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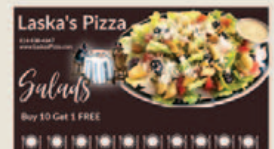


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On the cover:
The Heckendorn family at the Dayton Fair.
(l. to r.) Emmalee, Jack, Grace and
Deborah Heckendorn.

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Sisters Learn Through 4-H

**By Danielle Merrow
of Hometown magazine**

The life lessons learned from
working on a farm are too many to
name, and equally as
invaluable. Farm work is a job
without end; farms don't close
for weekends or holidays, and
the work isn't on an 8-5
schedule. Most farm buildings
aren't air-conditioned for
summer or heated for winter;
therefore, the animals need
human help to stay comfortable
in extreme temperatures. Farm
work doesn't know a minimum
age; on-the-job training begins
at a young age.

Grace Heckendorn (18) and
Emmalee Heckendorn (15)
have been raising Boer and
Boer cross goats on their
uncles' farm since Grace was
eight years old. The farm was
formerly a dairy farm and still
grows corn.

"We started out with horses,"
Grace explains, "but that didn't
go very well, and we gave up
on horses. Our neighbors had
goats, so we bought one from
them and decided to try raising a goat."
Their herd, they say, is now at about

twenty-five goats, though not all are for
showing and for meat; they have one goat
for milk, which their mother then uses to
make soap.

For the past ten years, Grace has been
involved with raising meat goats for 4-
H, showing at the Dayton Fair and at the
Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Emmalee has followed in her
sister's footsteps but admits
she's not quite as involved with
the organization as Grace has
been.

Since beginning their goat
farm, the girls have been
involved in every aspect of
raising the spirited little
creatures. Breeding happens
during the summer months, and
most mother goats (doe or
nannies) birth around
December. Grace and
Emmalee have spent cold
winter nights in the barn with a
birthing nanny and some space
heaters, welcoming the babies
into the world. Often, they
greet more than one kid per
mother; goats can birth up to
four babies (kids) at once!
After the births, the girls are
responsible for administering
medications, regulating
feedings and beginning the
training right away for fair
season. The skills a goat kid needs to
master for show are ones like disciplined

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The Heckendorn sisters — Grace (left) and Emmalee (right) ready
to show their goats at the Dayton Fair. Submitted photos.

The girls say fair season preparations
last all year for them as they train their
goats for competitive summer showing.



Grace showing at the PA Farm Show.

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Grace and her goat at home.

Sisters Learn

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walking and standing still in the show ring.

In addition to training the kids, Grace and Emmalee have learned to monitor the goats for issues like illness and worms because the signs of both problems can be very subtle in a goat and often are easily missed.

4-H is a leadership-focused organization concentrating on "empowering nearly six million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime," (<https://4-h.org/about/what-is-4-h/>). 4-H stands for the focus on head, heart, hands and health, elements that comprise the 4-H pledge, which is the following:

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4-H, or as it was originally referred to: "The Tomato Club" and "The Corn Growers Club," is an organization with over a hundred years of history and which teaches America's youth in both rural areas as well as urban areas, skills in leadership and community building,

among many other disciplines. The group focuses on environmental issues like global food security, climate change and sustainable energy (<https://4-h.org/about/history/>). 4-H aims to create leaders.

"Our group is a local group," Grace says, "mostly for [students] in this area, focusing on managing farms correctly." She goes on to explain that 4-H does reach out to urban areas where large gardens aren't possible. There is still much to learn about gardening, even for those who can only grow vegetables in pots, and 4-H aims to make this knowledge accessible to everyone.

Some values Grace and Emmalee credit to their 4-H experiences are sportsmanship, seeing their hard work pay off and learning to deal with the disappointment of having their hard work not pay off when their goats don't place as well as expected or when they don't make as much money from the livestock as they expect.



Emmalee at the Dayton Fair.

Both girls say that 4-H has taught them invaluable life experience that they will carry with them into adult life, however, Grace says, "I'm not sure it will shape my future. I'm not sure where I want to go or what I want to do, so participating hasn't given me a definite path to follow."

Emmalee, on the other hand, says, "When I grow up I definitely want to have

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Mom's Purse

By Mary Ellen Pollock-Raneri
for Hometown magazine

Yes, I sure remember that purse: Mom's purse. It was the pocketbook that seemed to have everything in it; the purse that I would never think of opening, let alone touch; the purse that was always attached to her right arm, and the purse that slumbered beside her bed when she slept at night.

There was always a wrinkled-up, semi-used tissue in it, and my mom typically insisted, "Here. Take it. It's clean."



And I did. Now, my mother also kept a real handkerchief in there, too, one with flowers and embroidery. That was her personal treasure,

and that linen item did not get loaned out. After my mom passed away, I found nail files and emery boards everywhere in the house – they seemed to grow in drawers in her bedroom and bathroom, even the junk



Painting by Mary Ellen Pollock-Raneri.

a flood of memories followed.

My mother's most favorite spot for her manicure was in the car. When I heard the zipper on her purse (Mom only used purses with zippers to protect her financial empire), I knew she was reaching for the nail file. Let the sawing begin!

Besides gum, Kleenex and nail files, Mom's purse always housed her trusty plastic rain bonnet. The rain cap was lined with some kind of black mesh, and Mom tied it under her chin. I always teased her about having hydrophobia because she was deathly opposed to having any water on

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drawer in the kitchen. The harvest of these nail files reminded me of the Star Trek episode, "The Trouble with Tribbles." You know the one, right? It featured those cute furry critters that were simply puff balls of fur that made you feel so warm and fuzzy when you held one. Well, mom's files weren't fuzzy, but they sure reminded me of her, and when I would find one of them,

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Workers pose for a picture with Steam Engine 249 of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Company. Engines like this one hauled cars loaded with coal and coke to cities along Lake Erie. Railroad crews based in Punxsutawney were among the crewmen on the engines. (Photo courtesy of PAHGS)

Industrial Mining in Punxsutawney

By Coal Memorial Committee for Hometown magazine

The development of industrial mining in the Punxsutawney area depended on the development of the railroads to transport the coal. Unlike lumber, which could be floated down the Mahoning Creek to markets in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and beyond, coal required transportation that could contain the coal as well as move it to market. The coal and railroad industries were similar to the old "chicken and egg" question. Which came first: coal or railroads? These two industries were co-dependent. Coal required the railroad in order to reach markets. Railroads needed coal to fuel their steam operated engines. Transporting coal made operating railroads profitable.

