



October/November 2016

OUR PARADE—*Esther Prosser*

We enjoyed a warm evening of fun in Elverson as *Out of This World* floats of all kinds crawled down our main thoroughfare. Thanks to all who entered, watched and helped with what was our 44th annual Elverson Parade (always the third Wednesday evening in October).



The Goddard School



Best of Show—American Legion Post 537



Twin Valley Girl Scouts



The Razor



Morgantown Community Church



Twin Valley High School Band



Fall is a great time to find a good book and read since the weather will be turning chilly. If you need suggestions, we have a bi-monthly Staff Picks brochure to help you find your next book to read, movie to watch or music CD to listen to. You can also find suggestions on our website at chescolibraries.org/books-movies-music/staff-picks.

Children story times began again. Check the website - chescolibraries.org/kids/discover-henrietta-hankin-branch/storytimes - for details. No registration is required – just drop in and help your little ones learn the joy of books and reading. A new weekly program, Math Matters, will provide a fun time and a chance to get better at math. The program is based on the 24 Challenge and registration is required.

Join us on Saturday, November 5th, for our Artisan Show from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. We are hosting local craftsmen to sell their creations and help you get started on holiday shopping. Also, the Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library will be hosting their fall book sale on November 11th – 13th. Check chescolibraries.org for additional information.

There is always something interesting, informative and fun going on at the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library. Stop in and check us out!

Beverly Lawler, Manager
Henrietta Hankin Branch Library

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

Congratulations to Linda Godschall, Ginger Smith, Sharon Pomrunk, Toni DiAddezio and George and Mary Summer, who correctly identified the logo in the photo printed in last month's newsletter as the new logo for Stoltzfus Realtors. Each has won an Elverson Day tee shirt. I have seen this logo on several For Sale signs in the Summerfield community. It is not a copy of the cupola and weather vane on top of the Community Center Barn. If you look carefully, you can see that the cupolas are slightly different and that the horse's legs are in a different position. Stoltzfus Realtors had this logo designed to represent the country atmosphere of the Borough of Elverson.

I copied the following information from the Stoltzfus Enterprises website:

In the mid 1960's, Ammon P. Stoltzfus, son of an Amish farmer, began a contracting firm. Leaning on a rich heritage of hard work and faith in God, Ammon and his wife, Barbara, along with their seven children, kept the business going while simultaneously working their large poultry farm.

The 1970's opened a new chapter in the business, as Ammon's sons, Merle and David, joined the company, expanding the custom home building and commercial aspects of the growing enterprise. The company continued to expand throughout the following decade, building their reputation as builders of high quality homes and commercial structures.

As the 1980's came to an end, Ammon's vision for both the contracting business and the farm blended together in Summerfield at Elverson, the company's first large-scale community. Before Ammon passed away in 1994, he handed the reins of the family business to his two sons. Under their leadership, Stoltzfus Enterprises, Ltd. now operates as a general contractor, home builder, and full-service real estate company.

Stoltzfus Realtors developed from an original sales team consisting of Ammon and Merle as they began to market Summerfield at Elverson. Since then, the team has expanded, serving Elverson and surrounding areas including the communities of Summerfield, Parkside, French Creek Village and Olde Bulltown Village.

This month's picture is another hard one. I recommend that you walk through the Borough when you look for it, as you will not be able to see it from a car. The weather is usually pleasant in early November – ideal for a stroll about town. If you find it, please email Jodysfritz@gmail.com or call 610-286-8913 by November 15 and give me the address of the building on which you find this roof topper and a little bit of its history and you will win an Elverson Day tee shirt. Remember that I have no Large shirts left and only a few XL's. The shirts are unisex so you might want to try one on. If none fits you, take one for your child or grandchild.

I am looking for a new sponsor for 2017. Please contact me if you would like to offer prizes for the winners.



CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE



Attention, Elverson Borough Residents—Once again I look forward to hosting a Christmas gift drive for the residents and patients at the Coatesville V.A. Medical Center. Last year, the residents in the Borough of Elverson went above and

beyond the call for gift donations to make sure our military veterans were not forgotten.

We not only had a gift for each patient at the Medical Center, but we were also able to help furnish kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms for Veterans who had previously been homeless with basic items to use in their new housing provided by an organization "100 Homes for 100 Vets". Our gift total for 2015 was phenomenal. Our goal was 500. Because of the generosity of so many of you, we collected 702 gifts!!

Gift requests ranged from sheets and blankets to household items we use every day and take for granted. To the individuals in need, these items are true luxuries. If you would like to donate, please contact Betty Shaw at **610-286-0758** or **bettyshaw@reagan.com** for a list of gift suggestions and where to deliver the items for collection. A gift receipt for tax purposes can be issued if needed. I will also accept a monetary donation if you prefer and then I will give you a copy of the receipt with items purchased.

We would like to have all gifts received no later than December 18, 2016 so delivery to the V.A. and other areas in the county can be made in a timely manner. Please consider picking up an extra gift as you shop the end of season sales. Wrapping is optional but appreciated. If you wrap the gift, please indicate what the item is and whether it is for a man or woman.

