

# The PINEKNOTTER NEWS

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## Volunteerism in the Borough

The Borough is fortunate enough to have civic-minded residents contributing their time and talents to effectively create a pleasant community. We would like to publicly acknowledge the members of several committees and provide a brief synopsis of their duties.

The Planning Commission reviews plans for proposed subdivisions in the Borough.

This committee is comprised of Donald Troxell, President, Margaret Weirick, Secretary, Michael Hubicki, Matthew Markunas, and Jonathan

Rees.

The Zoning Board is authorized to act on all matters relating to the Planning Code. This includes applications for variances and special exceptions under the ordinance.

Serving the Borough in this capacity are Robert Sabol, Chairman, Russell "Buzz"

Meachum, Secretary, and Richard Hort.

The Appeals Board is a separate board adopted by the council in 2000, through the BOCA

Codes. The function of this Board is to hear appeals regarding property maintenance rulings by the Borough Code Enforcement Officer. The members of this Board are Judyann Schmidt,

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Linda Hixson, and Robert Waltz. It must be noted that this Board has not had the opportunity to

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## PINEKNOTTER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

New this year from the Pineknotted Days Association is the Pineknotted Good Citizenship Award for area students. One boy and one girl -- eleven or twelve years old -- will be chosen for this

award each year. Criteria include displaying exemplary service and citizenship throughout the community and taking leadership roles in their school. These students have excelled academically and been

involved in many activities. The awards will be presented on Tuesday, July 6th, during the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pineknotted Days events.

### Community Center Events

The Second Street Community Center Committee has planned the following events and need your help.

- A Stand at Pineknotted Days
- Work Party on July 17 at 9:00-- At the school
- Any Saturday during the summer that you can help call us.
- September a Community Yard Sale is planned in the gym
- October a Craft Fair is planned in the gym.

Call the borough office if you are interested in any of these.

## 32nd Annual Pineknotted Days

July 3-9, 2004  
King Street Park,  
Northumberland

## Welcome to the 32nd Annual Pineknotted Days

### Schedule of Events

**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
SOAPBOX RACE 8am  
*sponsored by: Northumberland Police Dept./ Parks & Recreation Committee*

BIKE RODEO 3pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street Community Center Paved Lot  
*sponsored by: Northumberland Police Dept.*

LIBERTY FEAR FACTOR 4pm  
Liberty Splashland  
*based on popular TV show*

**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE  
7pm  
King Street Park Gazebo

**Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Pineknotted Store & Concessions 6pm - 10pm  
WVLY/WMLP/WHEELS 106 LIVE BROADCAST  
PINEKNOTTER GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD  
PINEKNOTTER OF THE YEAR AWARD 8pm  
ENTERTAINMENT: RECREATION  
*co-sponsored by: NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL BANK*

### July 5th Schedule

Join us all day on the Fifth of July!

#### Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Pineknotted Store & Concessions 10am - 10pm  
WVLY/WMLP/WHEELS 106 LIVE BROADCAST  
CRAFT SHOW 9am - 3pm  
ART SHOW/SALE 9am - 3pm  
BALLOON ANIMAL ARTIST 10am - 2pm  
CHICKEN BBQ 11am  
WATERMELON EATING CONTEST (ages 9-12) 2:30pm  
BUBBLE GUM BLOWING CONTEST (ages 6-8) 2:30pm  
EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: SHAMA-LAMA

#### Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Pineknotted Store & Concessions 6pm - 10pm  
CAR SHOW 6pm - 9pm  
EAGLE 107 LIVE BROADCAST  
ENTERTAINMENT: MUD FLAPS

**Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Pineknotted Store & Concessions 6pm - 10pm

94KX LIVE BROADCAST  
ENTERTAINMENT: TRUE HEART

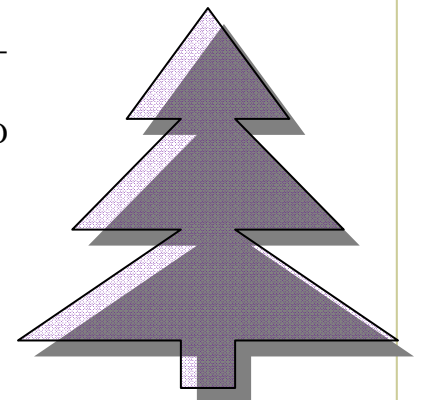
#### Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Pineknotted Store & Concessions 6pm - 10pm  
BIG COUNTRY RADIO NETWORK  
ENTERTAINMENT: MCNETT COUNTRY BAND

### PINEKNOTTER DAYS

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Northumberland - Point Township  
Proceeds Benefit Community Service Projects

*All times are subject to change*



### Northumberland Historic District Self-Guided Walking Tour

This interesting pamphlet containing a self-guided walking tour of the Northumberland Historic District was researched and drafted by the Walking Tour Committee of the Friends of Joseph Priestley House and administered by the Northumberland County Historical Society.

The Joseph Priestley House is the most famous historical dwelling in the Borough and is at the beginning of this self-guided walking tour. This brochure includes facts about the Priestley home as well as more than 40 other structures in the Borough.

Take this quiz to see how much you know of the local history included in this pamphlet (the answers are found on Page 9):

1. What property was once acquired by Susquehanna University as part of a debt owed to the school?
2. What house was the home to a former state senator?
3. What building was relocated in 1867 from the Square at King Street, where it was the Town Market House?
4. A mortuary was conducted from this site since 1927.
5. What property was once owned by a captain who served with the Continental Army in the east and with the Rangers on the western frontier?
6. What house was home to a pioneer of three modes of transportation – stage-coach, packet boats on the canals, and railroad?
7. What house, on Front Street, was considered so “far out of town” that the family spent the winters “in town”?
8. Where is the location of the first bank in Northumberland?
9. What church contains the same number of pews as the number of canal boats that operated from Northumberland during the canal era?
10. What church contains the only organ known to have been made by John Wind of Lancaster, PA and dates from 1815?

To learn more, pick up a free copy of the Northumberland Historic District Self-Guided Walking Tour. The brochures are available in the Borough Office, at the Priestley Forsythe Memorial Library, at the Joseph Priestley House, and at area businesses.

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### Our Next Issue: Autumn 2004

The next issue of *The Pineknottter News* will be published in mid-October.

Those wishing to send articles for submission or wish to have ads published in this issue, please do so by Friday, September 17.

### Local Servicemen

If your son or daughter, brother or sister, neighbor or friend has enlisted in any of the Armed Forces, we would like to hear from you. Please provide us with their names and addresses, both home and where stationed overseas.

The next *Pineknottter News* will contain a story featuring these service people. We will also list their addresses on our website so area residents know where to contact them. You may email or send it to the Borough Office, 221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857.

### History Day—Another Success

The Second Annual History Day, 2004 was a great day! The sun was out and we had many visitors who enjoyed the activities in King Street Park and at Lodges Run Mill House in Point Township. The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee would like to thank the History Day Committee and all the hard work and energy they gave to organize another wonderful day!

History Day 2004 Committee Chairpersons David & Dana Ramsey volunteered much of their time to organize this year's events as well as hosting an off-site display at their

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## Two vacancies hit Borough Council

Two committed volunteers in the community resigned their Council seats in May and June.

Gregory S. Shaffer—who had served on Council since 1999 rendered his resignation, effective May 31, 2004 citing health concerns.

Greg Carl—the Chairman Pro Tem—is resigning his seat, effective June 30, 2004, citing family issues .

Borough Council will

be filling these seats at meetings to be scheduled in late June and July. For current information, contact the Borough Office at 473-3414.

Each appointment will expire at the end of 2005.

Mr. Shaffer served Council as the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Previously, he served as Finance Chairman.