Coal cars on rails had been pulled by mules over short distances in and around mines from about 1820. However, the first fully operational steam railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad, didn't begin operation until 1846. It took another 35 years before the railroad reached the Punxsutawney area and made it possible to transport local coal and coke to markets along Lake Erie, where it was used to smelt iron and was sent to Canada for heating. Later, Punxsutawney coal was transported to the eastern seaboard, where it provided fuel for ocean liners.

Unlike the mines, which used a great deal of

unskilled labor, railroads needed employees who had attained proficiency in the operation and maintenance of their machines. The first railroaders in the area came from existing railroad lines.

Investors in Tioga County took a chance when they built a railroad from Towanda, Pennsylvania, to Corning, New York, in 1839. At Corning the railroad connected with the Chemung Canal, enabling coal to be supplied to communities along the route of the canal as well as those at Corning. In 1840, this small railroad carried 4,235 tons of coal to market. It demonstrated the power of railroads to make coal a viable product. In 1842, the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, the first of the great coal railroads, was completed, and that year it transported 841,584 tons of bituminous coal to the eastern seaboard. The workers in the new railroad industry were in demand as coal mining areas were developed, turning this natural resource into income for their communities.

On September 5, 2021, the Taladay family will honor seven generations of railroaders with the installation of tiles at the Punxsutawney Area Coal Memorial. [Note: the surname's spelling of "Taladay" was changed from its original spelling of "Talladay" by the family.]

Solomon Tallady, Jr., son of a farmer, was

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This is Steam Engine 104 on the track leading to the Anita Mines. In the background is the Railroad YMCA in Elk Run, where railroad crews stayed during layovers in Punxsutawney. Smaller steam engines were used to bring loads of coal and coke from the mines to Riker Yard where they were formed into longer trains. (Photo courtesy of PAHGS)



Riker Yard at Punxsutawney was a hub-bub of activity 24 hours a day. It was where trains were put together to take coal and coke north to Buffalo. This was also where maintenance was performed on engines. Many Punxsutawney families have ancestors who worked on trains at Riker Yard. (Photo courtesy of PAHGS)

Industrial Mining

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one of the first young men to work on the trains at Barclay Mountain, Tioga County, where they used a railroad on an incline plane to move the coal from the mine to market. Solomon Talladay was the first generation of a dynasty of men who worked on coal railroads. At Barclay, Solomon became an engineer, his son Charles served as his fireman and another son as the brakeman. Eventually, five of Solomon's sons worked on the railroad: Edgar, George, Charles, William and Reuben. His other sons worked in and around the coal mine at Barclay, Tioga County.

When the mines in Jefferson County were opened, the Taladay men were among the trained railroaders ready and available to take on the responsibility of hauling coal to market.

George, who had the honor of firing the first engine on the Erie Railroad out of Towanda toward Elmira, and Reuben Taladay, members of the second generation of railroaders, moved west to DuBois about 1882. The new Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad was first operating to carry coal north to Lake Erie. George Taladay continued to work for the railroad. He moved to Punxsutawney, where he died in 1927; his children moved on to work in West Virginia.

Reuben Taladay continued to work for the railroad. He married and had two children, a daughter, Flossie, and a son, Franklin James Taladay. Reuben died as a young man in 1888. His son, Franklin, became the third generation of Taladay railroaders. Franklin began his career with the Railroad in 1901, working for the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad at Butler. During his career, he worked as a brakeman and switchman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Punxsutawney. On May

1, 1928, Frank Taladay suffered an accident that cost him a leg. He was working as switchman on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad. He had just thrown a switch and was walking up the track a short distance ahead of an approaching car which had been cut from a string and was being shunted to a siding. He caught his left foot between a rail and guard rail. Before he could get his foot loose, the car caught him. He saved his life and body by leaning away from the approaching car. However, his leg was ground to pulp by the wheels. His crew members immediately rendered first aid and rushed him to the Adrian hospital where the doctors amputated his left leg just below the knee. This effectively ended his railroading career.

John James Taladay, son of Frank Taladay, was the next generation to work for the railroad. As a fourth generation railroader, he began his work as a call boy. His first job was to go from house to house to call men to come

to work. This was in the days before telephones. In 1920, he was promoted to yard clerk and later to scale clerk. By 1944, he was the weighmaster at the Cloe Scales, and, in 1947, he became the freight master at Rochester, New York. He retired from the railroad in 1964.

Damian Jerome Taladay, son of John James Taladay, was the fifth generation of the Taladay family to work for the railroad. JD, as he preferred to be called, was a fireman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and worked on the last of the steam engines before becoming an engineer on the new electric engines. He worked for 40 years on the railroad and retired in 1992.

JD Taladay's son Mark F. Taladay is currently the sixth generation working for the railroad, and his grandson Jake Davis, a member of the seventh generation, continues the family tradition of railroading.

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animals. I'm not sure I want to stay involved in showing animals competitively, but I want to have animals."

The girls are homeschooled, and Grace recently graduated from the PA Leadership Charter School. She enjoys reading and baking in her spare time, and has also started her own small baking business, The Flour Pot, which helps to fund her farm. She says she has entered some of her baked goods in the fair, and is planning to enter a chocolate cake in this year's Cocoa Classic. She's currently considering a career in real estate and will continue to bake for select craft shows and by special order. She will continue

with 4H for as long as her age allows-through the end of the year of her 18th birthday.

Emmalee and Grace would recommend, without reservations, that other kids join 4-H. "It's been my job," Grace explains. "I get to make my own hours," (except those few cold December nights when the babies are being born). She continues, "I bought a car, all with money I've made from my work with the goats. It's pretty great to be my own boss." Grace adds that her favorite part of her job is raising the animals, and that she loves when they're babies the most. "Getting to experience their birth, then watching those babies have babies" is so rewarding, she says.

Emmalee loves fair weeks the most, but she says that when the goats are about two

weeks old and at their most playful is a close second.

Emmalee has been showing goats and raising them as 4-H projects for the past seven years. When she's not working with her goats, she enjoys playing softball.

Last year, the girls had the opportunity to show their goats at the Dayton Fair in person, even though there wasn't a traditional fair. This year, there will be a normal fair, Grace explains. The girls plan to show at this year's fair in August.

