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ELVERSON DAY 2015

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Cloudy skies and a brisk breeze did not seem to dampen the spirits of the several hundred people who crowded Livingood Park on Sunday, June 28 to celebrate Elverson Day. Most were just thankful that the heavy rain and wind from the day before had ceased and it was not hot.

This year's event, which was generously sponsored by many local businessmen and individuals, offered something for everyone, with several new attractions for adults. St. Joseph's Urgent Care performed free blood pressure and osteoporosis screenings and handed out certificates for a free cholesterol check. Morgantown Chiropractic gave free chair massages. Ladies of all ages enjoyed looking at Tracey's lovely origami jewelry, and everyone was drawn to the top of the hill to see Alison Ueland's unusual exotic animals, with special attention paid to Buttercup, her very tame yellow Burmese Python.

Summerfield resident Carol Ruffner opened the musical entertainment promptly at 3 pm with half an hour of patriotic songs, one of which she wrote herself. She was followed by Elversonians Chris Burkholder and then Johnny (Cash) Barnett, this year accompanied by his Ring of Fire band. Both offered a variety of music which had children and adults tapping their feet and swaying and dancing with the music. The West Chester Band played several medleys, ending with the traditional "Stars and Stripes Forever" as multi-colored bursts of color lit up the nighttime skies.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, this year the Elverson Day Committee was able to order the deluxe fireworks display - and judging from the claps and cheers of spectators, it was certainly appreciated.

As I walked up the hill to where my car was parked, I overheard comments like "I'm so glad the exotic animals came back" and "Did you have one of those burgers? They were awesome and that barbecue was incredible." One youngster said, "I'm glad Rita's came. I love their ice cream!" One couple raved over the fireworks - calling them "the best fireworks since the Centennial." And everyone was smiling and laughing. I smiled too because this is what Elverson Day is all



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