Mr. Carl, who will re-

main as Chairman of the Northumberland Parks and Recreation Committee, had dedicated his tenure, which began in 2001, to jump-starting recreational programs in the community. In addition to being the 'point-man' on Liberty Splashland, Mr. Carl was instrumental in developing the popular 'Nightmare on 2nd Street' series, which ran until 2002. Both Gregs will be missed.

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meet, as no residents have appealed of our Code Officer's rulings. However, should the need arise, the Board is available.

The Civil Service Commission makes the rules and regulations providing for the examination of applicants for positions in

the police force and oversees the examinations of the applicants. The commission members are William Roll, Chairman, Hope Kopf, Secretary, and Michael Nailor.

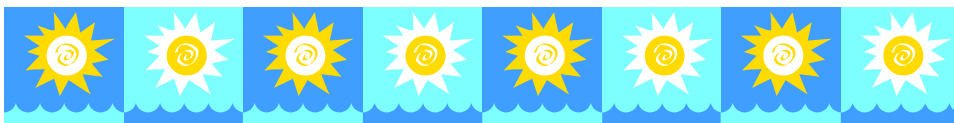
The Shade Tree Commission determines the fate of the trees in the Borough right-of way and on Borough property. Members of this committee are Margaret Weirick,

Donald Shuman, and Kenneth Diehl.

Many others serve on additional committees. They will be recognized in future issues of the Pineknottter News. More volunteers are always welcomed. If you wish to donate your time and talents in making the Borough a better place to live, contact the Borough Office at 473-3414.

## Council Meeting Date Changed

The Borough Council will meet on Tuesday, June 29 for its regular *July* meeting, which was originally scheduled for July 6. The July work session is still scheduled for Tuesday, July 20. Both meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Borough Office.



## Pineknotter

### Days Cake Wheel

Donations of cakes and other baked goods are being sought for the Pineknotter Days Cake Wheel. If you are willing to make a donation, please contact Jane at 473-8343 to sign up. Cakes are requested for Monday, Independence Day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and evenings Monday through Friday.

## Effective Recycling Requires Controlled Burning

DEP regulations require municipalities with recycling programs to establish guidelines concerning open burning. No materials collected for recycling may be burned because it wastes a product which has a defined new use and burning the material reduces the amount the municipality receives to recycle. Burning recyclable materials lowers the income for the municipality. Presently, Liberty Glass Center accepts the following materials for recycling: Corrugated cardboard, steel and aluminum cans, newsprint, magazines, office paper and glass bottles (clear, green and brown). Cans

and bottles need to be rinsed out. **The only material you may burn in the Borough of Northumberland is dry paper. Burning plastics, diapers and pet feces is absolutely prohibited.** Burning prohibited materials may be hazardous to the health of the person burning as well as their neighbors due to the vapors produced in the burning process. Additionally, odors produced while burning prohibited materials is highly disrespectful of your neighbors. **Burning in the Borough of Northumberland is allowed only on Wednesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays**

**from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** For the protection of you and your neighbors, receptacles for burning must be located at least fifteen (15) feet from any building. The burning receptacle must be covered by a wire mesh with holes no larger than one (1) inch square and the fire needs to be supervised by a person at least sixteen (16) years of age. Smoldering and smoking fires are prohibited. These facts are contained in the Northumberland Property Maintenance Code 42-12. Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute – recycling makes sense for the future of us all.

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## Summer, the Outdoors, Picnics and Pineknotters...

The things we have been looking forward to all winter. To enjoy all the summer activities, we need to exercise care and caution.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, PA Dept. of Agriculture, and your local Health Department work very hard to ensure that the food you get is safe and free of contamination. With the recently enacted and upgraded food codes, we are attempting to have trained and certified food handlers where food is served to the public. We are offering a modified food training program for volunteers – churches, etc. This is an attempt to have trained people in all areas where food is prepared and served to the public. To us it is scary to hear someone say, “We have done things this way for years and nothing has happened.” In essence

this can be an accident waiting to happen. How often have you heard, “I must have had a 24-hour flu” when, in fact, it was a food-related illness? The people who are in greatest danger are the elderly, the very young, and the people who have a compromised immune system.

