

BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA



THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

SUMMER 2007 JULY-SEPTEMBER 2007

PINEKNOTTER DAYS ~ June 30—July 6, 2007

PLAYGROUND OPENS

If you haven't yet seen the *new and* improved Second Street Playground, take a walk and check it out! What a beautiful new recreational area we have to enjoy. There is so much great stuff for all ages of the community. The space now has a regulation sized basketball court complete with new nets, backboard, and fencing; two play structures with climbing walls, slides, monkey bars; spring animals, and swings. You will soon find new benches and picnic tables at the playground as well. Our "wall of honor" will be erected next spring.

June 23 was our official Community Build Day... and what a productive day it was! We thank all of the volunteers who participated in the Build Day. Everyone was a great help to make things run smoothly. If you happen to see members of our Public Works De-

partment out and about,



stop and thank them for all of their hard work in preparing the site for this project. It was quite a job, and the playground wouldn't be as great as it is today without their help.

Again, the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to thank all of the businesses, citizens, and other groups who have donated money and time towards this project. We just could not have done this without you. We have about \$5000 more towards our goal. So, if you haven't yet sent in money for the purchase of a brick to be

included in our "wall of honor", you still have time. You may donate online at our site or at the Northumberland National Bank or the Northumberland Borough Office. Feel free to contact the borough office at 473-3414 with any questions about volunteering or donating to this worthy project.

Note: Basketball Tournament Scheduled

Start practicing your dunking and dribbling skills for a Basketball Tournament at the brand new Second Street Basketball Court. The tournament will take place on Saturday, August 18. Depending on the amount of teams registered, it could take place on Sunday, August 19. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the winning teams. Stay tuned for more details!

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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 and additional information.

Car Tip

It is easy to scratch the finish on your car. To prevent this next time you wash your vehicle, be sure to use a soft cloth. You can cut up old flannel sheets into small sections. Between uses, wash the cloths to get rid of any grit that gets trapped in the fibers.

PINEKNOTTER DAYS ARRIVES

The schedule for the 2007 edition of Pineknotted Days is as follows:

Saturday, June 30:

Soap Box Race, 8 a.m.
King & 4th Sts.

Sunday, July 1:

Community Church Service, 7:00 p.m.
King Street Park Gazebo

Monday, July 2:

Pineknotted Store & Concessions, 6-10 p.m.
Pineknotted Good Citizenship Award, 7:00 p.m.
Pineknotted of the Year Award, 8:00 p.m.
Entertainment, 7:00 p.m.: RE-CREATION
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Tuesday, July 3:

Pineknotted Store & Concessions, 6-10 p.m.
Entertainment, 7:00 p.m.: TRUE HEART

Wednesday, July 4:

Pineknotted Store & Concessions, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Craft Show: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Balloon Animal Artist 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chicken BBQ: 11 a.m.
Entertainment, 7:00 p.m.: SHAMA-LAMA

Thursday, July 5:

Pineknotted Store & Concessions, 6-10 p.m.
Car Show: 6-9 p.m.
Entertainment, 7:00 p.m.: MUD FLAPS

Friday, July 6:

Pineknotted Store & Concessions, 6-10 p.m.

Entertainment, 7:00 p.m.: RISKY BUSINESS

Entertainment by Night:

Monday: Recreation

Tuesday: True Heart

Wednesday: Shama-Lama

Thursday: Mud Flaps

Friday: Risky Business

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Special Needs Assessment Program

Paul M. Zarick, Director of the Northumberland County Department of Public Safety, has announced the county's Special Needs Assessment Program (SNAP), a new initiative which will allow the County's first responders to locate, and if necessary, evacuate those with special needs.

Do you or someone you know have special needs that would require special assistance in the event of a fire, weather related or other emergency situation? During a disaster, the information submitted by residents will be taken into consideration along with other variables such as the scope of the incident and the resources available.

The information is used to identify what level of assistance is needed and will be provided.

The computer program has a mapping feature which shows each special needs entry on a local street map with the address listed.

Emergency responders can be directed accordingly during an emergency to make evacuations or to check on their status. A Haz-Mat feature can use wind speed and direction to overlay a plume on the map in the event of a chemical spill or similar

emergency.

