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ELVERSON DAY AT THE PARK

Esther Prosser

What could be more fun than good music and scrumptious food with neighbors and friends on a lovely weather evening at your local park? Add lots of free kid's activities, interesting vendors and an evening-ending fireworks display and you wrap up our 7th Annual Elverson Day. And I hear those partying at numerous back yard events at properties bordering the park also enjoyed the festivities.

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How Well Do You Know Elverson Borough?

Jody Phillips

Congratulations to Edward Millard, Patricia Johnson and John Mohl, all of Elverson, who correctly identified the owl carving in the trunk of a tree as being located in the front yard of the Millard home at 24. W. Conestoga Road.

Edward identified it the day the May Newsletter came out and I laughed when he told me that I could drop off his tee shirt at his home at 24 W. Conestoga Road. He explained that several years ago, a man lost control of his vehicle and went off the road, crashing into his mailbox and scraping a large section of bark off his tree. The bald spot resembled the shape of an owl so his daughter painted it to resemble an owl. Years later another motorist knocked down his mailbox again but spared the tree with the owl.

Patricia Johnson of Elverson knew where it was too. She told me that she loves owls and looks for the owl in the tree every time she drives past. Patricia never returned my call about what size and color shirt she wanted. Please call me soon before they are gone

John Mohl found the owl in the tree and enjoyed my choice of this tree for this month's contest. I consider John to be my most loyal reader. By now his family probably has enough Elverson Day tee shirts to outfit the starters on a basketball team!



Speaking of Elverson Day tee shirts, I only have three orange shirts, size medium, and one blue shirt, size small left in my shirt bag. Since I started out with about 100 shirts, I am pleased to deduce that some Elversonians know more about the Borough than they did a couple of years ago. This is good news, but the bad news is that I am almost out of prizes! If any Elverson business would like to donate small prizes for the winners of this contest, please contact me.

This month's picture is of an Elverson historic home. You would all probably recognize it from the front, but I'm hoping that few will know its address from this side view. If you know where it is, contact me at Jodysfritz@gmail.com or by calling 610-286-8913 and leaving a message. E-mail seems to be more reliable than my answering machine.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Despite the drizzle, many Elversonians began their Memorial Day with a tradition we have come to rely on—that of remembering those who fought and continue to fight for the freedoms that make our country great. We met at the Elverson Cemetery on Main Street to sing patriotic songs, watch the flag folding and the gun salute. It's a very good way to begin the Memorial Day holiday. Thanks to our Mayor, the American Legion, our soloist Andi Colmery, the Elverson Boy Scout Troup and other veterans who gave meaning to the 30 minute observance. As longtime resident and Korean War veteran John Mohl reminds us each year, "Freedom is not free."





Summer is here and the library has special activities for all ages. Our theme this year is "Build a Better World."

Children and young adults should sign up for the Summer Reading Clubs in Youth Services. The Clubs encourage children to read throughout the summer to be ready for school in September. Special programs are planned so check out the website for details - <http://chescolibraries.org/kids-teens>.

Adults should have some fun too! Just by reading or listening to books (which you are doing anyway!!), adults can earn raffle tickets for prize drawings to be held in September. The adult program encourages you to try a few new genres, explore our website and attend some special programs, among other things. Details are at: <http://chescolibraries.org/books-movies-music/adult-summer-reading-program>

The Friends of the Library had another successful book sale in April, raising over \$4,000. The funding they provide the library is very much appreciated. They are looking for volunteers to help with the Book Nook and other endeavors. Contact Maria Garvin at hankinfriends@ccls.org if you are interested.

I hope you stop in and say hello during the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!

Beverly Lawler, Manager
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Just in time for summer reading, a book exchange has been established beside Giovannis on Main Street. "Little Free Library" is a nonprofit with locations all over the world, which are run by volunteer stewards like myself.

The idea is to foster reading and bring communities together around shared interests. If you visit the display cabinet and see a book you might like, please take it- it's yours! If you have one that might appeal to others, you can drop it off. Sometimes people leave a note in a donated book about what it meant to them.

My goal is to offer a good range of books for readers of all ages. Feedback is welcome via the LittleFreeLibrary.org website, where you can also find other locations, which are all open 24/7!

Dave Wilder



Pianist/Organist Needed

Goodwill United Methodist Church is in need of a pianist/organist for our Sunday morning services. No more than 10 hours per month. Pay based on experience. If interested please email CE.Goodwill@epaumc.org or call the Church at **610-286-8924**.



HISTORICAL COMMISSION OPEN HOUSE

Jody Phillips

The Open House for the newly remodeled school room at Borough Hall, sponsored by the Elverson Historical Commission on June 24, was declared a success by EHC members Cookie Onushko, Rose Stroker and myself, as about 25 people strolled around the room examining exhibits and displays illustrating Elverson historic memorabilia. Now named Mrs. McElroy's Room, after the teacher who taught grades 5-8 in the room for 43 years (from 1924-1967 when the school closed), this north classroom had fallen into disrepair over the years and was unsuitable for storing Elverson's treasures. With money from a grant, it was repaired and redecorated. Locking display cases were recently purchased and residents began donating items so that all Elversonians could appreciate our Borough's rich history

The colorful mural painted by Kathryn Winn drew everyone's attention as they entered the room, as did two large photo collages featuring students in both Miss Dunlap's and Mrs. McElroy's classes in the early to mid 20th century. Several visitors recognized classmates in the many pictures, which Cookie has lovingly and accurately annotated and preserved over the years. One lady recalled that students used to play Jacks on the wide windowsills. Another recalled a clock which hung on the wall at the entrance to the room. Under it Mrs. McElroy had posted a sign which read, "Time passes. Will you?" Several wondered when the next Open House would be held so that they could bring their friends and neighbors to see the artifacts.

The Elverson Historical Commission plans to host another Open House and a speaker in the fall, hopefully to talk about the history of the Wilmington and Northern Railroad that used to run through Elverson. Next March or April, we hope to stage a play in the new room. Elverson Boy Scout Troop 37 meets in the room on a weekly basis and other organized groups are invited to use the classroom for meetings and presentations. New acquisitions are always welcome. "The History of our Community: Elverson Pennsylvania" is still for sale for \$15 by contacting any Commission member or by visiting Borough Hall during its regular hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. Three visitors purchased books at the Open House. For further information, contact me at 610-286-8913.



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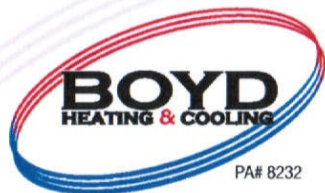
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The committee works hard to gather business support so parents are not nicked and dined with everything their children want to do. It all really is a big Elverson party.

If you have feedback or want to get in on the planning for next year, let me know. You can email or call me (esther@stoltzfus.com, 484.269.7153).



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— Day in the Park —



(Photos compliments of Jody Phillips.)