



June 2014

ELVERSON DAY

Saturday, June 28—*Christine Laraia*

*Come one, come all and have a ball
at Elverson Day in the Park!*



On Saturday June 28th come and join in for a day of fun, food and music at Livingood Park in Elverson, PA. The event will begin at 4:00 PM with the National Anthem performed by Patrick Morrow. The day will feature adult and children's activities, a variety of music and food and end with fireworks at dark.

Between 4 – 6 PM a special program, "The Elverson Historical Quiz," will take place. All who participate will answer questions. Most of the answers will be found at Livingood Park. Individuals and teams are welcome to enter. Those who complete the quiz successfully will receive a prize. A timed tie-breaker will be held at 6 PM to determine the grand prize winner who will win an Elverson History Book. Secondary winners will receive an older Elverson calendar with the town's historical photos.

THE CURRENT SCHEDULE:

4:00 PM

The Cripple Creek Gang – Music
Twin Valley Fire Department vs. Honey
Brook Fire Department Softball Game
The Elverson Historical Quiz
Pipper the Clown who will delight children
with her balloon animals
Moon Bounce
Lowe's Children's Woodshop
Exotic Animal Display - Alison Ueland will
showcase African Crested Porcupines,
African Bullfrogs, Tarantulas, a Chin-
chilla and Snakes and other animals.
Pony Rides
Face, Hair and Nail Painting for Children

4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 PM

Kids Zumba Program

5:00 PM

Bicycle Parade (Patriotic Theme)– Registra-
tion at the Information Booth near the
Pavilion

5:15 PM

"Johnny Cash" Barnett and Ring of Fire
Band

7:00 PM

West Chester Concert Band, then fireworks

For those interested in food and refreshments ~ Capt'n Dick's BBQ will offer pulled pork sandwiches and roasted chicken, Moore's Fries will sell their French fries, Kay's Kitchen will have hamburgers and hotdogs, Dana's Cuisine will present Cheese steaks, Cuban Sandwiches, Stuffed Mushrooms and Mozzarella Sticks and Lickity Split can complete your meal with Ice Cream Cones, Sundaes and Milk Shakes.

If you would like to contribute to our fireworks display, please contact Esther Prosser esther@stoltzfus.com or call 484-269-7153. Our local businesses have generously supported this event and we would like to add to the fund so the day will end with a truly spectacular display. No monetary amount is too small.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

MAY 26, 2014 — *Cookie Onushko*

Once again a nice crowd gathered at the Veteran's Memorial on Main Street below the cemetery to remember all the men and women who have served our country in the military and who sacrificed and gave their lives in that service. We should also remember and honor all the soldiers who are now serving or who have returned home, many wounded, without limbs or with invisible wounds such as nightmares and having to live with the memories of the horrors of war. Bless them and their families who also sacrificed so much for us.



Donna Murray, Dave Mohl, Shirley Romig-Ewing and Anna May Hoffman enjoying the Memorial Day Ceremony.

The program began with a welcome from our new mayor, Bob Broderick. Pastor George Pickering offered a prayer and Carol Ruffner sang her own song, "God Blessed America". Later, Carol led the crowd in singing "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America". The Elverson Boy Scouts did the flag folding ceremony and Darrell Gible and Roger Jacobs placed the wreath at the memorial.

The American Legion Post 537 color guard, gun salute and taps were next followed by John Mohl's closing remarks. Part of what John shared was the poem "In Flander's Field" and "No, Freedom Isn't Free". John always reminds us that it is God who will bless America if we humble ourselves and turn from our wicked ways as a nation. Scriptures quoted were II Chronicles 7:13-15, John 3:16 and John 14:6.



It couldn't have been a nicer day - sunny, warm and a nice breeze. Thank you to all who took time to pause to remember and honor all those who died in military service.

I'm sure Shirley was thinking of her husband, Jake Ewing, who died September 4, 2013. He was an army veteran who was a member of the American Legion Post 537 of Joanna and had served as Commander of the Post. Anna May had her husband to remember, who died January 11, 2014.



A PATIENT ENDEAVOR

The former Twin Valley Family Fitness facility is expected to reopen by the end of June under new ownership and a new name, which will be announced shortly. Support among former members to reopen has been overwhelming. Although the wait has been longer than anyone hoped, the resolve to provide this service so vital to the community, is stronger than ever. Look for updates via email. If you are not on the list to receive updates and would like to be, send your contact information to luke@stoltzfus.com.

