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ANOTHER HIPPIITY HOPPIN' EASTER EGG HUNT IN ELVERSON'S LIVINGOOD PARK

The Easter Bunny arrived, in style, on the Twin Valley fire truck on Saturday, April 8th to kick-off another successful Elverson Easter Egg Hunt. Over 100 local children and their families attended the windy, yet family-fun filled morning. Children were treated to eggs filled with candy, toys, fruit snacks, and bunny and chick figurines. Items for the eggs were donated by Elverson residents and Walmart. Four lucky hunters found special prize eggs and went home with prize baskets donated by Elverson's own Stell Environmental Group.

A special thank you to event organizer Jenny Cameron and egg hunt volunteers and donors: Cara, Leonardo, Alessio Lombardi, Janis and Frank Hamilton, Jen and Stephanie Dunbar, Judy Barwell, Ellen and Martin Carmody, Andrew Beaver and TVFC firefighters for helping to provide another fun and safe egg hunt.



Photos compliments of Seawolf Photography.

WORK IT OUT

Merle Stoltzfus

Growing up with five sisters and a brother gave many opportunities for conflict. Often these disagreements resulted in an appeal to Dad or Mom. Unless the problem was complicated or needed immediate attention, our appeal usually garnered a stern reply, "Work it out."

In this digital world, communication is so accessible and easy. Maintaining strong relationships by staying in contact daily is common even when friends and family are on different continents. This tool for relationship building has brought our world wonderfully together, right? WRONG!



Unfortunately, wrongfully used communication can quickly destroy good relationships developed over many years of friendship. A careless

spoken word is a fire among dry twigs. The digital world provides a faceless environment where a careless word by email, text and/or tweet is gasoline on any fire.

What if our world was limited to face-to-face communication? What if a suggestion, correction or rebuke could only be accomplished face-to-face between the two significant parties? Life would certainly move more slowly with fewer relationships. But life would likely be much more peaceful. To live in harmony,

our digital world demands an incredible level of care beyond merely guarding our words. The mode of delivery of our words is also significant.

Life in a small town offers many opportunities for face-to-face communication. We live close enough to consider anyone a neighbor. When differences and disagreements arise, we have the opportunity to actually shake a hand and have a face-to-face conversation. Greetings with friendly conversation along with humility and a gracious tone will almost always "work it out." Complaints or correction in writing robs our communication of grace and positive body language. A digital message is quite likely to strike a match to any volatile issue.

The Good Book says, "If your brother offends you, go to him." The offended goes to the offender. Not writes about him. Not even writes to him. Not even telephones him. Not gets someone else to go to him. Instead, goes to him (or her). This simple (but more difficult) approach to conflict or correction will contribute wonderfully to maintaining our status as "The Greatest Square Mile".

SAVING OUR ASH TREES

Herb Hamilton

Elverson Borough has some nice trees. They line our streets, provide shade in Livingood Park and grace many of our homes. The trees provide tremendous benefit to our residents and all the trees need from us is occasional care. Part of that care is preventative pest maintenance. Like getting a flu shot to protect ourselves from the flu, there is a group of trees within the borough that need the same proactive care. Meet Ash.

The ash tree requires an injection to protect it from Emerald Ash Borer. If you are not familiar with Emerald Ash Borer, allow me to fill you in on what has become an arboreal catastrophe. In 2002 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered near Detroit, Michigan. This Asian insect arrived in wood packing material, like crates or pallets, at either the airport or the seaport. We may not be certain of the insect's exact point of entry but we do know that EAB has a voracious appetite. Of the estimated 700 million ash trees in Michigan over 30 million have perished with the highest concentration being around Detroit. That little iridescent green insect didn't stop there. It's been on the move ever since it first arrived. Emerald Ash Borer is now reported in every state south and east of Michigan with one exception, Mississippi, and it has begun a slow march westward. Unlike our native chestnut and elm (trees that were lost to disease), there is hope for our native ash because it is easier to control insects than it is disease.

In the coming month you may see Heilner Landscaping working on our ash trees. They are injecting the ash with the insecticide, Imidacloprid. The treatment is applied in quarters around the base of the tree. From there the vascular system moves the insecticide throughout the canopy. Since Imidacloprid is a systemic insecticide that stays active within the tree for two years, the ash only needs treatment every other year. So if you saw Heilner Landscaping working around the base of our ash trees two years ago, you witnessed the first preventative Emerald Ash Borer application.

Will there ever be an end to the need for this treatment? I wish I could be optimistic. We won't eradicate Emerald Ash Borer but we will control it. In the meantime enjoy baseball in the spring with a nice ash bat. My personal choice.



ADOPT A POT

Esther Prosser

There's a lot of discussion these days about legalizing pot but this article is not about that. Every spring for a number of years, flower-loving ladies have gathered to buy and plant flowers in our Main Street pots. The 20+ pots are stored in our freight station, saving them from winter abuse. Then the weather warms, freezes are no longer in the forecast and the pots are placed back on Main.

