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PICKIN' IN ELVERSON

Chris Cameron

Do you have any rusty gold in your barn or attic? Perhaps there are some old paper documents collecting dust in the house? Maybe you have an old milk bottle that you're using as a vase? Or maybe there's an old Elverson baseball jersey in a box in the garage?



If so, the Elverson Historical Commission (EHC) needs your help. The EHC is slowly building its Elverson history museum and we are actively searching for Elverson memorabilia to put into our collection at Borough Hall. No piece is too big or too small, too rusty or too tattered. We'll bring it back to life and give it a home for the community to enjoy. Before donating your Elverson artifacts to the thrift store or selling them on Ebay, please consider keeping them within the community and either donating, loaning, or selling them to the EHC. Our modest collection is growing and will be on display for visitors at Borough Hall and during our organization's community events in the near future.



So dig those old Elverson advertisements or documents out and we will preserve them with the care that they deserve and let the community learn from them. For donation inquiries please contact me, Chris Cameron, at 610-901-3058 or chrisdcameron@yahoo.com.



THE ELVERSON PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST IS CARVING UP ITS 5TH YEAR!

Jenny Cameron

It is time to start thinking about pumpkin designs! Elverson residents of all ages are welcome to enter the Elverson Pumpkin contest and help us celebrate our 5th year. Whether you have been a faithful contestant over the last four years or this is the first year you are thinking about entering, this year will surely take the cake, or should I say the pumpkin?

The pumpkin contest will be held, as in year's past, the Sunday before the Elverson Halloween parade (October 13). Winners of the contest will have the honor of displaying their pumpkins on the Halloween Parade Judges' stand the night of the parade.

The Elverson Pumpkin Carving contest will start at 6 pm on Main Street. Any contestants who do not live on Main Street will be assigned a location to display their pumpkin. The categories this year are:

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Most Creative, Funniest, Most Halloween, Fall Fun, Scariest, Parade theme (Rodeo), and the People's Choice award! The People's Choice award was a new category last year and was a big success. Contestants and residents were invited to cast their vote for their favorite pumpkin to help select the winner of the best pumpkin.

For more information and registration forms, check out the October Elverson Newsletter or the Elverson Borough website.—www.elversonboro.org.



ELVERSON'S ROLE IN THE AMERICAN IRON INDUSTRY PRESENTATION

Local author and historian Bob Patry will deliver a historical presentation titled "Elverson, PA: Home of The Hands That Rocked The Cradle of The American Iron Industry." The one-hour presentation will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 18th in the Springfield Room at Hopewell Manor on Elverson's Historic Main Street. The event is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Elverson Historical Commission. Light refreshments will be served.

Patry's presentation will provide an overview of the history of Elverson area iron furnaces, focusing on the families that built the local furnaces, the iron making process, the region's role during the American Revolution, and the collapse of the Elverson area iron industry.

Patry is a former Elverson resident and past chairperson of the Elverson Historical Commission. He is the author of the 2011 book "The History of Our Community: Elverson, Pennsylvania." He still is a volunteer with both the Elverson Historical Commission and the Caernarvon Historical Society. Most recently he has written a play about the region's involvement in the American iron industry.

The Elverson Historical Commission will be selling books and other historical items before and after the presentation.

Invite your friends and enjoy an evening of Elverson history!



ELVERSON'S HAUNTED HISTORY

Chris Cameron

Do you live in the Borough's historic district? Could your home be haunted? Do you know a good spooky story about Elverson's past? If so, the Elverson Historic Commission needs your help.

The EHC is working to put together a haunted history tour. We need to hear Halloween/supernatural stories from the residents. Even if you don't have any stories, but would like to volunteer to help with the event, we'd still love to hear from you.