There are two types of survey forms. An Individual survey requests data on name, address, age, emergency contact information and evacuation information such as: is the person bed-ridden; without a vehicle, phone, television or radio; mentally, speech, sight, hearing or physically impaired, etc. The Facility

survey form is for Nursing Homes, Boarding Homes, etc. and seeks data on the number of residents, emergency power sources, food supplies, etc.

This project is funded by the East Central Pennsylvania Counter Terrorism Task Force, of which Northumberland County is a member. All information

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Money Tip

While it is always a good idea to have an emergency fund, keeping money in a savings account while you have debt on a credit card doesn't make financial sense. Regular saving accounts earn very little interest, while the interest rates on credit cards average 13 percent. Using your saving account to eliminate debt means that your money is working harder for you. You'll save a substantial amount on interest and will be closer to wiping out your debt completely.



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SUMMER WATER SAFETY

Summertime means more time at the pool, lake, river, ocean or water park. To ensure your family stays safe in the water this summer, keep these tips in mind. Everyone should know the rules. Before entering the water, sit down with your kids and discuss water safety rules with them. This should include a limit on how deep they can go in the water, depending on their height and age. Also discuss the jobs lifeguards do and the importance

of following their directions. Remember to instruct your children how to dive safely, to never dive headfirst into water less than five feet deep, and to only use a diving board, not the side of a pool to dive. Restrict alcohol when near the water. It is important that adults supervising children's swimming activities are alert and able to respond quickly. Anyone in that position should stay away from alcohol completely. Protect sensitive skin and feet.

Everyone should wear sunscreen when headed out for some fun in the sun. If you are going to the beach or water park, you'll also want to pack some water shoes to protect your and your children's feet from the harsh surfaces you'll encounter. Take a CPR class if you have never had one or if it has been more than two years since you've been certified. It is a good idea to have everyone in your family certified in case of an emergency.

This Just In...

BINGO Night

The Second Street Community Center Committee will be sponsoring the BINGO stand at Pineknotters' Days this year. If you are interested in helping out at the stand, contact the Borough Office at 473-3414.

Applications Accepted

The Northumberland Borough Civil Service Commission is accepting applications from interested persons with PA Act 120 training in order to establish an eligibility list for the position of Police Officer for the Borough of Northumberland. Applications may be picked up in person at the Northumberland Municipal Office at 221 2nd St., Northumberland, PA 17857. e.o.e.

Haunted Park

This October the Haunted Park will enter it's 3rd year and this time, it's all about you! Does your club, organization or family want to participate in a great

community event and possibly win a trophy and prize money?

The Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee will be renting spaces for a nominal fee for this 3 day event, tentatively scheduled for October 25th-27th. You set the scene and visitors will cast their vote at the end of their

visit for their favorite scene. The scene with the most votes at the end of the three days will win a trophy and a cash prize.

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Yard Sale & Chinese Auction a Success!

Once again, the Annual Community Yard Sale & Chinese Auction on June 2 was a big success! This year we had a record 20 vendor spaces sold and 72 auction items donated.

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 5th Annual Community Yard Sale & Chinese Auction is scheduled for June 7, 2008.

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Here Comes Lemonade Day! - (See Ad on Page 9)

A glass of ice cold lemonade on a hot, sunny August day will certainly be on everyone's minds on Saturday, August 4, for the 3rd Annual Lemonade Day.

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 various prizes to award to a few lucky lemonade stand vendors. There will be food, games, music, contests & raffles, crafts and of course lemonade stands! Festivities will begin at 11:00 and end around

5:00 pm in the 200 block of Front Street.

We are also seeking additional food vendors.

This event is sponsored by the Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee and the Joseph J. Anselmo, Sr. Community Trust. If you have any questions or are interested in being a vendor at Lemonade Day, feel free to give Noelle a call at 473-7563.

And Corn Festival Too

The 2nd Annual Northumberland Corn Festival will be held at King Street Park on Saturday, August 11. For more information, please con-



tact the Borough Office.

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Riverview Cemetery

On June 1st, Patty Young passed away and the cemetery board lost our vice-president and a very dear friend. She will sorely be missed by us and our town. She was very instrumental in getting the archway project underway and we know she was so pleased and proud that she cut the ribbon on Memorial Day for the dedication. Our sincere sympathies are with her entire family.