This is an organized effort led by Main Street resident Donna Mountz. I was very excited when Donna took the reins on this project because, when she agrees to do something, it is always done well. Her helpers are a diligent group of flower loving ladies who purchase and carefully plant and fertilize the pots each May.

A few years ago, instead of purchasing and planting each pot, we decided to open it up for residents to "adopt a pot." What better way to contribute to the beauty of our little town then to pick a pot or two, plant your own choice of beauty, water and fertilize as needed? The pot is delivered with potting soil and fertilizer and you plant what you like, water regularly and enjoy.

If you would like to adopt a pot and/or help in watering the pots along Main Street, please email Donna at dwmountz48@hotmail.com or call her at 610.286.9742. She will work you into her organized schedule and make it as easy as possible as we look at ways to pretty up Main.



How Well Do You Know Elverson Borough? *Jody Phillips*

Congratulations to Diler Pershall, who is the only one who contacted me about last month's mystery photo. She recognized that it is a small part of the façade of a famous Elverson landmark, the large house located at 10 and 12 West Main Street, on the north-west corner of the junction of Main and Chestnut streets. This intersection has always been considered to be the center of Elverson and was very important in the history of the town.

The house is unique in that it was constructed in two different architectural styles in two different time periods, with the two-story stone home on the left built about 1790 in the Georgian Colonial style, and the three-story stucco addition on the right built around 1862 in the Victorian style, to be used as commercial space. The older part of the building has a sloped tin roof and the newer section (which is still 150 years old!) has a flat, shingled roof. The photo depicts the space where the two roof styles and two facades join. The newer addition is the stucco façade on the left.

I have found very little information about this house prior to the Civil War era. Records indicate that it housed Washington Friday's Dry Goods Store during this time and was the third location of Springfield's/Elverson's Post Office. Friday, a Civil War veteran, was postmaster then. He was a successful businessman, politician and traveler and he and his wife raised eight children.

Other entrepreneurs have operated businesses in this building throughout the years. In the late 1890's congregants of the United Brethren Church met on the third floor of the building, then called Plett's Hall as Louis Plett operated a business there.

At one point, a gift store simply called Judy's Gifts was located in this historic building. Much more recently, in the 1980's and 1990's, Lamar and Lois Ann Mast owned and operated the Olde Springfield Shoppe in this building. They sold books on Amish, Mennonite and Brethren heritage. Again, The family lived in the older section of the building and used the newer part as commercial space.

The Mast's love of history led them to lovingly restore the exterior and interior of this Elverson landmark. When their business outgrew their commercial space, they bought a family farm in Morgantown where they relocated their home and business. Their business is now called Mastof Bookstore and Mastof Press. The Mastof's still support Elverson business, often donation printing services for Borough events.

Now owned by Richard Pershall, this historic Elverson building now houses apartments. If this name sounds familiar, it is because Diler's father-in-law owns the building!

May's mystery photo is a bit different in that there is absolutely no Elverson history connected to it. I just happened to notice it during one of my walks to deliver a tee shirt. You can see it from the street if you drive very slowly but it is much easier to spot on foot. Watch out for traffic!

If you think you know where it is, please email me at Jodysfritz@gmail.com or call 610-286-8913. All winners will have the choice of an Elverson Day tee shirt or five new ballpoint pens. I am still looking

for a sponsor for the contest, which I hope to have soon. Happy Spring!



ELVERSON DAY AT THE PARK—*Katie Estes*

We're already less than two months away from the 7th annual Elverson Day! *Be sure to save **June 24th** on your calendar to join our community celebration at Livingood Park.* The planning committee has been hard at work evaluating which features have proved popular in years past, and they are excited to introduce a few new offerings as well.

Come hungry to Livingood Park that Saturday at 5 pm and enjoy a meal at the food truck festival.. We're excited to welcome back the ever-popular Gourmand, Sweet Ride's ice cream and Moore's French Fries, and we are looking forward to hosting even more dinner and dessert options from newcomers Montesano Brothers, Kona Ice and Rita's.

Work your meal off with a game of knockerball, a hit returning from last year, or, if you'd prefer something a bit more relaxed than suiting up in a giant inflatable sphere, feel free to shop our several local vendors and even pet a puppy or two from Stephanie Gibson's Bodacious Labradors. Whether you're enjoying ice cream from your lawn chair or appreciating an aerial view of Elverson from the hot air balloon, our roster of talented local

musicians will provide a fantastic soundtrack to your evening. We're excited to welcome back Ring of Fire, Carol Ruffner and Company and the Chester County Band, all Elverson Day favorites.

