from 6 – 9 p.m. The Pineknotted Store will be open every day with the usual fair favorites making a return. Pineknotted Days is sponsored by the Northumberland-Point Township Kiwanis Club with proceeds going towards local community service projects, such as the Priestley-Forsyth Library, the Halloween Parade, the Northumberland-Point Township Christmas decorations and local churches.

OPEN BURNING: SHOULD IT CONTINUE?

The Borough of Northumberland has decided to solicit resident opinions on our outside burning laws. As is the case now, residents can burn dry paper between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, using an outside receptacle, also

known as a burn barrel. Our initial take on the situation is this: Northumberland residents are either strongly "for" burning or "against" it, with few opinions somewhere in between. Therefore, the Borough Council has decided to discuss and ultimately vote on the issue at our

July 18, 2006 Council meeting to be held on that night at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall. At that meeting, Council will either enact legislation that will make outside burning illegal altogether, alter the existing laws, or do nothing. Your opinions are very much

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34th Annual Pineknotted Days Celebration
July 1—7, 2006 In King Street Park, 6—10 p.m. unless noted

Saturday, July 1st

SOAPBOX RACE 8am

King and Fourth Streets

*sponsored by: Northumberland Police Dept./**Parks & Recreation Committee***Sunday, July 2nd**COMMUNITY CHURCH
SERVICE 7pm

King Street Park Gazebo

Monday, July 3rd

EAGLE 107 LIVE BROADCAST

Pineknotted GOOD CITIZENSHIP
Award 7pm

Pineknotted of the Year Award 8pm

ENTERTAINMENT @ 7pm:

RE-CREATION*co-sponsored by:**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL BANK***Wednesday, July 5th**

94KX LIVE BROADCAST

ENTERTAINMENT @ 7pm:

TRUE HEART**Thursday, July 6th**

EAGLE 107 LIVE BROADCAST

CAR SHOW 6pm - 9pm

ENTERTAINMENT @ 7pm:

MUD FLAPS**Friday, July 7th**BIG COUNTRY & "Y" 106.5 RADIO
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ENTERTAINMENT @ 7pm:

RISKY BUSINESS

Pineknotted Days

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of

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Tuesday, July 4th—Independence Day

Pineknotted Store & Concessions 10am - 10pm

WVLY LIVE BROADCAST

CRAFT SHOW 9am - 3pm

BALLOON ANIMAL ARTIST 10am - 2pm

CHICKEN BBQ 11am

ENTERTAINMENT 7pm: SHAMA-LAMA

SQUEEZE THOSE LEMONS!



A glass of ice cold lemonade on a hot, sunny August day will certainly be on everyone's minds on Saturday, August 5, for the 2nd Annual Lemonade Day.

We had such a fun time last year, we just had to do it again this year... and we would like you to be there! The main focus of this event is our young entrepreneurial lemonade stand vendors. We encourage kids to participate in this event for the experience and of course for the fun of

it too! Once again, we will have prizes for the "Best Decorated Lemonade Stand" and the "Best Tasting Lemonade".

There will be food, games, music, contests & raffles, crafts and of course lemonade stands! Local bands will be playing all afternoon. You'll even get a chance to see a performance from the Shikellamy Marching Band Percussion and Miller's Martial Arts. Festivities will begin at 11:00 and end around 5:00

pm.

This event is sponsored by the Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee.

Registration for lemonade stands and vendors is currently underway. Registration forms are available at the borough office. Call Laurie at 286-5470 or Noelle 473-7563 or email LemonadeDay@hotmail.com for more information and to reserve your space today!

Pineknotted Days Cake Wheel

A popular attraction at Pineknotters' Days is the familiar Cake Wheel. Each year many residents donate cakes and other baked goods for prizes. Local businesses that have donated baked goods are C S G Bakery, Donut Connection, Entemann's, Giant Food Stores, and Weis Markets. Cakes are requested for Tuesday, Independence Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and evenings Monday through Friday. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Jane at 473-8343 or 473-3414. Or, donate your time. Volunteers to man the stand are always welcome. Call Jane and let her know you will help out!

