



The Friends of Mountwood Park Newsletter

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In this newsletter is a commemorative to Cheselyn Perrin Jonas, a generous supporter of the Volcano Museum at Mountwood Park.

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Friends usually meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Stiles Administration Building at Mountwood Park. If you are unsure about the time and place, please check our Facebook page. If you are a member and if we have your current email address, you should receive a meeting notice. If you have any questions, please call or text Peggy Squires at 304-588-9148.

Awesome Autumn!!



Photo from the Farmers' Almanac

Think Volunteers Don't Make a Difference? Better Think Again. Snowflakes melt alone - but together they can be traffic stoppers. Unknown

Letter From the President

It has been a busy year for Friends. We just spent the week end at the Park for Volcano Days. The new addition on the Volcano museum was finished just enough to open, after a lot of work by Mike and Carolyn and Park staff. The addition was well received by the public and led to promises of new donations for the museum. The museum had over 1,000 visitors in September.

We also had a very successful Woof Fest. The weather cooperated and everyone and the dogs had lots of fun. We had pageants and contests including tail wagging and a running race that was an obstacle course. We now have new Woof Fest Royalty, both two footed and four footed. Congratulations to all. Next year, the event will be on September 14. Hope to see you there.

At the dog park, we are going to do memorial bricks. We will be paving the entrance and extend two paths to the benches. To remember your pet, you can order bricks on line (our website) or at the Park. The 4 x 8 are \$50 and the 8 x 8 are \$100.

Do not forget, our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please join us.

Peggy Squires

Do Things that Make You Forget to Look at Your Phone.

Adventure Camp

By Dina Braniff

The Friends of Mountwood Park held its annual Adventure Camp from July 22-26.

On Monday, youngsters started the day by building a squirrel feeder with the guidance of Bob Zellny. Curtis Woodworking in Pennsboro assisted in cutting the wood for this project. Then, Peggy Squires showed participants how

to make a survival bracelet from paracord and fasteners.

On Tuesday, Tyler County Search and Rescue demonstrated the skills dogs possess finding lost humans. Campers learned that when they are lost, they should stay put until someone finds them, not wander around. Campers received a compass and learned the basic skills to use it. They also received a whistle and were told to always carry one when going into the woods or kayaking because they can be more easily found if they blow the whistle. Campers were then given fishing rods and tackle boxes and the remainder of the morning was devoted to fishing.



On Wednesday, Adam Weaver and Daniel Jonas of the Appalachian Herpetological Society discussed reptiles and amphibians.

On Thursday, I introduced the world of insects and spiders and discussed the benefits of creatures people normally do not want to be around. Kits were provided for the campers to explore this

other world. Later, the campers tie-dyed shirts and finished the day by fishing.

On Friday, campers participated in an archery exercise provided by the Mountain State Sportsmen's Association. The girls won the competition. Campers also toured the Volcano Museum at Mountwood Park. Afterward, there was more fishing and the boys set the record for the biggest fish caught.

Friday ended with a picnic lunch provided by Mountwood Concessions and Allen and Diane Conrad.

Peggy Squires, president of the Friends of Mountwood Park, organized Adventure Camp. Friends of Mountwood Park and other volunteers assisted in working with the campers.

If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.

Albert Einstein

Volcano Museum Summary

By Mike Naylo

The museum tallied 1,084 visitors in September. This exceeds the total for all of 2023 by 73!! This increase is attributed to the outside displays, the new room and the Farmers' Market. The Market brought many people to

Mountwood Park who were not aware the museum exists!!

The new room is just about finished but it will take a while to fully furnish it. It is very hard to resist the temptation to just move items in just to have it finished, but now that the dust of Volcano Days has settled, we can begin a deliberate process of staging our displays.

Key features added to the museum are:

- Introductory Volcano video.
- An original of *The New York Times* article describing the infamous fire of 1879. Graciously donated by Dina Braniff.
- Mural describing the endless cable system.
- The Oil and Gas Museum of Parkersburg donated an oil pump and Reid engine from the Volcano oil fields.
- An early hand-drawn-map of Volcano labeling the buildings and other structures. This is the Volcano equivalent of the Rosetta Stone.
- A Volcano diorama will be finished in early 2025.

“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”

William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister of Great Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Woof Fest Festival Held September 15, 2024 at Mountwood Park.

By Dina Braniff

The 2024 Woof Fest Pageant was held Sunday, August 11, 2024 at WVU at Parkersburg in the Theater, 300 Campus Drive, in Parkersburg. Contestants were judged by poise, appearance, on-stage introductions, and a short personal interview with the judges.