Things to observe and avoid:

- When you see food being improperly handled, refuse the food and report the problem.
- It is now a food code violation to handle ready-to-eat food with bare hands.
- Avoid improperly cooked food or improperly displayed foods. Hot foods hot (140° F or above). Cold foods cold (40° F or below).
- All displayed food must be protected by covers or wraps.

Food handlers should not be eating, drinking, or smoking while handling food for public consumption.

Food Safety and Security: What Consumers Need to Know, a new guide offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), uses the expertise of the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to describe how the nation’s supply of meat, poultry, and egg products can be protected against intentional and unintentional contamination. To download the 16-page document for free, visit [www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/topics/foodsec\\_cons.htm/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/topics/foodsec_cons.htm/)

Remember, **WASH YOUR HANDS** often! Have a safe summer.

Lee Shaffer, Health Officer

### From the Mayor

Summer in Northumberland is a time to take our hats off to our wonderful volunteers. They are all around us making summer fun a reality. Thanks to all who make the following happen in Northumberland: Pineknottter Days, baseball and soccer teams, girl and boy scouting, swimming, soap box races and bike rodeos. Some choose to improve our playgrounds and others to weed, mow and plant to help make our community look better. Some volunteer all year round to keep us safe. So hats off to our volunteer firefighters and our fire police as well. A small community like ours could not flourish without our fine volunteers. So thanks to all who volunteer and if you would like to volunteer call the borough office and sign up for one of our many committees.

- Gretchen H. Brosius

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## History Day: Another Success

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home at Lodges Run Mill House. If you missed this wonderful event, you truly missed the essence of History Day. Open hearth cooking, the encampment by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Augusta Regiment and real stage coach rides! David Ramsey shared his knowledge on local Native American history and lifestyles. Ann Roll served as the tour guide on the trip from King Street Park to Lodges Run Mill House. She pointed out several historic places and their significance to Northumberland.

Committee members Mark & Denise Gulliver and Tim

& Michele Fink were also instrumental in arranging activities. Due to a last minute cancellation, Mark & Tim cheerfully offered to make 60 quarts of home made ice cream and they did it all in one day! Other History Day Committee members are Gretchen Brosius, Ruth Ford, Michael P. McWilliams, Sr., Kay Martz, Karen Nogle, Glenda Strouse, and Joan Strouse.

Ruth Ford organized a group of friends who helped her bake dozens of cookies and sweet cakes for the Bake Shoppe in the Park. The Flower Basket donated flower arrangements in tea cups for the Civil War Era Tea Party where Denise

Gulliver had baked several tasty treats and made two different teas to serve her guests. She was assisted by Victoria White.

Donations from Furman Foods, Mertz Meats, Giant and several of our volunteers made a tasty home cooked, kettle style vegetable soup, which was tended by Mark & Tim. Steven Gulliver watched over and served happy visitors with home made vanilla ice cream!

George Specht was the official "town crier". He rang his bell and announced the happenings of the day throughout the park and Bob Stahl took many pictures of the activities in the park which were posted on the borough's website

Cap'n Mick, also known as Mike McWilliams, filled the basement of Christ United Methodist Church while giving his slide show on local canal history. He also answered questions as he milled around the park. The Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library hosted showings of videos of Northumberland's Railroad history and Joseph Epler opened his home for visitors to view his memorabilia.

The Bicentennial Quilt was shown in the Gazebo, courtesy of Eugene & Gretchen Brosius. On each square of the quilt, there is a historic place in Northumberland and each picture has it's own story.

