



November 2017

ELVERSON PARADE 2017—*Esther Prosser*

I'm really not sure which is more fun the third Wednesday evening in October in Elverson—the closure of Main Street, the front porch parties, the music and food or the variety of floats, cars and trucks lumbering down Main. Whatever it is, many flock to Elverson for good times. This year was no exception. *Our congratulations to Thunder Wash for winning Best of Show!*



Pictures—Top left, then down, then top right and down:
Boy Scout Pack 543, Twin Valley Cheerleaders, Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Thunder Wash, Morgantown Community Church, The Goddard School.

(Photos compliments of Brittany Colmery Photography)

Christmas Gift Drive for Coatesville VA Medical Center

Once again I look forward to hosting a Christmas gift drive for the residents and patients at the Coatesville VA 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 entire kitchens with small appliances, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and linens. For the bathrooms we supplied rugs, shower curtains with hooks, towels, washcloths and personal hygiene items. We also were able to provide items for the bedrooms that included sheets, pillows, comforters, and blankets. Some of our veterans were given televisions and dvd players. These items helped to fill individual homes or apartments for 20 formerly homeless veterans, not to mention veterans already in homes, with items they also may have needed. Our gift total jumped from 702 gifts in 2015 to over 1,500 in 2016. The VA has found it necessary to give us a larger space for all the gifts.

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.

We would like to have all gift donations received no later than **December 16, 2017** so they can be sorted and ready for delivery the week before Christmas. Wrapping is not required but **is very much appreciated**. Please label what the gift is and if it is clothing, the size and whether or not it is for a male or female veteran. All gifts can be dropped off at my home (address below) or picked up if needed. If you prefer to donate money, I will be more than happy to shop for you and then give you a receipt of items purchased. I also can provide a donation form from the VA for tax purposes. Please see the attached list of suggested items.

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,

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Items to "Build a Room" For Newly Housed Vets - 2017 Kitchen Bathroom Bedroom Cleaning Supplies

- Dishes - Towels - Bedding (Twin) - Dish Detergent
- Pots - Wash Cloths - Bedding (Full) - Laundry Detergent
- Pans - Toiletries - Pillows - Broom/Dustpan
- Glasses - Blankets - Vacuum Cleaners
- Cups - Lamps - Mop/Bucket
- Eating utensils
- Paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Gift cards (local supermarkets)
- Irons
- Microwave ovens
- Electric skillets
- Toasters
- Blenders

Miscellaneous Items:

- Small televisions
- DVD Players

The number of VETS expected to move into housing over the next few months would be about 85. I hope this helps and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

We will be putting out a challenge to different member organizations to supply as many items or "family boxes" as possible. Thank you for being such a huge part of this gift drive.

Below are individual or personal gift ideas:

Individual gift suggestions – VA Hospital Patients

Board games Electric Razors
Sweaters – both men and women Watches – Jewelry – Earrings -Necklaces
New underwear (both men & women) Radios – CD Players
Socks (both men & women) Themed Calendars
T-shirts Toiletries – Body wash – Lotions - Toothpaste
Slippers Tooth Brushes – Dental Floss – Shampoo
Shirts Shaving Cream – Conditioner, etc.
Pajamas Books – Crossword Puzzles – Books (audio)
Nightgowns Art Supplies
Bathrobes Sewing – knitting needles – Yarn – Embroidery
Sweat suits Sweatshirts – both men and women Cross Stich
Gloves Gift Cards for fast food restaurants & stores
Hats (Walmart, Target, iTunes, McDonalds, Burger King,
Stamps – Stationary – Notecards Wendys, Subway)
Telephone Cards Magnifying Glass (for reading, sewing etc)
Puzzles – Crossword Puzzles Lap blankets
Picture Frames Neck pillows

Please donate NEW items only. All items donated will be Christmas presents and it is important their gifts are new.

40 YEARS AND TIMELESS

-Jon Mountz-

In 1977, when a railroad still carried passengers between Elverson and Reading and gas prices were \$0.75 a gallon, a small church in Elverson was formed. My parents began attending Community Evangelical Free Church a few years after I was born in 1980. The Church met in the community room of the Elverson Fire Company until land on Brick Lane was purchased and the church built. My wife, another "Elverson kid," was also an infant when her family joined the church in the late 1980s.

Community Evangelical Free Church was established as a church committed to the full authority of the Bible and to develop people as followers of Christ. My wife, Kimberly, and I came to learn how and why. The Bible's value is validated by history as the bestselling and most widely distributed book of all time. It is relevant and instructive for every generation. In our case, Kimberly and I enjoy 4 generations together at our church from my 100 year old grandmother to our 1 year old son, all benefitting from this timeless truth. How we should live is shaped by that truth. Of course, truth doesn't always feel good or create comfort, but it is always appropriate in every generation.



L to R: Marion ("G-Ma"), Doug, Theo and Jon Mountz.

Because the deep things of life are influenced, Christian churches become a vital part of communities. Certainly this is true in Elverson. Meeting practical needs happens beyond the church walls and into the surrounding Elverson community. For about a decade, the church has enjoyed providing a polling place for Elverson. Every autumn, women who are caretakers of family members affected by disability at "Queen for a Day" are invited to support each other in the challenges of their particular lives. We can hardly imagine raising our children without the love and service of other adults in the church including summer kids programs, youth group, Children's Christmas Parties and Weekly Sunday School. Of course, we enjoyed those same programs as we were growing up.

