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REMEMBERING BOB COOK

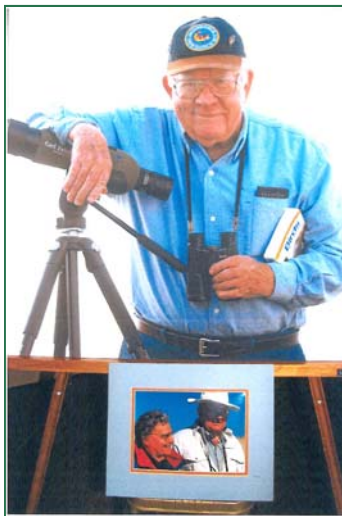
Cookie Onushko

On Wednesday, February 11th, I attended the memorial service for Bob Cook, which was held at the Community Evangelical Free Church on Brick Lane. When I went for the mail around 11:00 a.m. that day, I saw Elverson Supply was closed and the parking lots were empty. It wasn't until after the service when I stopped to take a picture of the sign on the door that I saw they had been open until 10:00 a.m.

When I arrived at the church around 1:30 p.m. there was a long line of people waiting to see the family. The service did start at 2:00 p.m. After opening remarks by Pastor Estes, several spoke - a longtime friend of Bob's Jack Holcomb, oldest son Jim and granddaughter Elisabeth. Then the microphone was passed around to those who wanted to share their stories about Bob. You could tell Bob was loved and respected by all.

We will be closing
Wednesday, Feb. 11
at 10:00 am.

Due to the death of
Robert E. Cook



On Monday, February 9th, Pete's Monday Play Group wanted to honor and remember Bob with the bird cookies from his Elverson Cane Ceremony that took place on Sunday, January 11th. I think it was a blessing to have had the opportunity to gather family and friends to honor Bob's long life here in Elverson. He enjoyed the day and Ruth has an album of pictures of Bob surrounded by family and friends.

We never know what each day holds for any of us. My mom used to say, "I might be dead and buried by then." So let's not stop looking for ways to honor and celebrate people's lives throughout their lives, so that they may always know how much they are loved and cherished.



Pete's Monday Play Group - my sister Marlene, my sister Joan (who recently moved in with us), Jeanne Styer, Pete (and missing is Grace Zeigler from Main Street, who started the Play Group).



ELVERSON EVENTS

Elverson Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 28	10 am to 12 pm	Livingood Park
Main Street Yard Sale	Saturday, May 9	8 am to 1 pm	Main Street
Memorial Day Service	Monday, May 25	10:30 am	Elverson Cemetery
Elverson Day at the Park	Saturday, June 27	Times TBD	Livingood Park



HIPPITY HOPPIN', EASTER'S ON ITS WAY EASTER EGG HUNTIN' IN ELVERSON

The Elverson Easter bunny has been busy keeping warm in burrows and thickets all winter, but he's ready to shake off the snow and hop on over to Livingood Park for a fun-filled family morning at the Elverson Easter Egg Hunt! The event will take place at Livingood Park on Saturday, March 28th from 10 am to 12 pm. The Easter Bunny will be kicking off our event at 10 am, arriving on a Twin Valley Fire truck and staying for pictures with families. Along with our egg hunt there will be a snack for children in the park pavilion.

The Easter egg hunt is a free event open to Elverson residents and their family and friends. The egg hunt will be for children ten years old and younger. Families can find the electronic registration link on the Elverson Borough website. It is important to register children for the egg hunt, so that we can provide enough Easter eggs for everyone. Please bring a basket or bag for each child participating in the hunt to collect eggs.

Although the Easter egg hunt is a free event, we will be asking a suggested \$2.00 donation per hunter. The donation money will benefit the Twin Valley Fire Co. Last year we were able to raise over \$150.00 for the fire company. Also, local Elverson business, Stell Environmental will again be donating the grand prize Easter basket for the hunter who finds the hidden silver egg.

Register for the Elverson Easter Egg Hunt at: <http://elversonboro.org/>



TREAT YOUR ASH TREES OR LOSE THEM *Elverson Tree Commission*

We, as members of your Elverson Shade Tree Commission, have taken steps to deal with the imminent danger to ash trees from the insect known as Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This invasive insect has been detected in 55 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and is moving eastward. Its detection is anticipated in Lancaster and Chester counties this summer.