This year we hope to fill a *ChescoBus* (Coatesville Link) again with gifts and deliver these presents to these extraordinary men and women. Last year we needed two buses! Please help us show our Veterans that they hold a special place in our hearts and that we will be there for them just as they have always been there for us.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call and once again, thank you so much for helping to make this upcoming holiday season special to these exceptional and extraordinary individuals.

Thank you,
Betty Shaw

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Christmas Encounters: A Christmas Party for Children

Friday, December 2, 2016

6:15 pm-8:30 pm

All children in grades

Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend!

(minimum age 5)

Play games, sing songs and enjoy cookies as we hear about amazing Christmas encounters!

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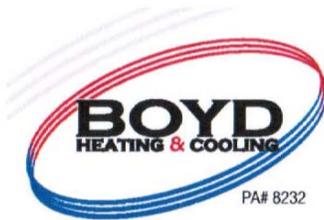
LOCAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

In 1998, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Elverson United Methodist Church, a booklet was created to tell its history. After nearly twenty years in storage, we have recently uncovered an extra box of these booklets which are available to the community for \$2 per copy.

In this booklet you'll find the interesting history of EUMC, as well as facts about our local area. There's a borough map from 1883 showing the names of original land owners and land plots from that time.

For many years prior to 1899, the name of our town and railroad station was Springfield. However, if you lived in Springfield, your mailing address was the Blue Rock post office which was located within the borough. Confused? So was everyone else! In an effort to end this dilemma, Springfield was renamed Elverson, to honor the owner and publisher of The Philadelphia Inquirer (1899-1911), James Elverson, Sr. With an expression of gratitude, he donated the large stained glass window that continues to adorn the front of EUMC above the red, double entrance doors.

All are welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 for a blended traditional and contemporary worship service! Call or stop in to get your booklet. The church office can be reached at 610.286.9460.



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THANK YOU ELVERSON!

I would like to thank the Elverson community for all of your support over the past two years. As you all know, PennState Health has decided to close the Elverson facility due to reasons beyond my control. I can speak for all the employees at the facility when I say that we are very sad to see the facility close its doors.

There is no argument that Elverson is a one of a kind community. It has been a huge blessing to be able to provide medical care to this community where I was raised and currently call home. This is a special place with special people who are friendly and loyal. I am incredibly grateful for all the support our office has received during the past few months. Countless locals have written letters and made phone calls to support our office. I personally worked with the administration to have our office remain in the Elverson area. Unfortunately, I was unsuccessful.

There is no way for me to express my gratitude for all your thoughts and prayers. Countless times over the past few months I have become discouraged only to be lifted up by a thoughtful message or action by one of our residents.

After exploring all of our available options, my wife and I have made the decision to resign from PennState Health and join another rural family medicine office. Due to contractual agreements I am unable to state the exact location of my next local office in this letter.

Thank you and God Bless,



DON'T BE A HAPPY HACKER

Herb Hamilton—Tree Commission Chairperson

Fall and winter are ideal times to prune your tree. As the leaves drop, you can see the branch structure and it makes pruning decisions easier. Plus, pruning at this time of year relieves another problem, bleeding. (Bleeding is free flowing sap from a tree wound during active growth.)

Now let me ask, why are you pruning? There are 4 reasons you prune a tree. You want to promote health, maintain shape, improve appearance or protect people and property. As you prune, keep branch size in mind. If a branch is less than 2" in diameter, removing it is fine. Branches 2-4" in diameter require more consideration. Branches over 4" in diameter should only be removed when there is a compelling reason.

It is best to prune trees when they are young. You want to remove crossing branches and promote space between lateral branches. Depending on the tree's location, you may want to raise the lower branches. When you raise (remove) the lower branches, you want to keep branches on at least 2/3s of the tree's height. Do not get carried away. Raising a tree to the desired height may be a multiple-year process.

Next, do you have the right tools? Pruning shears cut branches up to a ½" in diameter. Loppers cut branches up to 1 ½" in di-

ameter. Handsaws are for branches 1 ½" and larger. If you're not sure whether a branch needs the loppers or the saw, use the saw. Next we have chainsaws. If you are at this point, I strongly suggest calling a professional arborist.

Here we go. The devil is in the details. For pruners and loppers: To shorten a branch, cut back to ¼" above a side bud. Select a bud that is pointing in the direction that you want the branch to grow. To remove a whole branch, cut above the branch collar. A branch collar is the wrinkled area of bark where the trunk and branch join. Make your cut on the branch side of the wrinkle. Not sure where the wrinkle ends? Cut slightly further up the branch. You do not want to cut into the trunk.



For the handsaw: Cut large branches in three steps. First cut is 12-18" from the trunk on the underside of the branch. Cut about 1/3 of the way through the branch. Your next cut is 1-2" further out the branch on the topside. Cut all the way through until the branch breaks free. The last cut removes the stub at the branch collar. Follow the branch collar rule and cut just beyond the wrinkle.

Caution: Once you start to prune don't get carried away. Trust me. You do not want to be a happy hacker. In fact, there is only one tree pruning commandment. Never remove more than a quarter of the living crown at one time.

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