LITTLE HOUSE UPDATE

The Little House has been getting some well needed attention. Bethel Shambach has volunteered to chair a committee to oversee the Little House. The committee would help in keeping it cleaned and be the contact between the Hemlock Girl Scout Council, the troops that meet there, and the Borough Council. If you would like to be on the committee please call the borough office.

A memorial display in memory of Kissy Kistner and a collection of memorabilia of past scouting activities is being assembled. Barbara Kistner has volunteered her services to obtaining the cabinets needed and seeing that they are installed. A memo-

rial fund in memory of Kissy has been started to finish the project. If you would like to contribute please contact the borough office.

The Pt. Township Garden Club has generously donated a planter in the front of the Little House. We thank them and the ladies mentioned above for their willingness to help improve the Little House.

New chairs are being purchased with funds collected by selling the old chairs from the Scout House. There are ten left to sell at \$6.00 a piece. If you are interested please contact the borough office. 473-3414

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FIT FOR A KING

(King Street Park, that is!)

Bring your lawn chair and get ready for some summertime music! You are invited to enjoy a concert the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in the King Street Park.

June 14th----
Heart of PA Chorus

July 12th----
Big Band Music --sponsored by the Kiwanis Club

August 9th----
Sunbury City Band

Available for Rent

Pineknotted Park and Liberty Hollow pavilions may be reserved by contacting the Borough Office at 473-3414. The rental for Pineknotted 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.

Hold your wedding at the Gazebo in the King Street Park. The park may be rented for \$50 per day with a \$25 refundable deposit. Contact the Borough Office for information.

The Northumberland/ Point Twp. Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, reunions. Please contact Jane Ressler (473-8343), Michael McWilliams (473-9802) or the Borough Office (473-3414) for available dates. The rental fee is \$125. A deposit fee of \$25 is required.

OPEN BURNING: SHOULD IT CONTINUE?

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needed as Council moves forward with this issue.

While many believe that outside burning is a "way of life" others believe that the practice is outdated and not healthy. Still others believe that the biggest problem on the subject is the issue of enforcement of the existing laws, or lack thereof.

Why is Council doing this? Council members, either contacted through our Code Enforcement office, or through more informal means (by email, telephone, or word-of-mouth), have gotten a lot of comments on this subject for some time. Many contact Council to complain about a neighbor burning either illegal items, or burning at the wrong time. Others simply contact us to complain about the smell. Naturally, those doing the complaining are often "against" continued burning. Therefore, Council believes the time has come to address this issue again and in a public forum.

Reasons to keep burning. Burning is an easy way to eliminate paper

Good to Know: Open Burning

Are you and your neighbors following the existing open burning laws?

When: Open burning is only allowed on Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. That means that after that time, you are required to snuff your fire out.

What: Our laws are very clear: only dry paper can be burned; plastic burning is never allowed under any circumstances.

Where: Your burning receptacle must be made of block, brick, concrete or metal and be located *no less* than fifteen (15) feet from any building. The receptacle must be designed or altered so that the ashes are removed so as to provide adequate draft for proper combustion. In addition, a screen or cover is required. And finally, if you burn you must be sixteen (16) years or older and stay at least fifteen (15) ft. near the receptacle while it burns to look out for smoldering or excessive smoking.

What happens if you fail to follow the rules? You could face fines up to \$300 or 30 days in jail after habitual citations.

What should you do if you see a violation occurring? The best thing to do is tell the person not following the rules and hopefully, they'll get the message. If that doesn't work, contact the Borough Police Department.

waste that accumulates in our homes. Burning is quick, cheap and in the end, leaves very little waste in terms of the accumulated ash. In addition, with the increase in identity theft cases nationally, burning allows us to eliminate the never-ending stream of

"junk mail" that arrives in our mailbox each week. And also: doesn't personal freedom mean anything anymore?