The Borough Council has approved our request to begin treatment of the Borough's street ash trees beginning in 2015. The recommended schedule is to treat every other year over the next ten years. We will soon finalize a contract with a credentialed arborist to treat the 27 ash trees along South Pine Street.



There are other ash trees within the Borough on private property that will fall victim to EAB unless treated. These ash trees may be added to the Borough's treatment schedule at the Borough's cost rate and time frame. Homeowners choosing to have their ash trees treated are responsible for the cost of treatment and will be billed directly by the arborist.

If you, as a homeowner, have ash trees on your property and would like to include them in the treatment this May, please contact a Tree Commission member listed below by April 15.

- George Summer - geomarsum@gmail.com
- Teri Tegtmeier - thetegtmeiers@windstream.net
- Angie Facciolo - angifacc@ptd.net
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the curb or local drop off.

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places, visit www.chestercountyswa.org

ELVERSON BOROUGH SENIOR HONOR ROLL

Jody Phillips

In order to be able to honor more of our very
special Senior Citizens, those who have lived in
the borough for at least twenty years and have
reached the age of 90, the Elverson Historical
Commission has decided to institute a new
Elverson tradition called the Elverson Borough
Senior Honor Roll.

Each resident who qualifies will receive a cer-
tificate and his or her name will be placed on
an honorary plaque that will be hung in the
Borough Hall. Unlike the Elverson Borough
Cane, which could be held by only one person
at a time, the Honor Roll will include all long-
time nonagenarians. The Borough hopes to
further recognize and honor these citizens,
perhaps with special reserved seating at Bor-
ough events or discounts from Borough busi-
nesses - a Super Senior discount.

If you qualify to be listed on the Honor Roll,
please contact Jody Phillips at 610-286-8913.

The Elverson Borough Cane will be retired and
will hang in the Borough Hall above the certifi-
cates of the three Elverson residents who re-
ceived this honor.

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR INSURANCE POLICIES

KC Trost, Farmers Insurance



Insurance has roots back to the
Babylonians of 17th century BC.
Merchant shippers would pay a little
extra to their lenders in order to be in

the clear if their goods were lost at sea. This practice con-
tinued and remained within the maritime tradition until
the London fire of 1666. Most of our modern insurance
processes come from the first offices open in Britain and
the coffee house Edward Lloyd ran his new venture
(Lloyd's of London). But what does this mean to you?

After the devastating Fire of 1666 in London the people
realized the need to protect their most important assets.
Whether that is your home, merchant goods, your income,
or most importantly your value to your family. It's been
almost 350 years since then, but the tradition remains;
people still wish to protect their assets and use insurance
to do so.

In recent years many insurance companies have tried to
commoditize a financial product that is not meant to be
shaped one size fits all. Each state has a minimum amount
of insurance you must carry on your vehicle, but in PA it
does not amount to much, \$15,000 per person and
\$30,000 per accident to pay for any Bodily Injury Liabil-
ity that arises from an at-fault accident. When a ride to
the hospital can cost \$1000 or more, that money is
quickly washed away. Now for a young person with no
assets and a cheap car, that policy makes sense. For a
40+ year old with a house, family, retirement fund, etc.,
they have much more to protect, and should. A good in-
surance advisor will review your current coverage, make
suggestions and work within your budget to protect your
assets. For some, their home is one of their most impor-
tant assets.

Homeowners Insurance is required by mortgage com-
panies, mostly paid by escrow, and not really thought
about except maybe once a year at renewal or unless
something goes wrong. When you have a claim is not the
time to find out what your policy covers and if you have
adequate coverage. A must for every homeowner is re-
placement cost versus actual cash value. ACV means
your 10 year old roof will be depreciated for 10 years and
you'll only get 60-50-maybe even 30% its value to re-
place if you have a claim. Also, homeowners should have
a broad form policy that provides coverage for anything
that is not specifically excluded (such as floods, earth-
quakes, war, etc). If it's been a while since you reviewed
your insurance policies give your company a call to
schedule a review. If they are confused by this notion it
may be time to find a new insurance agent.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ELVERSON BOROUGH?