The farm show, according to the website, <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/about/Pages/default.aspx>, will be virtual for the second year in a row for 2021. The Heckendorns did not participate in the 2020 Farm Show and don't plan to until it is in person again.

Because their goats for the farm show are only shown, not sold, the only part of the farm show they're really missing out on is the experience. Since The PA Farm Show allows participants of any age to show in breeding classes, Grace will be able to show there for as long as she wants.

The girls have amassed many ribbons, plaques and banners through their years of participation with the 4-H organization and take great pride in the work they have accomplished. They take even greater pride, however, in the work they do and the lessons they've learned along the way- benefiting their heads, hearts, hands and health, honoring the 4-H pledge.

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Mom's Purse

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her hairdo. My mother said it would spoil the coiffure; hence, the handy plastic rain cap emerged from the depths of her trusty bag at the first drop of rain or the first puff of a breeze.

When I was a kid, my mom's purse also carried these little penny candy wax bottles that had some kind of sweet syrup in them. She said they were a perfect remedy for carsickness. I'm not sure if that were the case, but I liked them a lot.

A carpenter at heart, Mom cherished her keyring with an attached screwdriver, another nail file, a small pen knife and a bottle opener. That keyring hid in a special zippered part of the purse. I remember one time on a trip with her and Daddy when we stopped at a rest stop bathroom. Mom seemed to be in there quite a while, and my father was just getting ready to go check on her. Finally, upon her return, she smiled a huge smile. I guess the door would not open on the restroom, so she used her handy-dandy purse screwdriver to remove the hinges on it. When the going got tough, Mom always got going!

Mom's purse always had money, and it was always in order and never in just one place. There was a hiding place for a few twenties. Then, too, there was a stash of ones and fives. Sometimes, a super-top-secret, hermetically sealed place held a one-hundred-dollar bill that had possibly lived in her purse for about one hundred years.

So, I now have my mom's last purse. It is filled with the same stuff as always: the lipstick, her rosary beads, a worn-out address book, a dog-eared list of her medications and a stray half-stick of gum with a bit of purse lint stuck to it. Of course, there is the nail file, a rain cap, her best handkerchief and tissues. Mom's "special" pen is still there. That would be the one that she only loaned to me if I wrote my name in blood on a Pen Loan Contract. She guarded her checkbook in a locked and padlocked compartment of her pocketbook, and she was the only jailer with the key; it's sleeping in her bag, too.

I have finally realized that Mom's purse was her whole world. Now, it's my little piece of her world. I have it in my secret hiding place and every time I hold it, I unzipper it to make sure everything is just as she left it. I am honored to be the guardian of Mom's purse.

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turn to normal.

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Industrial Mining

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Another railroader, Thomas Quentin "Tucker" Craft, who was a Steam and Diesel Locomotive Engineer for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from 1942 to 1981, will also be honored on September 5 by his daughters, Darlene, Dorothy and Susan.

This article has been prepared by the Coal Memorial Committee of the Punxsutawney Area Historical & Genealogical Society. Resources used in preparing this article are from PAHGS, The Punxsutawney Spirit and Newspapers.com., as well as the "Taladay Family on the Railroad," by Mary Jo Gigliotti. Comments may be directed to PAHGS, P.O. Box 286, Punxsutawney, PA 15767. Individuals desiring to honor a coal or coal industry related worker are encouraged to purchase their tile by June 30, 2022. A Coal Memorial tile may honor persons who worked in any aspect of the coal industry including railroads and ancillary services. Additional information and from may be found online at www.punxsyhistory.org, or may be requested by email to: punxsyhistory@outlook.com, or calling 814-938-2555 and leaving a message.

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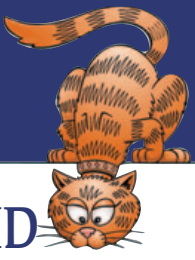
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Common Sustainable Agriculture Practices

The concept of sustainability varies by industry. Within the agricultural industry, sustainability is a multifaceted concept that has become increasingly popular in recent decades.

According to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, sustainable agriculture seeks to increase profitable farm income, promote environmental stewardship, enhance quality of life for farm families and communities, and increase production for human food and fiber needs. In an attempt to reach those goals, farmers who embrace sustainable agriculture may look to various practices.

- **Cover crops:** The Union of Concerned Scientists, a nonprofit organization that aims to employ independent science to address the planet's most pressing problems, notes that cover crops are planted

during the offseason when soils have traditionally been left bare. Cover crops can help prevent soil erosion and replenish the nutrients in the soil. Cover crops also can limit weed growth, reducing the need for herbicides that can prove harmful to the environment.

- **Reduce or eliminate tillage:** According to the UCS, traditional plowing, or tillage, can cause a significant amount of soil loss, even as it prepares fields for planting and reduces the likelihood of weed problems. Eliminating or reducing tillage involves inserting seeds directly into undisturbed soil, which can reduce erosion and improve the health of the soil.

- **Integrated pest management:** Integrated pest management techniques aim to minimize the use of chemical pesticides that can prove harmful to the envi-



ronment and local wildlife. According to the University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program, IPM strategies like habitat manipulation and the planting of disease-resistant plants are designed to promote long-term prevention of pests and the damage such pests can cause.

- **Agroforestry:** The Association for Temperate Agroforestry defines agroforestry as an intensive land management system that incorporates trees and/or shrubs to optimize the benefits they provide when deliberately combined with crops and/or

livestock. The shade and shelter provided by trees and shrubs can protect plants, animals and water resources.

- **Crop/livestock integration:** The UCS notes that there is growing evidence to suggest that the careful integration of crop and animal production can help farmers make their farms more efficient and profitable.

Sustainable agriculture is a complex concept that can benefit farmers, their local communities and the environment in myriad ways.