*Send your Elverson news and stories to our editor at brenda@stoltzfus.com by July 15 or call her at 610.286.5115. Newsletters can be found on our Borough website—
www.elversonboro.org.*

ELVERSON RESIDENT TO BEGIN PEACE CORPS SERVICE IN MACEDONIA

Paige Gibbons, a Parkside resident, has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will depart for Macedonia on September 12th to begin training as a volunteer. Paige will live with a host family and will serve in the education program, teaching students English as a Second Language.

During the first three months of her service, Paige will live with a host family in Macedonia to learn the local language and integrate into the local culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills that will help her make a lasting difference, she will be sworn into service and assigned to a community in Macedonia where she will serve for two years as well as live with a new host family.

"Being offered the opportunity to serve those in need while learning a new culture and language is a once in a lifetime opportunity. This is a chance for me to discover who I am while impacting the lives of my new host community. Although I may not change the world, knowing my service impacted at least one person will make it all worthwhile. I am beyond excited to know that I will be dedicating the next two years to helping those around me," said Paige.

Paige graduated from Twin Valley High School in 2010 and on May 10th, 2014 graduated with honors from Saint Vincent College with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Although this is an amazing opportunity, it is a volunteer program. As a recent college graduate, her private loans cannot be deferred. If you would like to offer financial assistance, please contact Paige at paigegibbons@gmail.com



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Municipal Authority is experiencing a high level of activity and we want to keep you updated on the activities at your sewer plant. Following are updates on the projects MABE is currently working on:

Disinfection Upgrade – You may recall that MABE, through the Borough, was awarded a Chester County Grant in the amount of \$634,770.00 in May of 2013. This project will replace the chlorine contact tank, sand filter and post aeration tank with a ultra-violet disinfection process and cloth media filtration housed in a masonry building. This will reduce the amount of chemicals that will be needed, which is now a significant monthly expense. It will also include construction of a new lab. Site work has already begun and construction should be starting soon with anticipated completion in the fall of 2014.

Equalization Tank Repair – In early January, the tank anchors broke free and caused the tank to heave out of its partially buried holding place. This was an emergency situation and the timing of the problem, during the very harsh winter, delayed the repairs. But at this point, the tank is almost ready to be reinstalled. Our plant operators have worked diligently to keep the plant operating without the EQ tank and to assure we are in compliance with DEP requirements.

Lagoon Closure – You may have noticed the mountain of fill that is accumulating on the wastewater treatment plant property. This clean fill will be used to fill in the lagoons. Our engineer has worked with several contractors to get the fill at no cost to MABE. The lagoons are no longer a part of the sewage treatment process and we are required by DEP to close them by 2018. This project has been ongoing with draining, testing and design work. We have applied for another Chester County grant to pay for the majority of this project. We hope to find out if we were awarded this grant by mid-June.

MABE continues to address the challenges of delayed upgrades to the plant and the impact of state regulations, two primary costs that affect the MABE budget. The Board looks forward to sharing updates on these projects as they progress.

ELVERSON EVENTS

ELVERSON DAY AT THE PARK—*Saturday, June 28—4 pm to dark—Livingood Park*

MOVIE ON THE LAWN—*Livingood Park at sunset*

Friday, July 11—Sandlot—Friday, July 25—Frozen—Friday, August 8—The Princess Bride

THE ELVERSON FLOWER POT VOLUNTEER LIST GROWS

Donna Mountz

The spring of 2014 has finally arrived in earnest after a slow start, due to the brutal winter just past. And ever since 2008, the end of May has regularly marked the appearance of eighteen large, colorfully-filled, sidewalk flower pots. Actually, of course, such things never magically appear, but are the result of many different borough residents who volunteer their time and faithful commitment to this beautification project. And each year new names and faces have joined the ranks, which is always an encouragement.

