



December 2014

LEGACY & THE HOLIDAYS

Merle Stoltzfus

This season of Thanksgiving followed by Christmas tends to point my mind toward contemplation beyond the daily routine of life. Then this past week I received two obituaries of Elverson residents. I was immediately thankful for both of these individuals. My seasonal contemplation shifted to introspection.

Over my six decades of life in this greatest square mile, there have been many people who I've known but are now gone. Not to be morbid; just to state the facts, we're all terminal on this earth. So my introspection turned to consider my life compared to the legacy of the people in the obituaries I was reading. And beyond these, my heart was thankful for specific people over the decades who have "handed down" something to Elverson and, more personally, to me.

As human beings, God has created us to be creatures within time and space. Each of us is on this earth for a short life span occupying only a small space on this planet. In Elverson, the average life span is 78 years. We have the opportunity during our window of time in this greatest square mile to either spend our resources and time on ourselves or to leave a legacy.

Being the holidays, my contemplation went further toward legacies. Why would tradition and culture be influenced so radically by a Man's birthday 2014 years ago? Even though I enjoy the legacy of my two recent friends, I don't know their birthdays without looking. So, when one birthday significantly influences several months of the nation's economy, I've got to ask WHY? The answer lies in His legacy. Certainly, His resources and time were selfless and filled with sacrifice. Christmas is the thankful celebration of the birth of the life Who left an eternal legacy for His people. It's an exemplary legacy from which to learn and follow; and for which to give thanks.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



Be on the look out for Santa who will arrive again in Elverson this year on a Twin Valley Fire Department truck.

He is scheduled for **Sunday, December 22**, departing from the fire station at 2 pm.

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

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

Congratulations to the two Elverson residents who knew that the historic building plaque pictured in last month's "Elverson Borough Newsletter" is displayed above the front door of Elverson Supply Company on East Main Street. The names of Ruth Wolfgang and Linda Godschall were put into a random drawing and Ruth was chosen as the grand prize winner for November. She has won a free home-made dessert at the Elverson Deli. Linda's runner-up prize is a free beverage of her choice at the Deli.

Elverson Supply Company, Inc., has existed in the same location since 1919, when the building across from the train station was purchased by Robert Cook. Originally called Robert Cook and Sons, it offered animal feed, farming supplies, tools and hardware. In 1955, the Cook family changed the name of their business to the more familiar Elverson Supply Co. In 1989 when the feed business was discontinued, Elverson Supply expanded so it could offer the townspeople of Elverson a more diverse line of hardware and building supplies such as lumber and windows. Lawn and garden needs may be purchased with local delivery available. Five generations of Cook's have worked there, making it a true family business.



This month's photo should be easy to identify. As usual, email me at jodysfritz@gmail.com or call me at 610-286-8913 if you think you can identify it. Those who give me the correct answer within three days after the day I receive my newsletter will be eligible for a drawing for either two free workout sessions at Elverson Fitness Club or a free homemade dessert from the Elverson Deli. All who contact me with the correct identification of the photo by December 15 will win either one free workout session at the fitness club or a free beverage (one serving) at the Deli. Happy hunting!

REMINDER:

Christmas trees will be picked up with the regular trash during the month of January.

BOB COOK TO RECEIVE THE ELVERSON BOROUGH CANE on January 11, 2015

Bob Cook will be awarded the Elverson Borough Cane on Sunday, January 11 at the Meeting Room at the Elverson Fire Station at 2:30 p.m. This presentation was postponed from October 26.

All of Bob's friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the brief presentation.

In case of bad weather, please contact Bob or Jody Phillips at 610-286-8913 for information on postponement.

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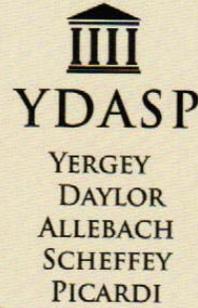


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