Please contact Chris Cameron for inquiries at 610-901-3058 or chrisdcameron@yahoo.com.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

Donna Daprile was the grand prize winner of August's "How Well Do You Know Elverson Borough?" contest. She and five other Elversonians knew that last month's photo of a light fixture resembling a 19th century lantern that was placed on a shelf next to a red door was located on the Heritage Medical Building at the southeast corner of Main and South Pine streets. She let me know between August 3 and August 6 and her name was drawn to be the grand prize winner of a \$10 gift certificate at the Elverson Deli. The other five who knew the answer received a free beverage at the Deli. *The winners' list printed above has led me to institute a new contest rule - only one entry per family.*

August's puzzle was a tough one. There are many doors with decorative lights beside them in the borough, but only three lights with this lantern design are placed on a shelf next to a red door. The one pictured is one of three lanterns illuminating the doors of the Heritage Medical Center (facing the parking lot) and one of the two that are placed to the left of the door. I gave credit to those who guessed the central door or the side door on the east end of the building.

The Heritage Medical Center, which is located at the southeast corner of South Pine and Main Streets, is owned by Dr. Gordon R. Eck. It is a lovely Colonial reproduction constructed by Stoltzfus Enterprises in 1998 and currently houses the offices of four doctors. Gordon R. Eck, D.O., maintains a practice in Family and Geriatric Medicine; Phoenix Rehabilitation offers Physical Therapy treatments; John F. Perry, M.D., specializes in Orthopedic Surgery and Andrew Fieo, M.D., owns a practice in Gynecology and Obstetrics.

I personally enjoy walking past this lovely building on my way to the post office or into the heart of the borough.

SEPTEMBER'S CONTEST

September's photo will be easy to identify for those who know a little about the history of the borough and very hard for those who do not. The building pictured at the end of this article is unique in several ways. Please tell me where it is located (with street address) and why it is unique in Elverson Borough.

Email your answer to jodysfritz@gmail.com. The names of those who send me the correct answer within three days from the day on which I receive the newsletter in my mailbox will be placed in a box and I will ask a neighbor to choose one name from the box as the winner. That person will win a \$10 gift certificate for food at the Elverson Deli. (Yes, the papers with the names are folded and no,

the person who draws may not look into the box!) the names which are not chosen, plus the names of everyone else who submits the correct answer before the deadline for the next newsletter, will win a runner-up prize of a free glass of soft drink or cup of coffee from the deli.

Good Luck!



THE SUNOCO PIPELINE THROUGH ELVERSON

Bob Broderick

Workers with hard hats, trucks parked where vehicles rarely travel, measuring, spray painting, digging; all part of making sure our borough is a safe place to live. Don't be alarmed, this is a normal process!

Sunoco Pipeline L.P. (SPLP) owns, operates, and maintains an existing pipeline that passes through Elverson Borough. This pipeline has safely transported petroleum products for many years. Transport of product will cease in the next few weeks. Sometime between September 2013 and April 2014 the pipeline will be tested under higher pressure to verify the strength of the pipe. Pressure tests will be performed with water that is colored with an environmentally safe biodegradable color dye in the event of a leak.

When the work is completed, the pipeline will transport natural gas liquids (NGLs) to the Marcus Hook refinery. The products being transported starting in 2014 have no known toxicological risks. The project will provide 450 total construction jobs and has a total capital investment of \$ 600,000,000.

For more information on SPLP or hydrostatic testing, visit their website at www.sunocologistics.com.



ELVERSON EMS HOSTING CPR PRO CLASS

Elverson EMS is hosting a CPR pro class at the Twin Valley Fire Dept on Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00 A.M. The class is free to those who participate. Class size is limited to the first 30 students. Students will be taught to perform CPR on adults, children and infants, as well as care for a choking victim, and use of an AED. Class should be completed around 4 PM. There is a written and hands on test at the end of the class. To reserve your spot in this class please contact Chief Joseph Carmen via email at jcarmen@elversonems.org or call at 610-286-8925 extension 3. **Deadline for registration is 10/31/2013.**

CPR is a valuable tool that everyone should know, you too can save a life. Be Prepared!