Other Northumberland

Answers from the Walking Tour quiz found on Page 3:

1. The Washington Tavern, 10 King Street
2. The Charles Steele Home, 80 King Street
3. 384-386 Water Street
4. 309 Water Street
5. 138 Priestley Avenue
6. The Kapp Mansion, at 389 King Street
7. The Savidge House at 620 Front Street
8. The first bank was located at 85 King Street. It moved to Sunbury in 1864 and became known as the First National Bank.
9. St. Mark's Episcopal Church at King & Second Streets
10. The Joseph Priestley Memorial Church at 380 Front Street

history displayed was the millinery business of Clarice Hummel. She created hand made hats, mostly from pheasant feathers in the 1950s in downtown Northumberland. Her daughters, Gretchen Brosius and Judith Groninger set up a beautiful display of her creations as

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## THANK YOU

Special thanks go to the following generous friends of History Day:

The Borough of Northumberland, Eugene & Gretchen Brosius, Butter Krust, Carl Haga Chevrolet, Christ United Methodist Church, Daddario's Barber Shop, Davis, Davis & Kaar, Frye's Interior's, Furman Foods, Ink Spot Printing, Joe & Jan's Bus Tours, Kiwanis Club of Northumberland & Point Township, Mertz Meats, Northumberland Fire Police, Cheryl Hoffman-Peck, Pfeiffer & Naginey Insurance, Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, River Valley Realty, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, T. Ross Brothers, WQKX, WKOK, Jan Bowman, Janet Deamer, Michael Deamer, Judith Ditton, Brent Floyd, Steven Gulliver, Vicki Leach, Laura McWilliams, John Moore, Ann Roll, George Specht, Bob Stahl, Murray Strawser, Charmaine Welby and Victoria White.

*Editor's Note: Special Thanks to Karen Nogle for her contributions as well.*

## History Day: Once Again a Success

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well as helped the young visitors make their own hats and they were a big hit! Thanks also to Wendy Linn for helping with the display and making signs for the event.

Furman Foods and Glenda Strouse represented Point Township and showed many antique items as well as the history of farming and family businesses. Their knowledge of our area and the stories of their experiences are priceless.

The Friends of Joseph Priestley had a gathering in the park and conducted the Historic Walking Tour that was developed last year. If you are interested in a brochure, please stop and see them at the Priestley House, or you can pick one up at a few businesses in town or the borough office!

Tom Anderson donated his day and blacksmith expertise for History Day 2004. As children and adults looked on, he demonstrated how common items such as utensils were made. He even fashioned small pieces of metal into leaves for onlookers.

The CW Rice 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade "History Club" presented a few skits and displayed games that were played in the 1800s. They also did silhouettes and

sold tins filled with candy to support their newly formed group.

Charlie Attinger and Robin Bolig offered rides on the 1937 Patrol wagon fire truck to the young and young at heart! They also had a wonderful display of antique items along with items from the Hook & Ladder Fire Company. The Northumberland Fire Company No. 1 is one of the oldest fire companies in the state, established in 1796!

The Thirsty Groundhog gave everyone an education as to the importance of a tavern back in the days. It was the post office, game room, town

hall and gossip center as well as the place to get your whiskey.

We were thrilled that John Moore generously donated his day to tell stories to all who visited! The Fiddler Woman and her drummer entertained everyone with their songs and jigs as they strolled around the park.

The Horse and Carriage rides were popular again this year and the Northumberland Fire Police assisted History Day in traffic flow for everyone's safety.

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## Liberty Splashland 2004—Special Events Schedule

July & August  
[www.libertysplashland.com](http://www.libertysplashland.com)

### July

July 3: Liberty Fear Factor Day 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
(Rain Date July 4)

July 15: Splash Hop 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
(Rain Date July 16)

July 18: Moms and Dads Get In Free Day

July 29: Lip Sync Contest 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
(Rain Date July 30)

### August

August 12: Splash Hop 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
(Rain Date August 13)

August 26: Lip Sync Contest 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
(Rain Date August 27)

August 29: LAST DAY THE POOL IS OPEN