Reasons to end burning. Let's be honest: Northumberland is one of

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SUPPORTER OF NORTHUMBERLAND BASEBALL REMEMBERED

A Dedication Ceremony for a memorial honoring the late Robert Hoffman is scheduled for July 1, 2006 at Pineknotted Park. The dedication will be held at 8:45 a.m., prior to the start of the first game of the annual American Legion Baseball "Bob Hoffman Memorial Tournament".

The memorial is a marble granite bust of Bob, donated by Bob's late wife, Shirley, and sons, Terry and Bill. The bust is mounted on a large stone base that was saved from the old Danville Bridge and was donated by the Danville American Legion. A plaque is affixed to the base. Denise Bareiss of Mifflinburg designed the bust which

was mounted to the stone base in New England.

Bob was an active and well known supporter of youth baseball in Northumberland for more than 40 years, and was instrumental in the establishment of both Pineknotted Park and the Acorn Little League fields. Bob spent his youth playing and coaching the Northumberland A's entry into the West Branch League. After his playing days were over, he coached youth baseball in the Acorn League, having won three consecutive championships with the Cubs and numerous individual championships with the Tigers. He ended his career after bringing a Post

44 American Legion team to Northumberland during the 70's. He was a coach and business manager of the team for many years.

In its fifth year, the "Bob Hoffman Memorial Tournament" is hosted by the Northumberland/ Sunbury Post #44/ #201 Legion Baseball Team. The first game will be played at the Pineknotted Park field on July 1 at 9:00 a.m. Games will be played from Saturday through Sunday evening at the Pineknotted Park and Shikellamy High School baseball fields. Teams from Milton, Watsonstown, Shamokin, Berwick, West Snyder, and Northumberland/ Sunbury are slated to compete.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you go out to our latest winners in the property beautification recognition! It does not go unnoticed when folks work hard to keep our community beautiful. We all benefit from these efforts!

These properties were selected for the first six months of 2006:

Residences at:

348 Seventh Street owned by Gary & Angela Klick

472 Front Street owned by Jared & Bethany Treas

530 Front Street owned by Marianne Coratello

535 Queen Street owned by Steve and Helen Martin

456 and 458 King Street owned by Scott and Dee Neidig

205 King Street owned by Robert Van Deusen

Businesses:

Frye's Interiors

Joseph W. Epler Funeral Home

SUMMER SALAD DAYS

There is nothing like the taste of fresh fruit in the summer, and there's no better way to serve these tastes of summer than a fresh fruit salad. Toss up a bowlful today!

Choose Your Fruits

Pick fruit that is at the peak of ripeness, but not overripe or too soft. Choosing fruits of various colors makes for a nice looking fruit salad. Apples, bananas, pineapple chunks, cherries, berries, grapes, and watermelon make great fruit salads. Try adding exotic fruits such as mango, guava, or kiwi

for a special taste.

Mix It Up

Peel and seed all fruit, if necessary. Cut into uniform sizes, as close to serving time as possible. Fruit salad can be served with just a bit of sugar added for sweetness, or with a dressing. Try mixing orange juice with grenadine syrup, or apple juice with a touch of honey for a simple dressing. For a creamy dressing, mix equal parts whipped cream and mayonnaise, and sweeten with sugar to taste. Don't add too much dressing, as it can

overwhelm the fruit flavor.

For a special touch, add fresh mint leaves, shredded coconut, or chopped nuts to your salad.

Tips

If you'd like to make your fruit salad ahead of time, add an acidic juice, such as lemon or lime juice, to prevent discoloration. You may need to add a little extra sugar. Store fruit salad in your refrigerator in a colander placed in a large bowl, to allow extra juices to drain out, so your salad doesn't get soggy.