On August 18th the cemetery will hold our second balloon release in memory of loved ones interred in the cemetery. We received such positive feedback from last year's memorial that we decided to do it again. Watch for forms around town in business establishments, in your

church bulletins, and possibly in the mail. Also, you can request a form from me. The cost will again be \$5.00 per balloon.

We will release the balloons at noon. You can mail your forms to me prior to the 18th or you may purchase balloons beginning at 11:00 A.M. Light refreshments will be available from 11:00 to 1:00.

As always, we try to keep improving our cemetery. A lot of you have probably noticed we have another water line with a spigot near the garage to use for watering of your plants and flowers.

If you have any questions or comments you may call me at 473-8296.

Dee Zboray, secretary/treasurer

Summer Meeting Schedule Borough Council

Borough Council will next meet in regular session on Tuesday, July 17. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, July 3 due to Pineknatter Days. This meeting will be held at the Borough Building at 7 p.m.

On August 7, 2007, the Borough Council's regular monthly meeting will be held at Liberty Splashland, beginning at 7 p.m.

Lemonade Day 2007

Saturday, August 4

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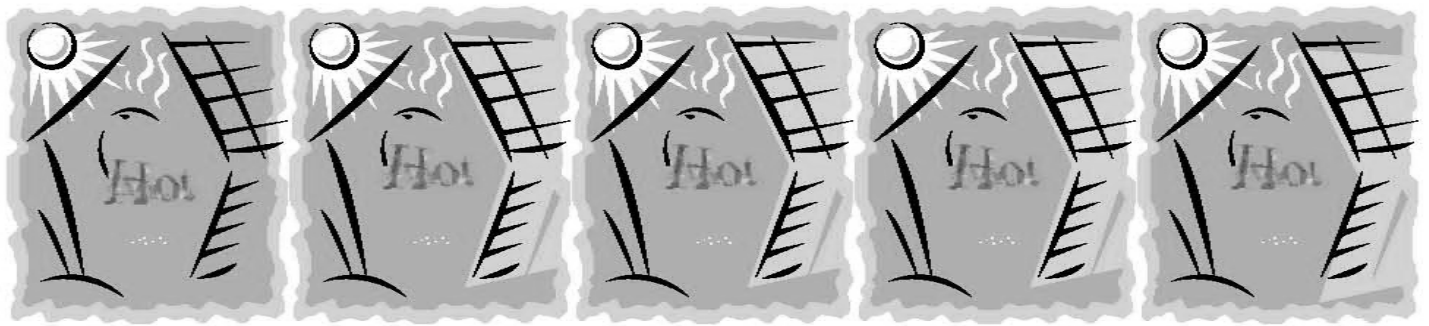
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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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gathered is strictly confidential. Department of Public Safety staff has been trained to make entries and serve as administrators for the database. Citizens or organizations can submit information on people with special needs either online at the www.ncdps.org web site link or by calling 286-4807 to request a printed survey form. Additional information is available on the Borough's website www.northumberlandborough.com.



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CONFESSIONS FROM A YARD SALE JUNKIE

This is the perfect time of year for garage and yard sales. There are bargains galore, if you know how to shop wisely. To make your trips to garage sales fun and productive, take heed of these tips from some yard sale pros!

Plan Ahead

Use the newspaper classifieds to plan out your garage sale schedule. Having a good map is a plus. But don't forget to be flexible too. Many yard sales are not advertised in the paper, so keep your eye out for signs posted in the neighborhoods you are visiting. Try to arrive early, but not before the posted start time. Early birds are not always welcome. If you are looking for the lowest prices, consider visiting garage sales later in the day, when prices generally start to drop.

Have the Right Equipment

Wear comfortable shoes that can get dirty and wet—you never know what you might run into. Bring several bags or boxes in

your car to place your items when you are ready to take them home. Have old newspapers to wrap breakable items, as many sellers don't provide this. Bring a supply of batteries to check the operability of items requiring them. Don't forget to remove your batteries when you are done! Bring lots of small bills and some change if you are planning on making smaller purchases. And remember, most sellers will only take cash! If you will be out all day, bring sunscreen, a hat, and a cooler full of beverages.