This year we remember 40 years of CEFC in Elverson. The milestone gives a glimpse of our Creator who has never changed and has given us a timeless manual from which to understand how to live in every generation. Staying with those same truths will sustain the church for another 40 years. Leaving those truths gives no reason to continue to exist.

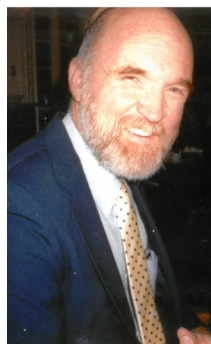
ELVERSON BOROUGH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

There are four Council members on the ballot on November 7. Three of the four responded with the following when asked to give reasons why they would like to serve our Borough as a Borough Council member.



My goals in service as a Borough Councilperson have not changed. My philosophy is that some government is necessary but we should have as little as possible to keep our health, welfare and safety. My campaign motto has always been: "More Communication, More Cooperation, Less Taxation, Less Regulation."

In the next term it has become my goal to educate our younger Elverson residents about local government (more communication) through a local seminar. Understanding how government works is the key to maintaining the "rule of law." We need to educate our future lawmakers while they are young and develop future "town fathers" (men & women) with a vision for our greatest square mile.
—Merle Stoltzfus



I am running for reelection to the Elverson Borough Council. For the past four years, I have focused on bringing the borough's buildings, roads and parks back to a shape the residents deserve.

I would like the opportunity to complete the projects that are still ongoing and help with the planning and shaping of our borough's future.

Thank you for your support.—Bob French

My vision is to keep the quaint nature of the community, while encouraging services and tax taxable businesses that benefit Elverson.

Having retired in 2015, I was anxious to finally use my new found time to benefit my community. (Coincidentally, I grew up in another small town in KY called Springfield.) I started on a Committee under the Planning Board, then became a member of the P&Z Board and Chair of Friends of TVFD. The Borough Council was a natural follow. Mayor Broderick and Merle Stoltzfus influenced and facilitated my participation. - Bob Clements

How Well Do You Know Elverson Borough?

Jody Phillips

Congratulations again to Linda Godschall who promised me she would drive and walk around the Borough until she found the chimney pictured in the last Elverson Borough Newsletter. The only person who was that dedicated and so the only one to win a free breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant in Morgantown, she identified the chimney as being part of the late 19th century farmhouse at 32 South Chestnut Street, which is owned by Cookie and David Onushko.

The earliest home to be built on South Chestnut Street (1873), this property was originally occupied by Jacob Handwork. In the first half of the 20th century, it belonged to Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, who operated a Tea Room in the front living room. John and Agnes Mohl bought the house in 1948 and raised seven children there, the youngest of whom, Dawn or Cookie, bought the house from her parents in 1988. She and her husband David currently reside there with their son Peter. If Cookie's name sounds familiar to you, it is probably because she loves to take pictures – especially of Elverson events. Her beautiful collages, with detailed descriptions of who and what is in each photograph, adorn the walls of Mrs. McElroy's Room at Borough Hall. Many of you admired these wonderful tributes to Elverson's past at one of the two Open Houses that the Elverson Historical Commission has sponsored this year.

This month's contest photo is a hard one. I happened to notice it on one of my walks about town but you could see it from a car. Do walk though and enjoy the lovely fall weather. All who identify the location of the photo by November 15 will win a "BOGO" breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant in Morgantown. Bring a friend when you go to the Heritage for breakfast and your friend's breakfast (or yours) will be free of charge. The less expensive meal will be free. This is a great prize so look hard.

Email me at Jodysfritz@gmail.com or call 610-286-8913 to tell me where you think the photo was taken.



Doug Hoskins

The Elverson Honey Brook EMS provides important benefits to the Citizens of the Elverson Borough and surrounding communities. Their trained personnel provide medical evaluations, immediate medical care and rapid transport to medical facilities every hour of every day. The EMS Services also play an important role in responding to disasters that threaten the health and safety of the public, whenever there is a need. Your monetary support of the Elverson Honey Brook EMS Fund Drive provides the necessary stable and ongoing funding which is essential to ensuring the availability of skilled emergency medical care, and transportation to hospitals and trauma centers.

Please consider contributing by visiting www.ehbems.org and clicking the links for residential or business memberships or respond with the mail request you recently received. If you have any questions regarding membership, please call 610-286-7944. Your loyal and continued support of this vital emergency service is greatly appreciated.



With the weather turning colder, it is a great time to check out what is happening at the library. If you are a game geek at heart, stop in on Saturday, November 4th, as we celebrate International Games Week. There will be video games to play in the Annex including a MARIO KART 8 DELUXE TOURNAMENT with registration starting at 12:30. Board games will be available in the Community Room and the Chester County RPG Society will be helping with this part of the program.

Also, the Friends of the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library will be holding their Fall Book Sale on November 10, 11, and 12. Friends' members can attend on the 10th from 6 – 8 PM. You may join at the door if you are not a member. Everybody can shop on Saturday. On Sunday, a Bag Sale finishes the fundraiser. You can get a bag (provided by the Friends) of books for just \$10. They have plenty of books to choose from.

We hope to see you at the library! Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

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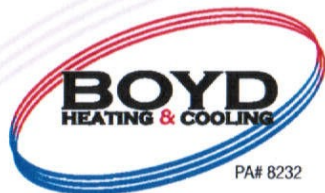
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It is a win/win as your business gets local exposure and your contribution supports this free publication which is mailed to all Borough households bimonthly.

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10:00AM – 2:00PM

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