Liberty Splashland—2006 Special Events Calendar

Note: Regular hours are 12:30—6:30 p.m. everyday weather permitting

Date	Day	Event	Time	Cost
July 13th	Thursday	Splash Hop	6:30—9	\$3
July 16th	Sunday	Family Night/ Trivia Night	6:30—9	\$3
July 27th	Thursday	Dance Contest with prizes	6:30—9	\$3
August 10th	Thursday	Lip Sync Contest with prizes	6:30—9	\$3
August 13th	Sunday	Dance Contest with prizes	6:30—9	\$3
August 24th	Thursday	Splash Hop	6:30—9	\$3
August 27th	Sunday	Last Day	12:30—6:30	Regular admission

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Open Burning In the Borough

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the few area municipalities that still allow outside burning. In Sunbury – our nearest and largest neighbor – burning is not allowed, and with the exception of Point Township, most areas around us have taken Sunbury’s lead and eliminated the practice. Besides, with North-



umberland’s recycling center accepting most of our paper products, burning is a practice that is no longer needed. And, did we mention the smell, ough. And that doesn’t begin to address the possible health affects of outside burning, which according to some experts could be many.

Where to you fall on the issue? Council would like to weigh everyone’s opinions before making any decisions; therefore, please let us know your thoughts. You can currently ‘voice’ your opinions in several ways. First, you can call the Borough office at 473-1990. Second, go to northumberlandborough.com and click on the “Comments” link and leave us your thoughts. Thirdly, and most obviously: plan on attending the July 18th Council meeting.

Fall Festival Planned

Planning is underway for the 2nd Annual Fall Festival on October 28. The event will take place at King Street Park, 3 pm – 8 pm.

Kids will enjoy free crafts, games, and fun prizes. Costume contests will be a fun part of the event too! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, prettiest, and most original costumes.

As always, anyone who is interested in planning for the festival and “Haunted Hollow” is asked to call the borough office.

This event is sponsored by the Anselmo Trust and the Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee.

Second Street Playground Update

Preliminary drawings and estimates are in for a new playground at the Second Street School. Planning for a capital campaign is underway and your input is definitely important! 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. Recreation meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month 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!

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What's going on there?

Perhaps you've driven down Fifth Street recently and wondered what was happening at the Rea & Derick building. You saw all those contractor vehicles; you saw large dumpsters; you saw work crews—including whole families—assembled on work days, volunteering their time, washing windows, landscaping, hauling out material; and you wondered, "What's going on there?" Here's the answer!

Did you know that the original business at this location was a distillery?

Then in 1912, the site became a silk mill and operated as such for many years. In the 1960's the Rea & Derick Company purchased the building for its corporate offices. In subsequent years, the warehouse facilities were added. In recent years, different businesses have occupied the building. Last year when the building again was available, Northumberland Christian School considered purchasing the complex, NCS, which has operated in the First Baptist Church at Second and Queen Streets

since 1972, found itself with increasing urgency in need of a bigger facility, larger classrooms, playground space, and off street parking. And now, the result is that the former Rea & Derick building is the new home of Northumberland Christian School!

Renovations are currently underway under the supervision of T-Ross Bros. Contractors, and the revamped building will open its doors to students in the fall of 2006. Much work has already been done, but there is much yet to do.

An open house is planned for later in the summer (watch for the date). Everyone is welcome to come and see what has unfolded in this past year.

Corn Festival Scheduled

The first annual Northumberland/Point Township "Corn Festival" will be held on Saturday, August 12 (rain date is Sunday, August 13) from 12:00 to 7:00 pm in the King Street Park. The event will consist of a variety of music throughout the day, contests, games, a car show, and lots of good food! The corn for the festival is being donated by Geise's and will be served roasted and steamed.

Portion Sizes are Shrinking—Will You?

In response to cries to the food industry for help in dealing with the obesity crisis, Kraft foods is poised to roll out smaller single serving packages of some of its offerings. Other companies are joining what appears to be an emerging trend. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is also asking the food industry (restaurants, etc.) to cut back on restaurant portion sizes of their meals. Obesity has become a serious matter causing diabetes, high blood pressure and heart problems. All of this reflects on our health care costs. Physical activity levels have to rise along with a shrinking diet. A regular exercise program is advisable. Live better live longer. Along those same lines remember with the summer weather that meat and other foods spoil more easily, shortening the amount of time food should be kept out. And remember to wash your hands to keep from spreading germs and diseases.