Visit us at ElversonEMS.org.



DATES TO REMEMBER

◆ **The Farmers' Market at Elverson**

Every Saturday

9 am to 1 pm - Livingood Park Gazebos

◆ **Elverson Historical Presentation**

Wednesday, September 18—7 pm

Hopewell Manor Springfield Room

◆ **Elverson Pumpkin Carving Contest**

Sunday, October 13—6 pm

Main Street

◆ **Elverson Halloween Parade**

Wednesday, October 16—7 pm

Main Street

◆ **CPR Pro Class**

Saturday, November 2—8 am

Twin Valley Fire Department



NEED INSURANCE? THINK ELVERSON!

Esther Prosser

We are privileged to have our very own insurance company settle in on South Pine Street across from St Joe's Urgent Care. KC is a Chester County native. He graduated from Downingtown High School, then Penn State University. He served in the Marine Corps for a few years, joining because, "I wanted to help defend the country I love and protect its people." He married his college sweetheart, Pamela, and they now have three little girls and a dog named Summer.

KC jumped into insurance after the Marines because he wanted to help protect people in a very different way – by helping them build a solid financial defense. The discipline, hard work ethic, leadership and management of people and assets he learned while in the Marines have helped him with his insurance business.

KC said he chose Farmers Insurance Company because the training and support that Farmers provides is top notch. He added, "I've had the unique opportunity to get in on the ground floor in PA and love the challenges that come with that growth."

He decided to set up shop in Elverson because, he said, "It is a nice small town community, family-oriented and close to home (Morgantown). I have very strong ties to Chester County and Elverson is a great northern location to communicate with the rest of Chester County. But I'm not limited to just one county here - Lancaster and Berks are a stone's throw away, and being able to serve the Tri-County area is very beneficial. Our location on Pine Street is perfect for me because I still go to the gym on a regular basis and now it is right across the street from work."

He provides a full array of insurance products from auto and home coverage to motorcycle, RVs, mobile homes and more. He can help small Main Street-type businesses and broker for larger operations as well. And he offers life planning and help preparing for college savings and retirement.

Drop in, email or call KC for all your Elverson insurance needs. His office hours at 50 South Pine Street, Elverson are 9am-6pm Mon-Thur and 9-4 on Fri, Sat by appointment or

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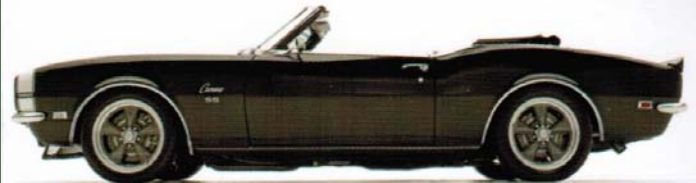
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OUR ELVERSON HALLOWEEN PARADE

Esther Prosser

Elverson Rodeo is the theme of this year's Halloween Parade, to be held on Wednesday, October 16 beginning at 7 pm. Find your cowboy hat and boots and ride your horse through our parade. You just may win a prize! If you'd like to enter, log onto our website—www.elversonboro.org or contact me—esther@stoltzfus.com, 484.269.7153.

We hold an annual parade raffle to raise money to support this fun night. Congratulations to our raffle winners:

1st prize - \$60 to Allson Mallamo, Glenmoore (picked by Roseann Thomas of A2A Vacs Plus)

2nd prize - \$40 to Scott Zerr, Birdsboro (picked by Don Hines of Claire's Family Restaurant)

3rd prize - \$25 to Dasha Babuchok, Media (picked by Kristen Kessler of Joanna Store)

4th prize - \$20 to Lee Zimmerman (picked by Margretta Fries, Elverson's oldest living person)

5th prize - \$15 to Tom Lengel, Morgantown (picked by Peter Onushko of Elverson)