We have been remarkably blessed as a town to have many willing hands involved in making this project a success over the years. The team that planted the pots this year did their work at the historic Elverson freight station, for this was the first winter that the pots were stored in that location. The planting team this year consisted of **Joan Godwin, Erika Hauptmann, Cookie Onushko, Donna Mountz, and Omar Pacheco** (an international college student from Puebla, Mexico who has resided with the Mountz family since 2011). The drivers who delivered the filled planters on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend were brothers, **Brock Estes and Clint Estes**. And here are the faithful caretakers who began that weekend to feed, water and groom the pots they volunteered to look after (and some of these, now, for their 7th year): **Matt & Jen Dunbar, Betty Walsh, Joan Godwin, Jody Phillips, Donna Mountz, Tracy Allen, Heather Kilgore, Charlene Popow, Kurt & Melissa Werner, Barbara Stoltzfus, Lauren VanSteenvoort, Louise & Todd of the Elverson Deli, Giovanni, Missy & Cody at Giovanni's Pizza, Ginny Foltz, Charlotte Gehman, Claire Sniegoski, and Gail Hegarty**. There are also seven huge concrete planters that remain in place all year long and were placed at bump-outs and at cluster mail boxes the year our sidewalks were renovated. These each have a permanent green shrub planted in the center (although this winter killed one), and they have each been planted with a ring of flowers by **Teri Tegtmeier** and are regularly watered by her and by **Jody Phillips and Esther Prosser**.

This year the *Elverson Borough Newsletter* inaugurated a new way for Elversonians to become even more involved than before. The opportunity to "Adopt-a-Pot" was pre-

sented in the April issue, and this involved the volunteer personally buying flower plants of their choosing and planting them in a pot (or possibly two) that would have been placed for them at the Main Street location of their choice (or at Borough Hall). Then, as usual, this person would care for the plants all through the summer. Five different residents adopted their pots this year: **Charlotte Gehman & Claire Sniegoski, Ginny Foltz, Barbara Stoltzfus, Joan Godwin, and Erika Hauptmann**. We are very grateful for the above-and-beyond service of these ladies to our town and would love to have more residents join this list in future years. And finally we would like to extend a huge thanks to **Lowe's Home Improvement of Morgantown** and especially to **Denise** in the Landscaping Department for their generous donation of over 100 bedding plants, well sufficient to fill the 11 "un-adopted" pots and the concrete planters. In a lean year where many borough funds need to go for long-overdue improvements to our historic Borough Hall, our Elverson Borough Council would like to thank

Lowe's for this as well.

HAPPY TO BE BACK - Jody Phillips

"I'm just happy to be back." Elverson Deli owner Bob Watts told me recently as he stood behind the counter of his recently redecorated and reopened store. "It has been a really long haul and there's still a lot to do, but we're back."

Bob's hard work is evident in the freshly scrubbed and painted walls, new floor and carpet in the main dining area and bright track lighting. "We're starting slowly and will gradually add new menu selections and hopefully be open for breakfast." Matching blue and white checkered tablecloths in all dining areas, including the front porch, welcome patrons to linger, and a remodeled back room offers privacy for groups who desire it.

Bob's current hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm and Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 9 pm. The Deli is closed on Sunday. Bob plans a Grand Reopening later in the season with a few surprises in store for everyone. But don't wait until then to drop by for a bite and a bit of local news. It's all back - at the Elverson Deli.



Planting pots at the freight station L to R: Erika Hauptmann, Joan Godwin, Donna Mountz, Omar Pacheco.



DAY IN THE PARK!

Saturday, June 28, 2014

Rain date June 29

Livingood Park, Elverson, PA

Come join us for a day of fun and music...

- Beginning at 4 pm
 - Kids Activities
 - Sports Activities
 - Bike Parade
 - Music & Food

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lawn chairs and
blankets!



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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

May's picture was easier to identify than I thought it would be. I received four correct answers in the first two days after the newsletter arrived in borough residents' mailboxes. I also got an incorrect guess through a phone call taken by my husband. Since the caller did not leave his phone number, I could not return his call to tell him that his guess was wrong. Unless you are sure that you know the location of the featured photograph, please leave your phone number if you call so I can let you know if your answer is incorrect. Those who email will be notified if they are wrong. You get two guesses.