Lee Shaffer, Health Officer



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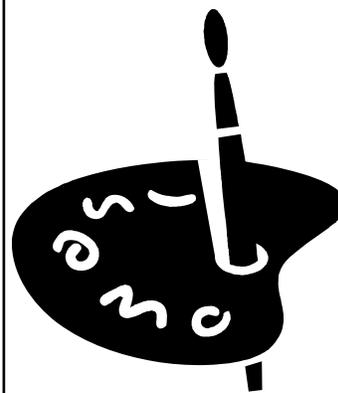
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Identity theft is becoming increasingly more common these days.

One of the prime ways these criminals get your personal information is through mail theft. To protect yourself, keep these tips in mind.

- Place outgoing mail in a secure box, like a USPS collection box.
- Pick up your incoming mail as soon as possible. Do not leave mail in your mailbox overnight.
- Carefully review all of your credit card statements each month to be sure not to miss any fraudulent activity.
- Pick up new checks directly from your bank instead of having them mailed.
- Never send cash through the mail.
- Immediately report any vandalism or tampering with your mailbox to your local postmaster and the police.

From Riverview Cemetery...

Years ago, in the late 1800's when the cemetery was established, there was a black wrought iron archway across one of the roads leading into the *Riverview Cemetery*. Probably a lot of Pineknotters have forgotten about it. The board members have retrieved a copy of a picture of the archway from Joe Epler and are currently working with a company to have it reconstructed to its original look as much as possible. This will be quite an undertaking, but we feel it will add beauty and history to the cemetery, as well as to the borough. We have our next board meeting in July and at that time we will discuss plans for a fundraiser to be held at the cemetery sometime in late August. We also would like to have tours and stories told about some of the history of the cemetery and

Internet Tidbit

If you love nostalgia, be sure to visit the Yesterland.com website. Creator Werner W. Weiss has collected pictures and information on Disneyland's attractions, rides, and parades from years past. As a regular visitor to Disneyland since 1957, Weiss has amassed a large collection of photos documenting the changes that Disneyland has undergone in the last 50 years. You'll find popular attractions like Astro-Jets, the PeopleMover, the Old Matterhorn, Indian Village, and much more. Don't miss the "Yester Memories" pages, where guests share their memories of past trips to Disneyland.



the people buried there.

As you drive past or through the cemetery you will notice we have beautiful new signs. One is along Seventh St. between Hanover St. and North Ave. The other is in the upper section where the chapel used to be on Vista Avenue. The archway will be placed at the original spot which was the first entrance coming up Seventh St. from Orange St.

We are in need of another water pump more centered in the cemetery for people to use. Currently, there is only one pump along Seventh St. If anyone would like to send donations towards this project, they would be greatly appreciated.

Also, we have placed several trash barrels in the cemetery for the convenience of friends and fami-

lies taking care of gravesites. It saddens us to find obvious personal trash and dog feces in the barrels. If this continues we will be forced to remove the barrels. If anyone sees people dumping personal trash, please report it to the board or to the police. A cemetery is sacred ground and should not be abused. Thank you.

The board members are, President Len Zboray, V-President Patricia Young, Secretary/Treasurer Dee Zboray, Betty Santangelo, Jim Persing, Jake Stamfel, and Mike McWilliams.

For any questions or comments (or donations), you may call the cemetery at 473-8296 or my home number or 473-9192.

Thank you.
Dee Zboray, secretary

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Street Repair Work Announced

Northumberland Borough anticipates paving several streets this summer. Those slated to be paved are Third Street from Queen Street to Orange Street, Fifth Street from Prince Street to Straw-bridge Road, Permastone Drive from Hanover Street to Prince Street, and Sheetz Avenue from Fifth Street to Sixth Street. The invitation to bid was issued through the Central Susquehanna Valley Council of Govern-

ments and was opened at the May 17, 2006 COG meeting. The Borough Council accepted the low bid from HRI, Inc. at the June 6, 2006 council meeting.