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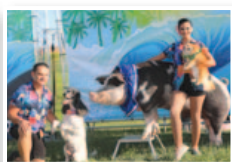
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• Against The Grain (Classic and Modern Rock)

THUR: • Jimmy Mowery from The Voice (Today's Hits)

FRI: • Quarterstick (Classic Rock)

SAT: • The Moore Brothers (Musical Variety)
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Schedule of Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

1-8 p.m., Arts and Crafts and Animal Entries Accepted
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Fair events begin on Tuesday

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

9 a.m., Horse Show
6 p.m., Baked Goods Auction
6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Cowboy Circus
7p.m., Scott Allegretto as ELVIS
7 p.m., "Old School" Compact Car Demolition Derby
7 & 9 p.m., Hog Diggity Dog Animal Show and Camel Rides
7:30 & 9:30 p.m., Circus Incredible

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

9 a.m., Horse Show
6:30 p.m., Fights at the Fair - Boxing Event
6 p.m., Heather Olson & The Silver Eagle Band - Patsy Cline Tribute
6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Cowboy Circus
7 p.m., Enduro Auto Racing
7 & 9 p.m., Hog Diggity Dog Animal Show and Camel Rides
7:30 & 9:30 p.m., Circus Incredible
8 p.m., Against The Grain - Classic and Modern Rock

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9 a.m., Horse Show
6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Cowboy Circus
7 p.m., Jimmy Mowery from The Voice - Today's Hits
7 p.m., Cheerleading Night and Youth Showcase
7 p.m., ATV & Dirt Bike Drag Racing
7 & 9 p.m., Hog Diggity Dog Animal Show and Camel Rides
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Cowboy Circus
7-10:30 p.m., Quarterstick - Classic Rock
7 p.m., Championship Compact Car Demolition Derby
7 & 9 p.m., Hog Diggity Dog Animal Show and Camel Rides
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

9 a.m., Horse Show
12-5 p.m., Magic Mike's DJ/Karaoke Party
1-6 p.m., Wine Fest at The Fair 21 and up event. Included with fair admission. Musical entertainment by The Rum Dums and More
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2:30 p.m., Kid's Bike & Wagon Decorating Contest and Parade
3:30, 6:30, 9 p.m., Hog Diggity Dog Animal Show and Camel Rides
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SS.C.D. Lawn Festival

AUGUST 6-7-8, 2021

81st Annual SS. Cosmas & Damian Lawn Festival 2021

Saints Cosmas & Damian Church is finalizing plans for the 81st annual Lawn Festival to be held August 6, 7 and 8, 2021. After a one-year hiatus, Monsignor Joseph Riccardo said that he is anxious to once again host the event for the community's enjoyment. The Lawn Festival traces its history back to cake and ice cream socials organized by the ladies of the parish beginning in the early 1940s. Over the years, the festival has seen many changes as people's preferences for food and family entertainment



have evolved. However, one constant throughout the festival's history has been providing opportunities for fun and fellowship for the entire community. The Festival requires a lot of work and long days of preparation, and Monsignor Riccardo said that he is always inspired and humbled by the many volunteers who invest their time and talents to make this event happen each year. This year's festival is being chaired by Renee and Rick Doverspike, who work alongside

committed volunteers like Frank Hetrick, Mike and Sharon Klingensmith, Jeff and Kim Curtis and many dedicated members of the parish and school community.

Highlights for this year's event include nightly entertainment featuring the following local headliners: B&B Acoustic Blend, The Frostburg Lounge Lizards and The Sharptones. The festival is known for its delicious food including hot sausage and meatball subs, pigs in the blanket, Frank's Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, ice cream from Penn State's Berkey Creamery and so much more. There will be games for the young and the young-at-heart and special events that are new to the festival

this year - including a classic car show on Sunday. The school's Facebook page includes festival activities and times.

Integral to the Lawn Festival is the big prize giveaway. This year's drawing will award \$10,000 in cash to the grand prize winner with an additional \$5,000 and \$1,000 awarded to the second and third prize winners, respectively. Only 2,000 tickets are being sold at \$20.00 apiece and are currently available from the parish office. If tickets remain at festival time, they will be available on the grounds. Winners will be drawn at the close of the festival, Sunday, August 8 at 10:00 pm on the festival



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grounds.

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educational experience to the children in the community at an affordable cost to the families. Principal Heather Kunselman emphasizes that the annual Lawn Festival is instrumental in helping to realize these goals and seeing that the school remains an active, vital part of the Punxsutawney community.

Be sure to mark your calendar on August 6, 7 and 8 for food, fun and celebration. You are always welcome at Saints Cosmas & Damian Church and School!

See schedule on this page.

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Each year on the Saturday evening of the SSCD Lawn Festival we welcome all graduates of SSCD and St. Adrian Schools, and anyone who attended our schools, to a light reception in the school auditorium. (Alumni must be 21 years of age or older to attend.)

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Festival Highlights

August 6, 7 & 8

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Saturday 5:30-10 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Friday, August 6
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- 6 p.m. – Children's Art Show Opens
- 6 p.m. – Adult Beanbag Board Tournament
- 7 – 9 p.m. – The Frostburg Lounge Lizards

Saturday, August 7
5:30-10 p.m.

- 6 p.m. – Children's themed parade
- 7-9 p.m. – B & B Acoustic Blend

Sunday, August 8
11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

- Noon-4 p.m. – Classic Car Show
- 1 p.m. – Home Run Derby (Ages 9-12)
- 4 p.m. – Hoop Shoot (ages 8-13)
- 8-10 p.m. – The Sharptones
- 10 p.m. – Grand Prize Drawing. Tickets are available at the parish office and at the Festival.

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
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Our Parish's history is entwined with that of Punxsutawney. A

mere fifty-one years after the Rev. David Barclay founded Punxsutawney in 1819, fifteen Catholic families, with the help of Fr. Herman Wienker, established what would become SS. Cosmas & Damian Church. In 1892 our elementary school welcomed its first students.

In the intervening decades it has been central to our mission that we honor the commitment of our forefathers. Our educational programs have expanded and contracted over the years as the needs and demographics of the community changed. But among the things that have remained constant are our resolve to provide a superior values-centered educational experience to the children in our community and to do so at an affordable cost to the families. The annual Lawn Festival is instrumental in helping us to



realize these goals. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit our school students.

Renee and Rick Doverspike, along with Frank Hetrick, Mike and Sharon Klingensmith, and Jeff and Kim Curtis are among the former school parents who still feel that working the Festival is important to them and the growth of the Parish and School. They continue to invest their time and talents – along with many other dedicated volunteers from the parish to see that our school remains an active, vital part of the Punxsutawney community.

Please come and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. You are always welcome at Saints Cosmas & Damian Church!!