Wheel and Deal

Examine all items carefully, as there is usually an "All Sales are Final" policy. Instead of offering a price, ask what the seller will take for an item. You will sometimes luck out if the seller gives you a lower price than what you would have paid for it. If you see an item you might like, but are unsure of, carry it around with you. Otherwise, someone might snatch it up and buy it before

you. If your kids are with you, let them pay for their purchases themselves. Besides teaching them about money, kids will often get better prices on items from sellers.

Closing the Sale

Check items completely before purchasing them. Plug in electrical items, check the insides of things, and make sure of sizes. Be especially careful of baby items. You never know if something has been recalled or if a car seat has been in an accident. If you purchase something that has to be picked up later, like a refrigerator or a sofa, be sure to get a receipt for the item. If you do see something you'd like, but it is priced too high for you, give the seller your name and phone number. Tell them that if it doesn't sell by the end of the day, you'd be interested in buying it if they would come down on the price. You never know—you may end up with a great deal!

Take-out food can save you on a busy work night, but not if you are spending too much time searching for the menus you've collected. Here are some tips to help you keep take-out menus always at the ready.

- File your take-out menus in a file folder and slide it on your cookbook shelf.
- Use a three-ring binder. Punch holes in the individual menus, and file them into the binder alphabetically.
- Get a plastic cereal container and store the menus inside in a kitchen cabinet.
- Clip the menus into your local telephone book.
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Stormwater work scheduled for this season includes new storm boxes with bicycle safe grates to be installed at various locations on Sixth Street. Stormwater work is also planned for areas of the hill section.

POOL OPEN FOR SEASON

Finally, it's Summer and Liberty Splashland is opened! Pool hours are from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Liberty Splashland is a unique place to get wet because it has so much to offer. There are pool tubes, lap lanes, a 12-foot diving area, the only drop slides in the area, a unique Dump Tower, a 1,500 square foot sprayground, 100 lounge chairs, and sand volleyball. While you're there, check out the menu at the concession stand. Pizza, hot dogs, nachos, ice cream treats, popsicles, candy bars, and much more are available every day.

Liberty Splashland has a number of special events planned throughout the summer months. A Lip Sync Contest is scheduled for Thursday, June 28th, from 6:30-9:00. Cash prizes will be awarded to

the winners. Admission is \$3.00.

During July, the pool will be opened every Thursday until 8:00 p.m. for a "Late Swim".

On Thursday, August 9th, another Lip Sync Contest with cash prizes is scheduled. Admission - \$3.00. A Splash Hop is set for Thursday, August 23rd, from 6:30-9:00. Admission - \$3.00.

The last day the pool is open is Sunday, August 26th, from 12:30-6:30. Regular admission rates apply for this day. Both individual and family season passes are available. Individual passes are \$80, and family passes are \$150. A Lap Swim pass is just \$45 and may be used daily from noon to 12:30 and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A day pass for \$4.00 includes all the features at the park. Senior Citizen and

Lap Swim daily rates are \$2.00. Admission for children under 5 is free. Call or stop by the park to schedule your birthday party, family reunion, company picnic, or rent the entire park! Mornings are available from 9-12 and evenings are available from 6-10. We also offer party rentals during our normal park hours. Please reserve at least one week in advance. Catering is available for your party rental. Ask about our Group discounts. During normal park hours, a group rate for 20 or more is just \$3.25 per person. For groups of 50 or more, the rate is just \$2.95 per person.

For reservations or additional information, call Liberty Splashland at 473-1993 during business hours.

Next Issue...

The next edition of The Pineknitter News will be published in early October. For those wishing to include information on events scheduled in October—December, please let the Borough Office know no later than Friday, September 28.

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WHO'S THE GENIUS?

Albert Einstein spent many hours lecturing on scientific principles. But he enjoyed working in his laboratory more. One night on the way to yet another speaking engagement, he noticed that his chauffeur looked very much like him. In fact, he even resembled him in his mannerisms. Einstein commented on how tired he was of speechmaking. His chauffeur proposed switching places with him that evening. He said, "I've heard you give that speech many times. I'll bet I could do it without a problem."

Einstein thought for a moment and then agreed. When they arrived at the event, they

changed clothes. Einstein went in and sat at the back of the room. His chauffeur gave the address and was finishing up when the host asked if he wouldn't mind taking a few questions.