In addition, storm water work is also scheduled for this season. New storm boxes with bicycle safe grates are to be installed at Permastone Drive and Hanover Street, Orange and Sixth Streets, Sheetz Avenue and Sixth Street, and possibly King and

Sixth Streets. Other



storm water work is also planned for areas of the hill section of Northumberland.

Unclaimed Bicycle Auction

The Borough of Northumberland Police Department will hold a bicycle auction on July 4th from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Northumberland Police Station, 219 2nd Street, Northumberland, PA. Bicycles obtained by this department will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. All sales will be final. Payment must be made at the time of the sale. Anyone attempting to claim a lost or stolen bicycle may stop by the police station from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale. Anyone claiming a bicycle must provide proof of ownership.

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Perfect Time

Summer is the best time to clear out your gutters and downspouts. Remove any leaves, sticks, or other debris so that water can flow freely through them. With dry, warmer weather, you can inspect your gutters and downspouts for leaks. You may also need to add downspout extenders, which move the water farther from your home's foundation.

Yard Sale & Chinese Auction a Success!

Once again, the Second Street Community Yard Sale & Chinese Auction on June 3 was a big success! A great big thank you goes out to all of our volunteers, those who donated their treasures, and especially to the following local businesses who donated their products for the event:

Alexander Toyota, Applebee's, Coca Cola Enterprises, Inc., Darrlyz Hometown Grille, Dogwood Hill, Empire Beauty School, Expert Tire, Front Street Station, Giant Food Stores, Gubin's, McCann School of Business, Medical Center Pharmacy,

Moyer Institute of Dance, NAPA Auto Parts Northumberland, Pepsi Bottling Group, Sunbury Motors, Susquehanna University Athletics, Sweet Land of Liberty's, Taylor's Meats, The Daily Item, Townside Garden Cafe, Troutman's, Tulpehocken Spring Water, Weaver Models, Weis Markets, YBC, and Young's Sporting Goods.

Special auction items also included autographed memorabilia and game tickets from the Pittsburgh Steelers, Philadelphia Eagles, Pittsburgh Pirates, Philadelphia

Flyers, and the Miami Dolphins.

The generosity from our businesses and the community certainly shows us the support for the Second Street Community Center Project. If you are interested in becoming involved in the project or would like to make a donation, feel free to contact the Borough office at 473-3414.

The 4th Annual Community Yard Sale & Chinese Auction is scheduled for June 2, 2007.

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July is National Hog Dog Month.

How much do you know about one of America's favorite treats? Test yourself with this hot dog trivia quiz.

(Answers on Page 18)

1. How many hot dogs does each American consume on average each year?
2. What has been held on Coney Island every Independence Day since 1916?
3. What percentage of hot dogs sold are low-fat or fat-free?
4. The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile weighs as much as how many hot dogs?
5. Three U.S. Presidents have served hot dogs at official White House functions. Who were they?
6. What is the most popular hot dog topping?
7. Why are hot dogs packed ten to package?
8. Takeru Kobayashi set a world's hot dog eating record by consuming how many hot dogs in 12 minutes?
9. True or False: Hot dogs are always precooked.
10. In which city are more hot dogs eaten than any other city?

Statewide Safety Rules deflate Popular Pools

Attention Borough residents with an inflatable above ground pool: The statewide safety rule requires any pool over 24 inches deep to have a building permit. An adequate safety barrier is also required for pools between 24 and 48 inches deep. These rules are mainly to protect wayward tykes from toppling and drowning. To learn more about pool safety rules or to report possible dangers, call the Borough Office.

Protecting Your Pets from Fireworks

Every summer the sky fills with bright lights and loud booms. While most people enjoy fireworks, it is a different story for your pets. Some pets become only mildly stressed from the commotion, but others can become distraught over the disturbance. There are some steps you can take to ensure that your pets remain safe whenever fireworks are set off near your home.