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Festival Chair Sends Greetings, Invitation

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The parishioners of SSCD Church and the families of the children attending the school would like to thank all of those who support our Festival. Special thanks goes to the Home and School Association, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Knights of Columbus, the Rosary Altar Society, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Secular Franciscans, the school parents and parishioners who work at the Festival, the SSCD office staff and the festival committee members who continually go above and beyond. We also greatly appreciate the local businesses that have donated resources and services throughout the year and during the festival to make this all possible.

I personally would like to thank Frank Hetrick for the continued guidance he has shown me during this festival year; his mentorship has been invaluable.

This magazine lists all of the events, entertainment, raffles, games and great food that are featured at this year's festival. The grand prize drawing will be on Sunday night, August 8, at 10 p.m. This year's drawing will award \$10,000 in cash to the grand prize winner, with an additional \$5,000 and \$1,000 awarded to the second and third prize winners, respectively.

Saints Cosmas and Damian Church hopes you will join us for our three-day event. Please come and enjoy the great entertainment, food, games and everything our festival has to offer.

Hope to see you there!

~ Renee Doverspike
Lawn Festival Chair



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Saints Cosmas and Damian School is looking forward to the new school year and the many opportunities it presents for fostering our students' growth in faith, knowledge and service. SSCD School has been educating children from the local community since 1892. We are a private faith-centered elementary school, accredited through the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools and Colleges. SSCD provides academic excellence in a safe, familiar environment where teachers cater to the individual needs of their students. Generous scholarship opportunities through Pennsylvania's EITC program help make our school affordable for all families. Our preschool is one of the very few programs in our area certified by the PA Department of Education. Our elementary school continues to grow, and our students consistently rank among the leaders of their classes and communities as they advance their education in high school and beyond.

Parents choose our faith-centered school for their children because of its high academic standards, values-added education and a safe school environment. Catholic School students score significantly above the national average on standardized testing. In addition to a strong program in the fundamentals of elementary education, we

offer academically advanced programs for exceptional students. Our school adds the significant benefit of religious, moral and spiritual development. Additionally, our school received the most favorable rating attainable in an independent evaluation of threats, hazards and safety.

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We welcome you to come meet our caring professionals who are committed to bringing out the best in their students as they grow in knowledge, skill and values. Our faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, their talents and their time because each child is unique, valuable and a blessing. There is a mutual respect among students, faculty and administration which generates an atmosphere of care and concern. We encourage each student to accept the challenges of being a better person in tomorrow's world. At SSCD, we create special bonds among students and families, both in school and in church, so that all share the strong sense of belonging. It's like a family here — which is what any parent would want for his or her child: to be educated in a place where they feel valued and they feel a strong sense of belonging.

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Great Food — a Lawn Festival Tradition!

A longstanding tradition at the SSCD Lawn Festival is the variety of great-tasting food! The 81st annual Lawn Festival will feature the following food stands: “Frank’s Star Lunch” Hot Dog Stand, the Food Shack, the Popcorn Stand, Pam’s Famous Fried Dough, and, of course, the CD of A Cake and Ice Cream Stand.

“Frank’s Star Lunch” Hot Dog Stand seeks to perpetuate and to honor the legacy of Frank Mamolito, who operated the original Star Lunch from 1922 to 1964. During the festival, “Frank’s Star Lunch” will offer the following: hot dogs, loose meat hamburgers and cheeseburgers,



Pepsi products, bottled water and white and chocolate milk. The stand will also offer gluten-free buns.

The Food Shack’s menu features sandwiches (meatball, hot sausage and shredded Italian beef), stuffed cabbage, haluski, chicken strips, french fries, cheese snacks, Pepsi products, bottled water and juice boxes.

In addition to offering festival-goers fresh buttered popcorn, the Popcorn Stand will help quench their collective thirst with Sno-cones in assorted flavors and with specialty drinks, including peachy iced tea sangria with fruit (blueberries, raspberries and peaches).

Pam’s Famous Fried Dough is a yummy



treat covered with either powdered or cinnamon sugar. In addition to her famous fried dough, Pam will offer freshly squeezed lemonade.

A time-honored tradition at the SSCD Lawn Festival is the CD of A Cake and Ice Cream Stand, which offers both homemade pies and cakes by the slice. The stand features ice cream from the Penn State Creamery, and choices may include the following flavors: Vanilla, Chocolate, Peachy Paterno, Chocolate Chip, Butter Pecan, Peanut Butter Swirl and Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy (a flavor that consists of vanilla ice cream with coconut, chocolate chunks, and nuts with pieces of candied fruit throughout) – available in regular cones or in waffle cones. The CD of A ladies will also offer coffee, Pepsi products and bottled water.



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- 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Receiving All Livestock Entries - All weighed when unloaded, except steers
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- 2 p.m., All 4-H/FFA animals, open class livestock, dairy, and horses on grounds
- 2 p.m. (approx.) Steer weigh-in
- 6 p.m., Century Farm Recognition Program
- 7 p.m., Community Church Service

• 8 p.m., CROWNING OF FAIR QUEEN

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8 a.m., Judging of Light Horses & Pony Halter, Showmanship
- 9 a.m., Judging On Foot Carcass (Steer/Sheep)
- Noon, Ultrasound Goats
- 1 p.m., Ultrasound Swine
- 1 p.m., FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS
- 5 p.m., AMUSEMENT RIDES OPEN
- 5 p.m., Judging Light Horse Game Show
- 6:30 p.m., Judging On Foot Carcass (Swine & Goat)
- 7 p.m., Christian Concert

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

- 8 a.m., Judging Swine Showmanship, Judging Market Swine 4-H/FFA & Open Show, Breeding swine to follow
- 9 a.m., Judging Draft Horse & Halfinger Halter, Open Draft Horse & Halfinger Riding classes to follow
- 5:30 p.m., Judging Draft Horse & Halfinger Cart
- 7 p.m., Chris Higbee in Concert

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8 a.m., Judging Market Sheep Showmanship, Judging Market Sheep & Breeding Sheep to follow
- 9 a.m., Judging Draft & Halfinger Youth classes except hitch classes
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 • 5 p.m., Judging Draft Horse & Halfinger Multiple Hitches
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 • Noon, Harness Racing
 • 6:30 p.m., Junior Livestock Auction
 • 7:00 p.m., Off-Road Vehicle Drag Race