"Of course," he exclaimed. He then proceeded to answer several questions expertly.

Suddenly a very pompous professor stood and asked an extremely esoteric question about anti-matter formation, digressing here and there to show off his own knowledge.

The chauffeur didn't even blink as he looked back at the professor and said, "Sir,

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Spending Time in the Car

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License Plates Games.

Start by joining together to name all the states in the U.S. This can be harder than it seems! Keep this list handy and every time a license plate from that state is spotted, mark it off. Try to complete your list before your trip is over. Finding Alaska and Hawaii will be extra special.

Never Ending Story.

The first person begins this game by saying, "Once upon a time. . ." and then adding a sentence. The next person continues the story by adding a sentence or two. This can continue as long as you like.

CRYPTOGRAM FOR THE MONTH

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.

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!

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Happy Accidents

Sometimes the best discoveries come about due to mistakes. Throughout history, mistakes have contributed many important and useful products to mankind. Here are some examples of the good accidents that have enriched our lives.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Around 1930, innkeeper Ruth Wakefield was baking chocolate cookies one day and discovered that she did not have the cocoa powder called for in the recipe. Instead, she chopped up a chocolate bar and put the chunks in the batter, expecting them to melt in the oven. Instead, she got butter cookies studded with chocolate "chips."

Coca-Cola

In 1886 a pharmacist named John Pemberton concocted a medicinal syrup, hoping to create a tonic for people who were tired, nervous, or suffering from bad teeth. He marketed it as a tonic for a year unsuccessfully. It was only after the soda was sold as a soft drink that it took off to become the brand it is today.

Silly Putty

During World War II, the U.S. government was trying to develop a synthetic rubber. They experimented with silicone and eventually tried adding boric acid to silicone oil. The substance, however, failed as a good rubber substitute—it was too gooey and bouncy. After the war, it was marketed as a toy called Silly Putty.

BECOME A GREEN THUMB

The average lawn has more than ten times more per acre of chemical pesticides dumped on it than farmers use on their crops. These pesticides can be dangerous to your family and pets when they are tracked into your home. These chemicals also will enter ground water systems and streams, causing problems to the environment.

But there are ways to have a healthy lawn without the use of dangerous chemicals. Here are some tips to help you take a green approach to your lawn.

To help you grow a healthy lawn, treat your grass with some extra care. Ensure your mower is running properly, and sharpen its blades at least once a year. This will allow your mower to cut the blades evenly, reducing stress on your grass. You can also reduce stress on your lawn by cutting your grass when your yard is dry.

Water your grass in the early morning or early evening, instead of during the heat of the day. This allows for a deeper soaking of the ground, which encourages

deeper root growth. You should also refrain from watering every day. Watering every day causes the roots to grow shallowly, which can weaken your lawn.

Finally, choose the right lawn for your area. Bermuda grass is suited to warm weather climates, and Kentucky bluegrass thrives in cooler areas like the Northern states. If you are interested in an even more ecologically sound lawn, consider xeriscaping with native, low-water plants.

Liberty Splashland Special Events, 2007

The following events are scheduled for Liberty Splashland for the rest of the season:

Lip Sync Contest

The last special event for the month of June will be on Thursday the 28th from 6:30-9:00. This event is a Lip Sync Contest with cash prizes. Admission - \$3.00.

Late Swim

Every Thursday during the month of July, there is a Thursday Night "Late Swim." This begins at 12:30 and ends at 8:00. Admission - \$4.00.

Lip Sync Contest

On Thursday, August 9th, we will hold another Lip Sync Contest with cash prizes. Admission - \$3.00.

Splash Hop

On Thursday, August 23rd, there will be one more Splash Hop from 6:30-9:00. Admission - \$3.00.

Last Day: Sunday, August 26

The last day the pool is open is Sunday, August 26th, from 12:30-6:30. Regular admission rates apply for this day.

TAKING A LOVED ONE TO THE DOCTOR

Sometimes an elderly person shows signs of needing extra help or a change in their care. How do you know when it is time to talk to your older parent's doctor? The most clear sign is a marked change in personality or behavior. But there are also more subtle signals. Pay attention if you see any of the following: sudden weight loss, general forgetfulness or disorientation, failure to take medication or over-dosing, harmful behavior to self (burns or injuries), or a deterioration of personal habits.