First, you'll want to leave your pet at home. This will allow your animal to have a safe and reassuring environment in which to ride

out the noise. It will also keep your dog from running from you, possibly getting lost or injured in traffic. It is a natural reaction for a dog to try to outrun any danger he or she perceives, so it is safer to have your dog confined at home.

If your animal is receptive, place him or her in a crate to provide for added security. If you must leave your animal unsecured in your yard, take care that there are no escape avenues. Dogs have been known to dig under fences or jump high barriers, even breaking through glass windows or doors.

You may also want to turn the televi-

sion or radio on to drown out some of the outside noise. Do not turn these device up too loudly, but leave them on at normal levels. These will be sounds that your animal is used to and can be reassuring.

As a last resort, consider staying at home with your pet to be available to reassure him or her. If your pet's reactions are particularly worrisome, discuss with your veterinarian the possibility of sedation medication. This should only be used on a temporary basis and you should be aware of the risks involved in using this type of treatment.

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EXPLORE YOUR LOCAL SURROUNDINGS

Vacations can be expensive. And although everyone enjoys a long trip to a new place far away, our budgets usually cannot handle many vacations such as these. You don't have to travel far to have fun though. Often you can find creative and inexpensive ways to spend your vacation close to home. Try these close to home travel ideas and save some of your hard-earned money this year.

Explore Your Neighborhood

Use your time off from work to visit those places that you never seem to have enough time for at other times of the year. Take a trip to the library and talk to a librarian about programs they offer. These are usually completely free. You will find book clubs for adults, and children's programs that often include free activities like puppet shows, story times, summer book reading programs, and more. Check around for local pools, mini-golf courses, and playgrounds that you've never visited.

Have picnics in the park, tour a fire station, or fly kites. Use this time to take things easy. Read a long novel, rent old movies, and catch up on your letter writing. Take time to get a massage and catch up on your sleep.

Explore Your Community

This is also the perfect time to visit all of those tourist attractions in your own backyard. Call your local Chamber of Commerce or Visitors Information Board and ask for information on local tourist sites. If there are any on the list you haven't been to, take time this summer. Visit a museum, go to the zoo, or catch a play put on by a local production company.

Explore Your State

Look into visiting a town just a gas tank away from you. There are usually spots near where you live that you have never had a chance to visit, even if you have been living there for a while. Stay at a bed and breakfast or a small hotel and take in the local sites. The bene-

fit of this type of traveling is that you will only be gone overnight, saving you money. But you can still feel like you've gotten away from it all. If an overnight stay is not in your budget, consider driving a couple of hours in the morning to a place near you. Try visiting a national park, enjoying a day at an amusement or water park, or shopping in a nearby community. To save even more money, bring a picnic lunch, and stop at a park to have lunch.

Vacations close to home can not only save you money, they can also give you a new appreciation for the community you live in. You will probably find that you can't fit all of your plans into a week or two, and the ideas you get from your mini-vacation will last the whole year. Often people come back from a long trip tired and exhausted from all the traveling. When you vacation close to home, you'll end up refreshed and relaxed.

Did You Know?: Blueberry Trivia

July is National Blueberries Month.

Early American colonists tinted their paint grey by boiling blueberries in milk to extract the pigment.

Blueberries have been commercially cultivated only since the early 20th century, when the USDA helped develop new improved varieties.

After the strawberry, the blueberry is the second most popular berry in the U.S.

Over 200 million pounds of blueberries are grown commercially each year.

The blueberry is the official berry of Nova Scotia.

North America produces about 90 percent of the world's blueberries.

About 25 percent of all the blueberries produced in North America are grown in Maine. Maine is also the largest producer of wild blueberries in the world.

Ninety-nine percent of Maine's wild blueberry crop is frozen.

The pigment in blueberries produces antioxidants that neutralize free radicals.