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

• 9 a.m., Judging Light Horse Youth Show
 • 10 a.m., Premier Showman Contest
 • 1-3 p.m., 4-H and Vocational AG Contest
 • 2 p.m., Animal Dress Up Contest
 • 5 p.m., Horse Costume Class
 • 6 p.m., Freestyle Performance to Music
 • Kids' Power Wheels Derby
 • 7:30 p.m., Demolition Derby

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

• 9 a.m., Equine Fun Show AG Olympics
 • Sketching Contest - see fair office
 • 2 p.m., Woodcarving Auction
 • 4 p.m., Hog Calling Contest
 • 7 p.m., Rafter Z Rodeo - Fireworks by STARFIRE to follow rodeo
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Natural Tick Repellents to Protect Pooches

Lyme disease is a significant concern for people across the country. According to an analysis of insurance records by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year approximately 476,000 Americans are diagnosed and treated for Lyme disease. But Lyme disease is not the only tick-borne problem. Data from the CDC says instances of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and anaplasmosis grew by 244 and 396 percent, respectively, between 2009 and 2017.

Blacklegged ticks are typically the culprits in disease transmission. When this tick latches on to a host, bacteria that causes Lyme and other diseases can be transmitted if the tick remains attached for 36 to 48 hours or more. Ticks will attach themselves to any moving living target, including people. But individuals who own dogs may be at increased risk because dogs often bring ticks indoors. Dogs as well as humans can be susceptible to the same tick-borne illnesses.

Pet parents are urged to use some sort of flea and tick preventative medication for their companion animals. But it's important that pet owners recognize that many such products will defend against ticks only after they've latched onto a host. According to the Hills company, a pet food manufacturer, oral and topical tick medications work by killing ticks through doses of certain compounds that are not potent enough to harm most pets, but are effective at terminating ticks. Many flea and tick products do not repel parasites. Therefore, pet owners may want to take added measures to keep ticks off of their pets. While it is best to

discuss all-natural tick repellents for dogs with a vet, these methods are generally considered safe.

• **Turmeric oil:** A 2018 study published in Ticks and Tick Borne Diseases indicated turmeric oil was effective in keeping ticks from hanging onto a dog's coat.

The percentage of dogs with ticks attached to the legs or belly who were sprayed with turmeric oil suspension was significantly lower than that of unsprayed dogs and dogs sprayed with an orange oil suspension.


• **Geranium oil:** Gardeners have long relied on geraniums as natural repellents against many pests. The plant has a woody, musky fragrance. A 2013 study published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry found the oil

has repellent activity against nymphs of the Lone Star tick.

• **Pyrethrins/Pyrethroids:** These are a group of botanical insecticides that work by altering the nerve function in insects, resulting in death of the parasite. Compounds are extracted from chrysanthemum flowers. Low toxicity means they can be applied directly to a pet's coat, according to the pet health resource PetMD.

The pet guide Top Dog Tips suggests other natural oils like lavender, peppermint, citrus, rose, basil, cinnamon, and lemongrass can be effective tick repellents for dogs. Dilute these oils in water or a carrier-oil like olive oil before spraying on a pet. While many of these repellents are effective, nothing is 100 percent foolproof, so individuals should always check pets (and themselves) after being in tick territory.

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James A. Means

July 8, 1951 - July 8, 2021

Prior to graduating from Punxsutawney Area High School, Jim worked with his father for Means Brothers Construction Co. He was later drafted into the armed forces and served in the Army Reserve. He enjoyed driving his tractor-trailer as well as his coal truck for J&M Trucking and J. Means Trucking Co. Jim volunteered for Perry Township Volunteer Fire Co. as well as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

He is survived by his mother, Betty J. Means and sister, Diana M. Gemmell as well as his former wives Katrina, Kathryn, and Sara. He's also survived by his four children, Heath, Johanna, Kaylyn, and Andrew.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Means and his father James H. Means.

Richard L. Fait Funeral Home
www.faitfuneralhome.com

Gerald D. Wright

of Punxsutawney

February 29, 1948 - July 9, 2021

Gerald worked as a coal miner for twenty-two years and then worked as an Income Case Worker for the Jefferson County Welfare Office for twelve years.

He attended the Presbyterian Church in Coolspring and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Eagles of Punxsutawney and the Polish Club in Adrian. He enjoyed hunting, metal detecting and searching for arrowheads to add to his collection. Gerald served in the Army Reserves for seven years.

In addition to his wife, Bernice (Fye) Wright, and mother, Betty (Ishman) Wright, he is survived by two children, Michelle (Jeremy) Strawcutter and Mark (Dianne) Wright; four grandchildren, Madison and Alex Wright and Stephanie and Michael Strawcutter; and a great-grandson, Royce Willis.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald P. Wright.

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Martha I. Hoch

of Sprinkle Mills

November 3, 1951 - July 12, 2021

Martha was a graduate of Dayton High School. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren and cooking and baking, especially the big meals around holidays.

She is survived by two children, son Brian (Crissy) Hoch and daughter Lisa (Donald) Kalgren; four grandchildren, Travis and Dylan Kalgren and Blaze and Les Hoch; an aunt, Anna Crissman; two sisters, Shirly

(Darl) Doverspike and Nancy (Elmer) Lightner; a brother, Paul (Pat) Reesman; and in-laws Thomas (Sandy) Hoch, Kathleen Smith and Millie (Donald) Reitz.

In addition to her husband, Richard J. Hochand, and parents, Marie (Kesselher) and Ivan Reesman, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Nelson Reesman and a brother-in-law, John Smith.

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Vivian A. Vance of Punxsutawney

December 18, 1938 - July 9, 2021

Vivian was a devoted Christ follower, daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandma and friend. Her calling led her to serve as an elementary teacher and homemaker. She and her husband, Mel, served in churches all over Western Pennsylvania for over 35 years. In recent



years, her grandkids were the apple of her eye. She was passionate about serving and loving others in any way possible. She loved music and playing her grand piano. She was actively involved in the First Church of God in Punxsutawney.

She is survived by two sons, Steve Vance and Doug (Becky) Vance, four grandchildren, Emma Vance, Kayla Grohman, Jake Vance and Caleb Vance, and her favorite dog, Duchess.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Hill and Ruth (Davis) Hill, a sister, Virginia Hill, her husband, Melvin E. Vance, and a brother, Richard Hill.