Children will love the long line-up of free activities planned for them: Past fixtures like pony rides, face painting, a moon bounce and an exotic animal petting zoo will return, joined by new features like pedal cars and a coloring station. Between decorating Elverson Day t-shirts, traversing the park in a barrel train and exploring a fleet of trucks and machines, the kids will be occupied until dark when the fireworks are set to begin.

The past success of Elverson Day has been largely due to the generous contributions by local businesses, which make possible events like those listed above. Would your business consider sponsoring an activity or giving towards the fireworks? Besides your company name being listed in our program, we'll offer publicity for your business on our event Facebook page. If interested in giving towards Elverson's favorite summer evening, contact event Chairperson Esther Prosser at esther@stoltzfus.com or 484.269.7153.

We look forward to seeing you in the Park!



Sunoco Mariner East 2 Project In Elverson Borough *Shirley Crehan*

Mariner East 2 is a project which, when finished, will build a 350 mile pipeline from Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to transport Natural Gas Liquids to the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex in Southeastern Pennsylvania. This project is owned and operated by Sunoco Logistics L.P. (SXL). The physical labor of the pipeline construction is being done by OTIS corporation throughout Chester County.

When the pipeline is running, Sunoco Logistics will use advanced computer controls and monitoring systems to ensure the safety of its operations, and the local community of Elverson. The pipeline system, when completed, will be operated from a very sophisticated control center on a 24/7 basis, where a touch of a button can shut down the entire system (or part of the system).

A by-product of natural gas development is known as "wet" gases. Ethane, propane, and butane are such types of gases, which producers have traditionally had to have shipped from Texas and/or Louisiana. The Mariner East Pipeline allows these resources to be shipped within the Eastern Region of the United States to the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex, where they will be processed, stored and distributed throughout the United States and abroad.

Within Elverson Borough, the pipeline comes through from Berks County into the Borough, it crosses Route 23 near the school, and continues through various fields directly into the Parkside Community. The pipeline comes out onto a section of Livingood Park in Parkside, crossing Chestnut Street at Sunnyside Drive. The last portion in our Borough crosses under Route 401 and the turnpike, and proceeds into West Nantmeal Township. It has been estimated that the work to place the pipes should take approximately 2 to 3 months within the Borough.

For local inquiries, residents can contact Ivana Wolfe, Community Affairs Representative, by phone at 215-528-0138 or via email ilwolfe@sunocologistics.com. Residents who have any questions regarding the pipeline on their property can contact a non-emergency hotline at 855-430-4491.



Henrietta Hankin Library *Beverly Lawler*

If you visited the library in April, you noticed some changes in the adult areas of the library. We have moved shelving to give some collections more space. The process isn't yet complete, so please ask a staff member if you can't find something. We have temporary signage up and we are happy to help.

In April we also thanked our many library volunteers for their help throughout the year at a luncheon. We would never achieve so much without their help.

At the library, budget decisions occur multiple times throughout the year. Librarians are reviewing the electronic resources that provide fact-based, authoritative information for your research as well as opportunities for personal directed learning with Mango Languages (learn a foreign language or English) and Learning Express (too many subjects to list here!). Locally, we continue to struggle with the need to increase purchases of eMaterials yet continue to also have the printed materials you want. eMaterials are more expensive than printed materials so we are required to make hard decisions. With local elections in May, please consider the candidates' support of libraries as you decide who to vote for. Libraries need and appreciate the local monetary support they receive.

By the time this newsletter is published, the Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library will have completed their Spring Book Sale. Their hard work funds many special items and activities at the library. Many THANKS to them for the time they spend sorting books and promoting/staffing the event.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!

OPEN HOUSE for ELVERSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Elverson Historical Commission will be holding an Open House on **Saturday, June 24 from 4 to 6 pm** in the newly remodeled North Classroom of the old Elverson Grade School. Come and see some of the Commission's artifacts - most donated by Elverson residents - and learn about their history. Long-time Elversonians may even see themselves in one of the old photographs which were taken in the 1940's. All are welcome.

This event is coordinated with Elverson Day at the Park so enjoy both that afternoon.



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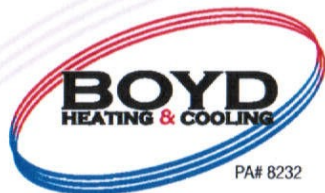
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ELVERSON EVENTS (YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS)

Elverson Yard Sale

Saturday, May 20—All over town—8 to 1

Besides the incredible deals at the Heritage Medical Center at S Pine and Main and those along our Main Street, there will be sales along Parkside Drive off of S Chestnut Street. Either put out your own table and sell or walk the town and enjoy the deals!

Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 29—Elverson Cemetery—10:30

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and begin the holiday by remembering why we observe this day.

Elverson Day at the Park

Saturday, June 24—Livingood Park—5 to dark

Bring your family and enjoy games, music and good food with neighbors and friends.