2024 Woof Fest Festival Royalty

The winners were: TEEN, Reese Roush; MS., Jessica Cornell; MRS., Shyenna Riggensbach; AMBASSADOR, Maika

Whaley; SPIRIT QUEEN, Whitney Healy; and QUEEN, Jalyn Ramsey.

The Woof Fest Royalty assisted with the Woof Fest Festival and will represent Woof Fest at parades and festivals across West Virginia.

Among the pageant sponsors were Friends of Mountwood Park, WVU-Parkersburg, iTech WV, Gretchen Pingley Photography, Curtis Woodworking, Charles W. Rollins Photography, Simply Perfect Esthetics, Leticia Lambert, Blue Moon Media-Kelsi Anderson, Oliverio's Bridal-Prom-Pageant, and Kittie and Kelsi Anderson.

“If you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else.” Unknown

Why Victorian Medical Men Felt Women Should not be Doctors

By Carolyn Naylor

In our Summer Newsletter there was an article about Midwifery in Volcano. Below is a list of the top eight reasons men and some women had for not allowing women to learn medicine. Their attitude would be laughable had it not been detrimental to the welfare of women and children who were poor.

1. Co-education is a dirty business.

The idea of men and women studying anatomy alongside one another generated concern.

2. Women should stick to their station.

There were those who said women would do well in their place, and that place was looking after the latest Paris fashions and making tea at home.

3. Who wants them there? Aspiring medical women often suggested there would be a demand for their services among female patients who might be unwilling to confide in or be examined and treated by a male doctor. An article in the *Lancet* (May 7, 1870) about the medical education of women, poured ridicule on this comment. It insisted that women hate one another, often at first sight, with a meanness of which men could form only a faint understanding.

4. Patient confidentiality will go to pot. In the words of a laywoman correspondent who signed herself Mater, “morally, women are not fitted to be doctors because they cannot hold their tongues.” (Correspondence: A Lady on Lady Doctors, *Lancet*, November 16, 1895.)

5. Medical immorality will reign. In the opinion of Albert Morton, a correspondent to the *Lancet* (November 16, 1895), modern medical women were doing more to degrade and lower the standard of the profession for they were seeking to attend midwifery for a fee.

7. Sometimes, only a man can.

“Everyone knows that there is an abundance of cases of disease where a physician absolutely cures, not by his pathological knowledge, not by his acquaintance with medicines but, by the prestige of his mere presence by being able to put his foot down; in one word, by being a Man.” (“Lady Doctors,” *Medical Press and Circular*, February 23, 1870.)

8. Women will need it mansplained.

“They never know why they have failed until they have asked a man.” (Quote in “The Woman as a Physician,” *Medical Press and Circular*, April 6, 1892.)

Woof Fest Started With a Yip

By Gretchen Hill

Woof Fest started with a yip and a prayer (Pastor Doug Guinn), and ended in barks, tricks, and prizes! The 2024 Woof Fest was a growling food time. After the doggies were blessed, they jumped onto the stage for the tail wagging contest followed by a pageant just for the furballs. Next, the kids (humans), took over the platform for their pageant. The 5K mountain run took off with an obstacle course prior to the 2-mile run. The winner of the 5K Mountain Obstacle Race was Noah Copley.



As the handlers and furry partners were trekking through the woods, other fancier canines were competing in the costume and owner look-alike contests. The Munchies Truck served up delicious food including a very tasty Philly cheesesteak.



Finally, it was time for the cutest trick and competition was fierce. The crowd was amazed by the performances. The

festival closed with the raffle and door prizes. Peggy Squires, Jeremy Cross, and crew ensured the event was a howling success and all pooches were spoiled well with crowd affection.

Where is all the Clothing we Bought and Donated?

By Rose Russell

Have you ever wondered where all the clothing you have bought and donated ended up?

Carolyn Naylor's article in the Summer 2024 issue of the Friends of Mountwood Park Newsletter titled "Recycling Alternatives" reminded me of an article I recently read in *National Geographic*. It was about the mounds of clothing in the Atacamba Desert in Chili (approximately 741 acres of clothing junkyard).

Used clothing is shipped to a near-by Chilean town from several countries but the main ones are the U. S. and Europe. Part of the used clothing they receive is recycled and shipped to other countries, but when there is no use for the clothing, they put it in the Desert.

Clothing does not disintegrate quickly and is there in the desert for many years. Burning the clothing would release toxic gases as most textiles are made from synthetic fibers.

Part of the reason so much clothing is dumped is because we Americans buy clothing, wear it a few times, or not at

all, and give it to Goodwill or another non-profit which resells part of that clothing in bulk to be shipped to that area. When the non-profits receive too much clothing, they ship it to Chili and it ends up in the Atacamba Desert.