Blueberries, concord grapes, and cranberries are the three native North American berries.

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!

FCRDR HA GQ KDRJFGRAA BHFCQSF J VJAAHQG FQ IR KDRJF, BCRFCRD HF'A FCR JAVHDJFHQG QM JG JFCNRFR QD JG JDFHAF, J AUHRGFHAF, J VJDRGF, QD J ISAHGRAA VRDAQG. -- JGFCQGZ DQII-HGA

Hint: A=S / [Solution on Page 19](#)

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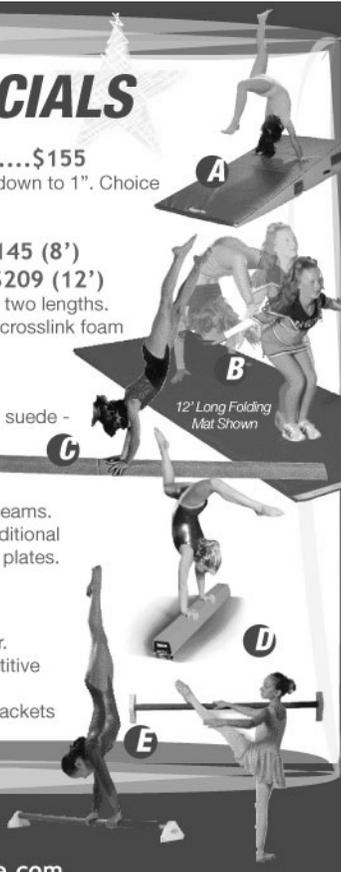
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Answers to Hot Dog Quiz

1. 60.
2. Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest.
3. 10 to 15 percent.
4. One million hot dogs.
5. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan.
6. Mustard.
7. Because ten hot dogs equals one pound.
8. 53-1/2.
9. True.
10. New York.

From the President of Northumberland Borough Council

Greetings and welcome to the 34th Annual Pineknotted Days celebration sponsored by the Northumberland-Point Township Kiwanis Club! Now in its fourth decade, Pineknotted Days has provide fun for the young and old alike for a long, long time, all for the benefit of the local community.

Over the course of the next week, I invite those visiting from outside our borough to explore what we have to offer 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

Solution: to the Cryptogram on Page 18

There is no greatness without a passion to be great, whether it's the aspiration of an athlete or an artist, a scientist, a parent, or a business person. -- Anthony Robbins

TRUE STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Baseball is not only full of action, suspense, and fun-- it is also a sport where humor and wit find a home. These tales are true accounts of baseball related fun.

A reporter asked Alex Johnson about his two most recent seasons. "Last year, you hit two homers and this year you have seven. What's the difference?" Johnson replied, "Five."

Baltimore's Jim Palmer felt rebuffed by Boston manager Darrell Johnson after being snubbed from the All-Star game. When asked about his reaction and reports that he had called Johnson an idiot, Palmer stated, "I did not call Johnson an idiot. Someone else

did and I just agreed."

Yankee Johnny Blanchard was distraught after learning he was being traded to Kansas City. His teammate, Mickey Mantle, tried to console him.

"Don't take it so hard, John. Just think, in Kansas City, you're going to get a chance to play." Blanchard became more upset.

"Heck, I can't play, Mick. That's why I'm crying."

Bob Gibson was watching teammate Curt Flood as Flood completed batting practice. "Way to hit the ball," commented Gibson. "If I could hit the ball that way, I'd take off my toe plate and retire from pitching." Flood smiled in appreciation of the comment. "In fact," continued Gib-

son, "if I hit the way you do, I think I'd also retire from baseball."

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Upcoming Community Events

Our Next Issue...The next issue of *The Pineknotted News* will be published in mid-October. For those interested in submitting advertising or sending in articles for publication, kindly do so by Friday, September 22, 2006.

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

August 27 – **Last Day for Liberty Splashland for season**

Dates for events are listed online at NorthumberlandBorough.com

Note: Borough Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th and Monday, September 4 for holidays.