Congratulations to Caleb Ober, Bruce Thompson, Joan McCahon and Bob Corcoran, who knew that the dedication plaque is located on a rock at the base of the flagpole at the Summerfield Community Center on South Pine Street. The plaque honors Shirley Dobson, a Summerfield resident, who generously donated this flagpole to the community. Caleb deserves special credit, as he is the only winner who does not live in Summerfield. He told me that he had checked out many, many flagpoles before he found the right one! At a random drawing held on May 14, Joan McCahon was chosen as the winner of the grand prize and will receive a \$10 credit for food and beverage at the newly remodeled Elverson Deli. When she called, she explained that she was Shirley's neighbor and good friend and that both of them had donated new American flags when necessary. Congratulations to both women. Caleb, Bruce and Bob each win a one glass or cup of a free beverage at the deli – coffee, tea, or a soft drink from the fountain.

Yes, the Deli is now open! Bob has a list of all of the contest winners for the months when the deli was closed, some of whom have already claimed their prizes. Grand prize winners of \$10 worth of food from the Deli are Donna Murray (March), Joe Sullivan (April) and Joan McCahon (May). Runners-up, receiving one glass or cup of a free beverage (no refills!) are Caleb Ober (March), Sandy Young and Bruce Thompson (April); and Caleb Ober, Bruce Thompson and Bob Corcoran (May). If you

haven't yet received your prize, please take this column to Deli owner Bob Watts and show it to him to claim it. He is aware that some of you have already collected your prize. Many thanks to the "regulars" who look for the photo every month. And even bigger thanks to Kevin and Bob, who have provided a mouth-watering "taste of Elverson" to the residents who have demonstrated that they know the borough of Elverson best.

Beginning this month, Elverson Supply will be sponsoring prizes for the winners – at least through the fall. Owner Bob Cook has very generously offered a scoop of mulch to the grand prize winner. It may be picked up at his yard or he will deliver for a small fee. This is a valuable prize and one that just about every homeowner will be able to use. He will also donate a five-pack of large, heavyweight paper refuse bags to all runners-up. This is also a very useful item.

By the way, if you have never shopped at Elverson Supply, located three buildings west of the post office on East Main Street, you are truly missing out. The store carries hardware, tools, and building and gardening supplies with great service. I have frequently gone into the store with an idea of what I needed to use to fix something, but not really knowing exactly what I needed. With Bob's and his employees' excellent advice, I usually ended up purchasing a small, inexpensive item that I had not even considered and that ended up working just as well if not better than what I had originally planned to use.

June's photograph will be easy to find IF you look in the correct place. Once again, those who contact me by phone (610-286-8913) or email jodysfritz@gmail.com with the correct identification of the photo printed below during the first three days that the newsletter is in circulation will be eligible for a random drawing. One lucky person will be chosen to win the grand prize of a scoop of mulch. All who contact me with the right answer by June 15 will win a runner-up prize of a pack of refuse bags.

Contact me either by phone (610-286-8913) or by e-mail at Jodysfritz@gmail.com. Good luck!



MAKING HAY IN MAY

Jody Phillips

In the beginning of May, as I was walking around the Homestead Road cul-de-sac in Summerfield, I noticed activity in the field on the corner of Rtes 401 and 82. I had noticed that the healthy-looking winter wheat planted in that field had grown tall and had wondered whether it would be plowed under to enrich the soil for the summer corn crop or cut and chopped into haylage for cattle. Several days later, I saw that the grass had been cut and raked into windrows so I knew it would be harvested. It was spread out for a couple of days before it was raked into larger windrows.

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On May 6, with skies threatening rain, I kept a close eye on the field and listened for the sound of machinery. In the early afternoon, the loud hum of engines drew me to the field where I was privileged to watch and photograph a farmer making hay while the sun still shone. A large machine with a row of three rakes attached in front was gathering several rows of grass at a time and raking it into even larger piles. As the grass swirled in front of the rake tines, it looked like an ocean swell coming in to shore. When the pile grew to a certain size, the farmer lifted the side arms of the rake to release the grass and moved on to another section of the field. It wasn't long before all of the grass had been raked up and the farmer left.



Knowing that he would soon return to harvest his crop, I also left but returned about an hour later just in time to watch a giant hay chopper travel over the windrows, picking up the piles of grass and transforming the long blades into finely chopped forage, which was blown out of a chute into a wagon which traveled alongside. The timing of the drivers of the hay chopper and the tractor pulling the farm wagon was perfect as the two vehicles moved as one across the field. Two wagons were filled in less than an hour before the farmers headed home well before the first drops of rain fell from the thick, gray clouds.



The field has now been turned over and seeded and by August should produce a bumper crop of corn to turn into silage for some very well-fed local cows.