McCabe Funeral Home Inc.
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Tammie R. Painter of Punxsutawney

August 20, 1964 - July 15, 2021

Tammie, better known as Nana by her grandchildren, formerly worked at Fayette Resources as a personal care giver. She adored her grandchildren. Tammie was an amazing mother and grandmother, and she enjoyed horses and watching the ID channel.



She is survived by a daughter, Hayle J. Noble; three grandchildren, Tristian, Jaxon and Emmett Noble; her parents, John F. and Ethel (Stauffer) Painter; a sister, Pam Painter; a niece and nephew, Erik and Karissa Dinger; an uncle, who was like a brother to Tammie, Howard Painter.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Joh Brian Painter, and step-son Kenny Wright.

McCabe Funeral Home Inc.
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Walter E. Domino, Jr.

June 26, 1928 - July 15, 2021

Walt was born in Indiana County. In 1950, he married Twila L. Ling. They were married for 54 years. She preceded him in death on October 5, 2004. The couple raised one son, Terry.



After high school, he began working at the A&P supermarket in Indiana.

In 1948, he transferred to the Punxsutawney store where he worked as the produce manager for 37 years. After the store closed in 1983, he worked for the Punxsutawney Area Schools in the maintenance department. He retired from the school district in 1998 after 15 years of service.

He was a member of the First Church of God in Punxsutawney for over 50 years.

Walt was a "natural born" athlete. He played in the outfield and was a great hitter for Valier until 1963, at age 35. He was a great bowler and horseshoe player. He loved deer hunting and taking long walks. He was also an avid Nascar fan.

Above all, his greatest accomplishment was being a very dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Walt is survived by his son, Terry (Stacey) Domino; three grandchildren, Bethany (Greg) Bovino, Terry (Dyna) Domino, Jr. and Afton (Patrick) Bracco; and two great-grandchildren. Walt is also survived by one sister, Deloris Sonni.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bonnell (Johnson) and Walter E. Domino, Sr., his loving wife, Twila, and his sister, JoAnn Eastman.

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Helen J. (Mackey) Gomola

of Marion Center

November 19, 1927 - July 16, 2021

Helen was a member of Saint Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic church in Punxsutawney where she as formerly active with the Angles of Byzantine Church, Greek



Catholic Union, Helen graduated from Saint Cosmas and Damian Catholic High School in 1944. She was an employee of G.C. Murphy and Co. She loved traveling, and was proud she visited all 50 states, playing dominos, an avid fan of all of the Pittsburgh Sports teams and most of all she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by a son James S. Gomola, Punxsutawney, and daughters, Mary (Barry) Stear and Kathy (Charlie) Felder, and Margie McKolanis. Seven grandchildren, David Stear, Michael (April) Stear, Rick (Beth) Stear, Mark McKolanis, Robby (Amy) McKolanis, Kim (Tracy) Stringfellow, and Brian Felder, five great grandchildren, Dorothy Stear, Andrea Stear, Jadon and Rylan Stringfellow, Jeffery Stear and 4 great great grandchildren, John, Bri, Nova, and Aurora Harris, a sister Ann Wolan and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mary (Kopko) Mackey, her husband, Andrew G. Gomola, and two sisters, Margaret Mackey and Susan Sugars.

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Robert H. Hardt

of Punxsutawney

November 21, 1939 - June 20, 2021

He served in the United States Army from 1957-1959.

Robert worked as an equipment operator in surface coal mining around the area and in the natural gas industry and then worked for over twenty years as a custodian for the Punxsutawney Area School District.

He was a member of Ss.C.D. Church in Punxsutawney and was very devout in his faith. He enjoyed working outdoors, tinkering, gardening, hunting, fishing, playing football and basketball and spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife, Dolores J. (Jordan) Hardt, he is survived by sisters-in-law Nellie (Leonard) Gaston, Pearl (Glenn) Byerly and Linda Dorn; brothers-in-law Harry Jordan, Paul Jordan, Lee (Dawn) Jordan and Alan "Peachie" Kesner; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Margaret (Rosa) and Henry A. Hardt, he was preceded in death by two sisters-in-law, Frani Kesner and Donna Jordan.

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Hometown Community Happenings

By the staff of
Hometown magazine

From the staff of Hometown magazine and the Community Calendar at Punxsutawney.com, here is a list of events coming up in our area:

At press time, places and events were opening due to the lifting of the Coronavirus restrictions. Please check with the host organization's website or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

■ The New York Mets beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-2 on Saturday, July 10. This was a rescheduled make up game from July 8. John Niver of Big Run had the closest total score of 7 points. John wishes to redeem his gift card at Laska's Pizza. Congratulations, John!

■ The Weather Discovery Center is open on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact the center for admission prices.

■ The Punxsutawney Memorial Library is open, and fall programs are being organized.

■ The Punxsutawney Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. to noon every Friday through August on South Findley St., sponsored by Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce.

■ Through Aug. 18: **Summer Food Service program** for children age 18 and under by Punxsutawney Area School District. Free breakfasts and lunches will be distributed at several locations in and around Punxsutawney. Contact the school district for times and locations.

■ The Citizens Band of Punxsutawney has resumed for the 2021 year. Practice is being held at the First English Lutheran Church, corner of Pine and Gilpin streets, on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Practice will not be held on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information, email info@punxsypa.com.

■ July 29: **Music in the Park**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Anything Goes Again, classic soft rock. Bring a lawn chair; snacks will be available. Shows will be at the Punxsutawney Area Community Center in case of bad weather.

■ July 31 and Aug. 1: **Hazen Flea Market** at the Warsaw Township Vol. Fire Co. grounds, near Brookville.

■ Aug. 5: **Music in the Park**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., features BnB Acoustic, classic light

rock. Bring your lawn chair; snacks will be available. In case of inclement weather, shows will be at the Punxsutawney Area Community Center.

■ Aug. 6 and 7: **Grange's Helping Hands** free clothing. Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grange Church of God. Please wear a mask. Call the church or see the Facebook page to ensure this event is open.

■ Aug. 6, 7 and 8: **SSCD School Festival** on the church grounds. Food and fun for the whole family.

■ Aug. 7: **Peachy Saturday**, various locations around Smicksburg.

■ Aug. 7: **PA Hunter-Trapper Education** class, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oliver Township Fire Hall. See the PA Game Commission website for more information.