After reading that article, I have tried to put more thought into buying *new* clothing. Generally, I buy used clothing at one of the non-profit retail stores.

Below is a Getty Image of a woman searching through a huge pile of discarded clothers.. For more information go to www.inkl.com.

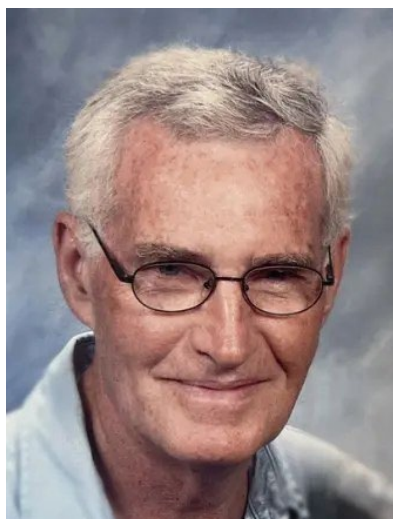


"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."

*Sitting Bull
Hunkpapa Lakota*

In Remembrance of Cheselyn Perrin Jonas

By Carolyn Naylor



With the passing of Cheselyn Perrin Jonas, we lost a friend and generous supporter of the Volcano Museum at Mountwood Park.

Cheselyn was born at Volcano, the son of the late Cheselyn Paul and Mary Alice (Perrin) Jonas.

Cheselyn had an interest in Volcano history and was not afraid to share his artifacts and knowledge of the town. He also enjoyed woodworking and carpentry, working on old cars and hikes in the woods.

Our condolences go out to his wife, Ella Virginia (Arbanas) Jonas, his two daughters, Jan, and Andrea, and his grandson Tyler.

Cheselyn and his stories about Volcano will be missed.

William Cooper Stiles, Jr.'s Only Daughter Marries

The Philadelphia Times, November 9, 1890

MANY NOVEMBER WEDDINGS

St. Asaph's Church at Bala the Scene of
One of the Prettiest.

Miss E. Virginia Stiles, only daughter of William C. Stiles, of West Virginia, was married last evening to William Danforth Supplee, son of W. W. Supplee, of West Philadelphia, at St. Asaph's Church, Bala.

To the few who came on foot, the church on its knoll, brilliantly illuminated, was a beacon of light to lead the way through the thick gloom of the country side. The picturesque little structure made a pretty picture with the cheerful glow in the darkness. It was not hard to pick one's way down the road and up the lawn as this season were mere and brown. Over the dark lanes and roads, the country folk had come to get a sight of the grand people as they alighted beneath the canopy leading to the church door.

The hour fixed for the ceremony was 7:30 o'clock, but before 7 the carriages began rolling up the drive from the pike. From that time on the arrivals were frequent, and handsomely dressed women and their escorts were ushered into the brilliantly lighted church. Here was another picture, a marble altar forming the center of a crescent of ferns, lilies, white roses, and chrysanthemums.

It was fifteen minutes past the hour when the choristers in their white

surplices marched in and up the aisle.

After them came the ushers, George Peerson, W. M. Field, Albert M. Stiles, George T. Fox, and Samuel B. Stiles.

The maid of honor, Miss Florence Crag, was next. She was dressed in white silk and white crepe and carried a basket of pink carnations. Next in the procession were the bridesmaids, Misses Anna W. Cromwell, of Germantown, and Fannie L. Supplee. They were dressed in white crepe de chena and each carried in her hand a handsome bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

Following them were two pages, Masters Warner Roberts, and Marshall Seull, one yellow haired, the other dark, both dressed in white silk and flannel suits; then the bride, leaning on the arm of her father. She was arrayed in white satin, made with a high Medical collar, and trimmed with duchesse lace. In her hand she bore a bouquet of snow-white bridal roses and lilies of the Valley.

Want to be a Volunteer?

By Carolyn Naylor

We are continuously looking for volunteers to help preserve the history of Volcano. There are many avenues open.

Join the Friends of Mountwood Park through an annual membership of \$20 for an individual membership, or \$25 for a family, or donate just 20 hours of labor annually. Additional information is available at:

<http://www.friendsofmountwoodpark.com/>.

There are plenty of opportunities
available if you wish to volunteer. We
can always use help at the museum.
It would be up to you to decide how
much time you wish to invest. It can be a

lot of work and sometimes boring,
but it is always rewarding.

Thomas Jefferson's Ten Rules for Life

Submitted by Steve Parker

Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.
Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
Never spend your money before you have it.
Pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold.
Never buy what you do not want, because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.
We seldom repent of having eaten too little.
Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened.
Take things always by their smooth handle.
When angry, count 10 before you speak; if very angry, count 100.

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