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Phase Two Construction Underway



Digging the new drainage ditch along the west wall.

Gigantic earth moving equipment has been moved into the area north of the Engine House, busily preparing the site for the new drainage system, parking lot and driveway entrance. This is the beginning of the second phase of the rehabilitation of the Engine House and is scheduled for completion in November. At the completion of this portion, the area around the north end will also be landscaped, the lighting will be installed and there will be sidewalks leading to the building. Bidding for the geothermal portion of the exterior work is also scheduled to happen this fall, with the installation of the piping system occurring at the south end of the property. Penn DOT has provided funding for this phase.

Library Raffle

The annual library raffle netted over \$4000 this year, providing a nice boost to the library's budget. This money will be used for the monthly operating and programming costs. We would like to extend a special thanks to the following individuals:

- Joe Lehman for covering the printing costs of our annual raffle ticket as well as three, \$100 prizes.
- Ed Maranuk for providing the \$1000 grand prize.
- Mark Yanus, CPA for providing three, \$100 prizes.
- Josh Shaffer and cPanel, Inc. for providing a \$100 prize.

Congratulations to Vickie Olsen, winner of the \$1000 prize! Hundred dollar prize winners are the following: Marie Morrison, Ron Fromm, Gordie Ackers, Sherri Trutt, Bernie Perch, Joyce Gallo, E. Taffe, Mary Dentler, Romyne Meehan

Volunteers Needed

New volunteers are always needed to man the desk at the library/coffee shop in the Canal Dept building. We have over 40 people who work during the month to make sure our books are put away properly, new members are issued cards and questions by patrons are answered.

It's fun, easy and is a great way to be a part of our project! Work as little or as much as you want—we're flexible! And as we all know, Henry and his staff make a great cup of coffee as well as soups, sandwiches and salads, so no volunteer is without the opportunity to enjoy good food and drinks!

Every new volunteer receives hands on training and will be assigned a buddy with whom they will work. Want more information? Call Jill Bauersfeld at 443-7233.

Hommer Foundation Contributes \$25,000

The capital campaign for 2009 received a huge boost with the generous donation of \$25,000 from the Julius and Kathryn Hommer Foundation.

The foundation is represented by Peter and Carol Kern, who have provided invaluable guidance, advice and support throughout the development of the rehabilitation efforts to create our community library and visitors' center.

A huge thank you to the Kerns and the foundation for their ongoing support!

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Grading the north end in preparation for the new parking area.

Event Draws Large Crowd



Lions Club members Dave Suitch, Jeff and Beth Shrader enjoying the evening.



Left to right: Elizabeth Jones, Bridget Jones, Vickie Olsen and Melissa Hudack sharing a bottle of wine.



Board member Renee Monahan serving an array of desserts.



Staff from Bartolai Winery displaying their selections.



The crowd mingling and sampling the food and wine.



Domenica and Steve Solarek, left and center, chatting with library Treasurer, Mark Yanus.



Henry Straub of Main Street Coffee Works with Assistant, Kim Handlong.



Head Chef from the Ugly Mug serving a sample of their signature steak to Theresa Engman.

The second annual Taste of White Haven was a huge success, attracting over 200 people to St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall on September 26. Marla Doddo, Vice President of the Board of Directors, welcomed everyone and introduced John Toft, Board President. Toft brought the crowd up to date on the progress of the Engine House reconstruction and the fund raising goal still to be met. Board member Charlotte Carter introduced and thanked each of the restaurants and the winery for providing the food and beverages. Guests sampled wines from the Bartolai Winery of West Pittston as well as signature dishes from the various local restaurants. The Feed Mill restaurant served their

Hunter Chicken; Antonios Pizza served their pizza and also a penne in vodka sauce; Jack's Grill from the Mountain Laurel Golf Course provided samples of hot crab dip on crackers and stuffed mushrooms; Main Street Coffee Works had generous portions of their various sandwich combinations; Weaver's Restaurant served hot corn bread and their famous smoked pulled pork; Rose Sitko was dishing up her excellent home made chili; Carmine's Pizzeria brought in three mega pizza pies with different meat, cheese and vegetable toppings and the Ugly Mug introduced their house steak served in a bordelaise sauce on a small dinner roll. No one left the event feeling hungry and everyone enjoyed music from Have Guitar Will Travel.

Summer Program Encouraged Creativity

The library hosted its annual summer reading program at the Penn Lake community building during the week of August 10. The slogan this year was Get Creative at Your Library and featured activities, games, crafts and special guest presentations that encouraged children to be creative. The children were divided into teams called the Puppet Masters, the Creative Hands, Melody Makers and Toe Tappers and competed as teams in each day's theme. Monday's theme was pottery making and included a demonstration on a potter's wheel by retired art teacher, Bernie Perch. Everyone then had an opportunity to paint his or her own pieces. The Dance Place arrived on Tuesday to demonstrate different types of dance, which involved a lot of group interaction and participation. Students from the Pennsylvania Theater of the Performing Arts in Hazleton came on Wednesday to conduct a hands on workshop, showing the children how to exaggerate facial and body movements to express emotion, mirror the movements of partners and finally to create their own versions of The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Following a game of theater themed bingo, each child was able to save his or her bingo card as a free admission ticket to a performance at the J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts



Students from the Pennsylvania Theater of the Performing Arts get all the children involved in body movements.

Center. On Thursday the community building got hopping' with music, puppeteering and joke telling by Jumpin Jer and the Jive Cats. The children were encouraged to dance and sing along with the musical duo and afterwards made their own puppets. The week's activities ended on Friday with a special performance by local musician, Linda Kistler, who played songs on her acoustic guitar. Prizes were awarded to the various teams and every child had a bag full of craft projects and mementos to take home.

Directors for the program were Deb D'Angola, and JoAnne Perch, who were assisted by area teens and volunteer, Maxine Thiel. The library Board of Directors would like to extend special thanks to the Crestwood School District for their partial funding, Buttons & Bows Child Care for the daily snacks and the Penn Lake Association for the free use of the building.



A group shot of the reading program participants on the last day down by the lake.



Former Crestwood Art Teacher, Bernie Perch, demonstrating the skills of pottery making to the children.