■ Aug. 7: **Fall Finale Show** at Punxsutawney Saddle Club.

■ Aug. 10-14: **Sykesville Ag & Youth Fair**, activities and fun for the whole family!

■ Aug. 12: **Music in the Park**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., features the Moore Brothers, variety. Bring a lawn chair; snacks will be available. Shows will be at the Punxsutawney Area Community Center in case of bad weather.

■ Aug. 15-21: **Dayton Fair**. Fun for the whole family!

■ Aug. 17: **Blood drive**, noon to 6 p.m., at Punxsutawney VFW. Benefits American Red Cross.

■ Aug. 18: **Community Meal**, 5-6 p.m. at Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church. Drive through or pick up meal providing entrée to be heated at home and a dessert. For drive through, enter the alley beside the Pantall off East Mahoning St., driving toward Union St.

■ Aug. 19: **Music in the Park**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., features Almost Mulberry, soft rock & classic oldies. Bring a lawn chair; snacks will be available. Shows will be at the Punxsutawney Area Community Center in case of bad weather.

■ Aug. 21: **End of Summer Pool & Pizza Party**, 4 to 6 p.m., free, at George C. Brown Community Pool, sponsored by the Punxsutawney First United Methodist Church.

■ Aug. 21 & 22: **Coolspring Power Museum** open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is an admission charge.

■ Aug. 24: **First Day of School** in the Punxsutawney Area School District. Watch for children and buses.

■ Aug. 29-Sept. 4: **Indiana County Fair**. Food, fun and activities for the entire family!

■ Sept. 6: **Labor Day!**

■ Oct. 1 & 2: **Magical World of Dancing Horses** Annual Dinner Show at Beaver Run Equestrian Theatre, 3460 Rt. 410, Punxsutawney. For ticket information, call 814-246-8221 or go to www.imagine-dancinghorses.com.

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("From Our Past," researched by S. Thomas Curry, features items of interest from past editions of Punxsutawney and area newspapers.

July 26, 1911 — Mervin, the Scotch professional, is busy giving the members of the Punxsutawney Country Club lessons in the art of golf playing. A number of the enthusiasts are taking pointers from Mr. Mervin, and the instructor is kept rather busy. If you want an hour's instruction in the proper methods of swatting the ball, see Mr. Mervin. (The Punxsutawney Spirit)

July 28, 1870 — On Tuesday evening the Indiana stage had one of its wheels badly smashed up, while attempting to turn in front of Mr. James Mitchell's residence, where it had taken some passengers. (Punxsutawney Plaindealer) [Note: The James Mitchell residence in 1870 is now the Lattimer House of the Punxsutawney Area Historical and Genealogical Society, on West Mahoning Street.]

August 3, 1892 — If anyone finds a stray turtle they will please return it to Christ Miller. He had one shut up until he could get a little time to prepare it for being made into soup. This morning he went to see how the turtle was getting along and his turtleship was nowhere to be seen. Thus it is shown how uncertain are the tidings of this earth. (Punxsutawney News)

August 4, 1870 — A MONEY-ORDER

Department has been established in the Post Office at this place, which will be a convenience for those wishing to send money by mail. (Punxsutawney Plaindealer)

August 7, 1889 — Slashing on the new branch of the Bell's Gap railroad, beginning at the main line in the East End and running out to the Pennsylvania Coal Company's lands in McCalmont Township, is about finished and the work of grading has begun. It will be necessary to build a trestle bridge from the round house in the East End to the hill at St. Clair's grist mill. The trestle at the highest point will be about twenty feet, and the length of it will be over a quarter of a mile. The road will cross the Mahoning Creek at the Elk Run bridge. (The Punxsutawney Spirit) [Note: In 1890 the railroad company completed its 20-foot wooden, elevated railroad trestle for the rail line to run north to reach the Anita mines. It crossed the Mahoning Creek, the railroad tracks and Ridge Avenue. Seen today in the Mahoning Creek across from Sheetz at Elk Run Avenue, is a tower of huge, cut stones that supported the trestle.]

August 12, 1885 — The traveling variety troupe, with rope-walking attachments, spent most of the last week in town in the public park, giving four exhibitions, which were fairly patronized. (The Punxsutawney Spirit)

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If the 1927 song "I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream" by Howard Johnson, Billy

Moll and Robert A. King is correct, then the world has been a noisy place for quite some time. Though the exact origins of ice cream are unknown, historians agree this popular treat has been around for a very, very long time. The International Dairy Foods Association says the origins of ice cream may reach as far back as the second century B.C. Though he wasn't around back then, the fifth Roman Emperor Nero, who ruled from 54 to 68 A.D., might have been so fond of iced treats that he routinely sent runners into the Apennine Mountains to retrieve snow that he would then flavor with fruits and juices. That tale might be apocryphal, but there's no denying ice treats have been enjoyed for a long time. And based on a 2018 report from Grand View Research, Inc. that projected the global ice cream market would reach roughly \$79 billion by 2025, it's fair to say ice cream will remain popular for a long time to come as well.

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1. Complete the coupon on this page.
2. Guess the winning team and the total number of points you think will be scored in the **Pirates vs. Cardinals Game** and enter the guesses in the spaces provided on the coupon.
3. Enter one of the participating advertisers on this page in the space provided to redeem your coupon should you be the contest winner.
4. Clip and forward the coupon to: 'Pirates Giveaway', c/o Hometown magazine, 129 Aspen Road, Punxsutawney, PA 15767. **PLEASE MARK YOUR TEAM PICK & TOTAL POINTS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.**
5. All entries must be received by 4 p.m. **Thursday, August 5.**
6. No purchase necessary to participate. All entries must be original magazine coupon (no photocopies).
7. In the event two or more contestants correctly pick the winning team and total number of points, one winner will be randomly selected and awarded the winning prize. In event two or more contestants tie for closest to the total score, one winner will be randomly selected to win the \$20 certificate. Each issue we will give one \$20 certificate.
8. Hometown magazine retains the right to make any final decisions regarding the contest, and by submitting an entry contestants agree to abide by the rules of the contest.

Hometown magazine 'Pirates Giveaway':
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Coupon for Game of Tues., Aug. 10

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_____ Pirates vs. _____ Cardinals

Step 2: Guess the Total Points that will be Scored in that Game: _____ Total Points

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