When you do decide to consult with your parent's doctor, be sure to include your parent in these discussions. It might be helpful to begin accompanying your parent to doctor's appointments. You can ask questions and point out concerns. You may be able to begin a dialogue between your parent and his or her doctor that would be difficult for your parent to bring up on his own. You can also remind the doctor of medication your parent is taking, including all over the counter medi-

cations. It may be up to you to ask important questions about possible side effects or alternate treatments. After the visit, you will then be able to refresh your parent's memory regarding treatment options or medications to be taken.

When searching for a doctor for your elder, make sure that you find one who is willing to talk with you and take phone calls from both your parent and other family members who may be concerned about your parent's condition. It is also important to constantly assess the care your parent is

receiving and be willing to make changes if there seems to be a problem.

In providing this type of care giving to your parent, it is crucial to remember that they are to play the primary role in their own care, if they are still able. Be sure to act as a helpmate and an intermediary between your parent and his or her doctor. Don't try to take too strong a role and be sure to allow your parent to have some private consultation time with the doctor if he or she has sensitive or personal issues to discuss.

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STILL UNPACKING?

Moving day has come and gone. Do you still have boxes waiting to be unpacked? To help you complete the task, these tips will come in handy. If it has been some time since your move, you may be suffering from a lack of motivation. Since you've probably unpacked all the important stuff, those last remaining boxes can seem insignificant. But getting everything unpacked will have great psychological benefits. Not only will you benefit from knowing that the job is finally done, it may also help you finally settle into your new home. Start by tackling just one box a day. Carefully unpack the box and make sure to check any packing material for item that may have gotten stuck. Once the box is unpacked, take time to evaluate all of the items from the box. If it has been some time since your moving day, you may find that many of those belongings are things you don't really need. Use this

opportunity to declutter. Place any items that you feel should be given away back into the box. After unpacking a few boxes, you'll probably find that you have a full box of items to give away. Many charities will come and pick up household goods. Call them up and schedule a day for pick-up.

You'll then have a good deadline and hopefully, sufficient motivation to finally get the job done. Just remember, you didn't pack up in a day, and it will take just as long to get unpacked. Give yourself a break and have fun settling into your new home.

Solution to Cryptogram:

The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and the will to carry on... The genius of a good leader is to leave behind him a situation which common sense, without the grace of genius, can deal with successfully. -- Walter Lippman

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Trivet Sales

The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee will be selling trivets and note cards at the Pineknotters' Days Craft Fair. The trivets are natural-colored ceramic squares set in a black metal scroll frame suitable for hanging or using on your table. The design includes several pinecone impressions and NORTHUMBERLAND across the diagonal. The note cards are a set of one dozen with four designs: the Gazebo in King Street Park, the Townside Garden Café, Portzline's Dairy (located at the current Norry Pharmacy), and the Girl Scout Little House. Local artist Barbara Kistner designed the note cards. If you are unable to attend the Craft Fair, contact the Borough Office to make your purchase. The trivets are being sold for \$20 each, and the note cards are \$6 for the pack of 12.

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The Pineknotter News will be published in October. For those interested in submitting advertising or sending in articles for publication, kindly do so by Friday, September 28, 2007.

Upcoming Community Notes/Events

Pineknotter Days

June 30-July 6

Lemonade Day

August 4

Corn Festival

August 11

Sunbury River Festival

August 16-18

Basketball Tournament

August 18

Dates for all events are listed online at

NorthumberlandBorough.com

Public Meeting Dates 2007

The following meeting dates have been announced by the Borough Council for the remaining months in 2007.

Northumberland Borough Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on: July 17, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 5, Dec. 4, & Dec. 18.

Work sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16 & Nov. 20.

Monthly Committee Meetings:

Finance - 3rd Thurs. at 6:30 p.m.

Property - 4th Tues. at 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety - 4th Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

Recreation - 4th Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

Streets - 2nd Tues. at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission - last Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board - last Tues. at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Borough Building, 221 2nd St., Northumberland. The Emergency Services Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month at the Borough Building unless that day is a holiday, when the meeting will be the first Tuesday at a location to be determined.