Jody Phillips

I was very pleased this month that eleven people contacted me to identify the photo in the February 2015 Elverson Borough Newsletter. Nine of them were correct and the other two offered incorrect guesses. (They obviously did not look for the location of the picture.) Congratulations to Margaret Messner, Pete Smith, Teri Tegtmeier, Bill Walsh, Larry Yocum, David Gey, Clyde Godschall, Joyce Gondy and Elaine Laubach, who knew that the soccer goal I photographed is on Brick Lane, just north of its intersection with Route 401.

I chose this subject because I wanted to illustrate just how far east the borough goes. I was surprised that so many people knew exactly where it was. The soccer goal is used, in season, by three brothers who live in the old Colonial on the top of the hill and are avid soccer players. The grand prize winner, chosen at random, is Joyce Gondy. She wins a homemade dessert of her choice from the Elverson Deli. All runners-up receive a free beverage (one cup or glass) of the beverage of their choice. I highly recommend that those winners purchase a dessert to go with their beverage, as they are very tasty.

This month's photo depicts part of an Elverson house. Please give me the street address of this home and tell me what you know about it. No, you won't get extra credit for doing so but you might teach me something I don't know.

As always, e-mail me at jodysfritz@gmail.com or call 610-286-8913 if you think you know where this house is located. If you submit the correct answer within five days of the day when I receive the Newsletter in my mailbox, you will be eligible for the grand prize. All who are not chosen to win the grand prize but who answer correctly by March 15 will win a runner-up prize of a free beverage at the Elverson Deli.



MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF ELVERSON ADOPTED RATE INCREASE

To Our Customers:

After careful review, the Municipal Authority Board has authorized a rate increase to be effective for the 1st Quarter of 2015 (Jan, Feb, and Mar). The rate will increase from \$189.00 per Quarter (\$756.00 per year) to \$192.00 per Quarter (\$768.00 per year). Reservation Fees will remain at \$69.00 per Quarter (\$276.00 per year).

This increase is due to the ever-rising costs for operations and engineering support to operate our treatment plant and support our rate payers. We continually strive for cost savings and avoidance measures to keep these increases to a minimum.

Proper operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant remains the top priority. Customer payments support the service that is provided to you as a homeowner and is also an investment in maintaining our sewer system. No customers connected to the sewer system are exempt from payment. Thankfully, the majority of our customers pay in a timely manner and we appreciate that.

MABE Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall. The Board Members currently serving the Municipal Authority are:
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Floyd Jennelle – Vice Chairman
Darrell Gible – Secretary
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Sincerely, The MABE Board

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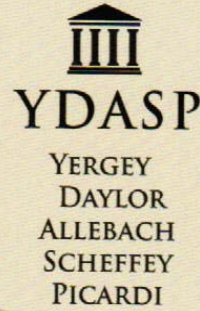


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PLANNING EVERYTHING ELVERSON

Esther Prosser

Elverson Day began with our Centennial in 2011. We have planned a day of music, sports competitions, good food and fireworks at the Livingood Park each year since. Our goal is to gather Elverson residents and friends in Elverson for a day of Elverson fun.

The committee is busy nailing down the details of the day. We may include craft vendors this year and if so, we will begin the day earlier than the 4 pm usual start time. We are adding a sand volleyball tournament sponsored by the Community Evangelical Free Church. Our Twin Valley Fire Department will once again play a hotly contested softball game against a nearby fire company (to be announced). The exotic animals will be back. We're hoping for pony rides, face painting, moon bouncing and who knows what else? Raffles of items and services will be held as well. We're asking for a money commitment from our food vendors to make sure no one leaves hungry.



Our major thrust right now is gathering business support. This is an excellent opportunity for Elverson businesses to support a local event. We are encouraging businesses to supply a sign by the event they sponsor this year so folks know who is behind all this fun. If you are a business owner and are interested in sponsoring a specific event, please contact me. It's first come, first serve. Our thanks to the National Penn Bank who has stepped up to be the exclusive sponsor of our prime music entertainment – the West Chester Band.

The best fireworks display costs \$5,000. An anonymous business owner has already offered \$1,500 towards this. We need more businesses to add to that. We appreciate your support in the past and recognize that this day could not occur without the generosity from businesses and individuals. And so I thank you in advance and ask you to please contact me to find out how you can contribute to everything Elverson (esther@stoltzfus.com, 484.269.7153).

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