



## caught in the webb

•If you see **Scott Horner**, ask him about Horner Hill at Butter Valley Golf Port. Hey Scott, how is Horner Hill doing anyway?

•Happy birthday to **Kendra Heck** who turns nine on September 30. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Heck of Gilbertsville. May all your wishes and dreams come true.

•Happy birthday to **Pappy Kenneth Schollenberger** of Boyertown, who celebrates his day on September 24th, – from Tyler and Alex.

•Happy belated birthday **Tyler Schollenberger**, who turned five on September 20. His parents are Kevin and Wendy Schollenberger of Boyertown.

•**Henry Johnson**, of 316 Sawmill Road, Boyertown, will celebrate his 70th birthday on October 6.

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## Holocaust survivor speaks at St. Francis



**Judy Freeman, a concentration camp survivor**, explains to a class at St. Francis Academy what life was like at the time.

Judy Freeman, a concentration camp survivor, recently spoke to the students at St. Francis Academy, explaining her story of survival and tragedy.

While it is difficult for her to speak of her traumatic experiences, she feels a responsibility to tell the truth as she lived it. One of her goals in making the presentation is to inspire those that hear her to be sensitive to others and not be silent when bullies harass others.

Twice, Freeman barely missed being sent to the gas chambers. The 72 year-old native of Germany spoke about her life in Germany before and during World War II, and how she arrived at her current home in Allentown.

Briefly, her story is as follows. She was 15 years-old in 1944 when she was sent to Auschwitz. Prior to her deportation, she and her family were moved to a ghetto.

At Auschwitz, she avoided the gas chamber by minutes, due to an air raid causing the power to be shut off.

She was there for about four months. When she got off of the cattle cars at Auschwitz, she survived the selection process in front of Dr. Mengele.

After Auschwitz, she was sent to a second labor camp, Bergen-Belsen, where she was liberated in 1945 at age 16. She weighed 65 pounds and was told how close she came to dying. She wouldn't have made it another three or four days in the camp.

She did not come to the United States until late in the 1940s. She met her husband after the war in a relocation camp. She lost her entire family to the concentration camps.

## Just for Wunnerfitz

According to the Amish newspaper, "The Budget," Joe Gingerich of Ethridge, Tenn., came up with a new way to trim trees. Instead of going to the trouble of getting a ladder and climbing up to saw it off, he got this bright idea to take a gun and shoot them off! They claim it worked fairly well til he put in a heavier shot, which when activated, reacted more severely and broke his collarbone. Now he's convinced that climbing up the tree and sawing the limb off is the better method after all!

A scribe from Quaker, Ohio, writes as follows: "Some time ago a man came flying up to our house with his van and said there's an empty four wheeler in



**Dave Hendricks**

front of a house, and there was someone hollering for help. He was trying to call 911 on his mobile phone. We headed up to check, and here it was Sam Yoder's peacocks sitting in a tree behind the house."

A Conneaut, Ohio, scribe tells of a man who heard a turkey outside the window early one morning, so he jumped up and in his night apparel, grabbed his gun and shot the turkey, through the window! She adds: For more information, contact Dan E. Shetler.

From Crab Orchard, Ky: A scribe reported a good blackberry crop this year, and that they were getting good prices for them. As to whether or not it was worth the time and effort to pick them, she suggested asking Rebecca Coblentz. She had picked two gallons, and evidently set them down temporarily while going after more, only to find them gone when she returned. Their cow had eaten them! The scribe wondered if perhaps they had blackberry

milk shakes!  
In Uniontown, Ohio: One father was asked for suggestions for a Father's Day gift. He suggested that the family get him a gift the whole family could get something out of. So they did. They bought dad a new wallet!

A Jesup, Ga., scribe reports: "As we headed for town one evening, a rattlesnake was crossing the road, so we stopped to take his life away. Another pickup stopped to help and he ended up taking the dead rattler along for a Mexican to eat and make a belt out of."

Speaking of rattlesnakes, can you believe this one? A Derby, Iowa scribe reports: "Rattlesnakes, listed as an endangered species, were let loose in three Iowa counties, 120,000 of them! Our own Wayne County was included. To make matters worse, there is a ban on killing them!" That really upset me. I'm not one who thinks that every snake has to be killed. Snakes are of value to the environment, and probably do a lot more good than we realize, but aren't there enough non-poisonous snakes? As far as I'm concerned, the sooner rattlesnakes and copperheads become extinct the better. Who needs them? Releasing them is totally irresponsible. Instead of a ban on killing them there should be a reward for killing them, and people who release them should be arrested. That's my opinion.

## Berks County Art Show set for October 7-14

The annual Berks County Art Show will be held at Greshville Antiques and Fine Art on Sunday, October 7, through Sunday, October 14. Promoting the works by Berks County artists from 1850-1930, it's the only show of its kind.

This show is held for only eight days, with 2,500-3,000 art enthusiasts attending.

Kurt and Valerie Malmberg, of Greshville Antiques and Fine Art, have specialized in the school of Berks County artists for over 25 years. Their research and documentation piloted a national interest in this regional art and led to the publication of several articles and books.

Their continuing effort to purchase and document Berks County Art from across the Country affirms their commitment to the local heritage of Berks County.

Featured in this year's show will be approximately 100 muse-

um quality paintings. Oil paintings, watercolors and prints will be exhibited at this show, with all works available for purchase and guaranteed as represented.

Included will be several works by Ben Austrian (1870-1921), Berks County's most noted artist. These will include tonal landscapes, still life paintings, and his famous renderings of chicks.

Ben Austrian gained national recognition in the early 1900s as the originator of the Bon Ami chick logo, a single chick and broken egg shell with the phrase, "Hasn't scratched yet".

In the years prior to his death, his painting style changed. Austrian started producing tonal landscapes, several of which are included in this year's show. These portrayals of the local landscape were well executed with the use of diffused light, resulting in a soft atmospheric effect.

Christopher H. Shearer (1846-1926) was the most prolific of the

artists of Berks County. A large important panoramic landscape, executed with amazing perspective and detail, was painted by Shearer in 1891.

After consulting with George M. Meiser IX, Berks County's noted historian, it was determined that this is a rendering of the Little Reading Dam, Schuylkill Lock 49, near Poplar Neck. This is only one of several landscapes by Shearer to be exhibited at this show.

There are several other landscapes representing not only the 19th century countryside of Berks County, but also its bridges, buildings and waterways. These include works by Frederick Spang, S. B. Shiley, E.S. Reeser and Elda Craumer.

Wildlife paintings by the local artists are also included in this year's show, with works by Earl Poole, Conrad Roland and Randy Rowe.



**This work done by S.B. Shiley** will be part of the upcoming Berks County Art show, to be held October 7-14 at the Greshville Antiques and Fine Art show.



**Does your cook** have good looking legs like **Mike Moyer's** at the Grill Shop?

## Planning for the Halloween Parade

It's that time of year to start planning for the Boyertown Halloween Parade.

The 49th Annual Boyertown Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

The rain date is scheduled for Monday, October 22.

The parade will form in the parking lot of Boyertown Junior High West and Elementary School and the Federal Mogul parking lot.

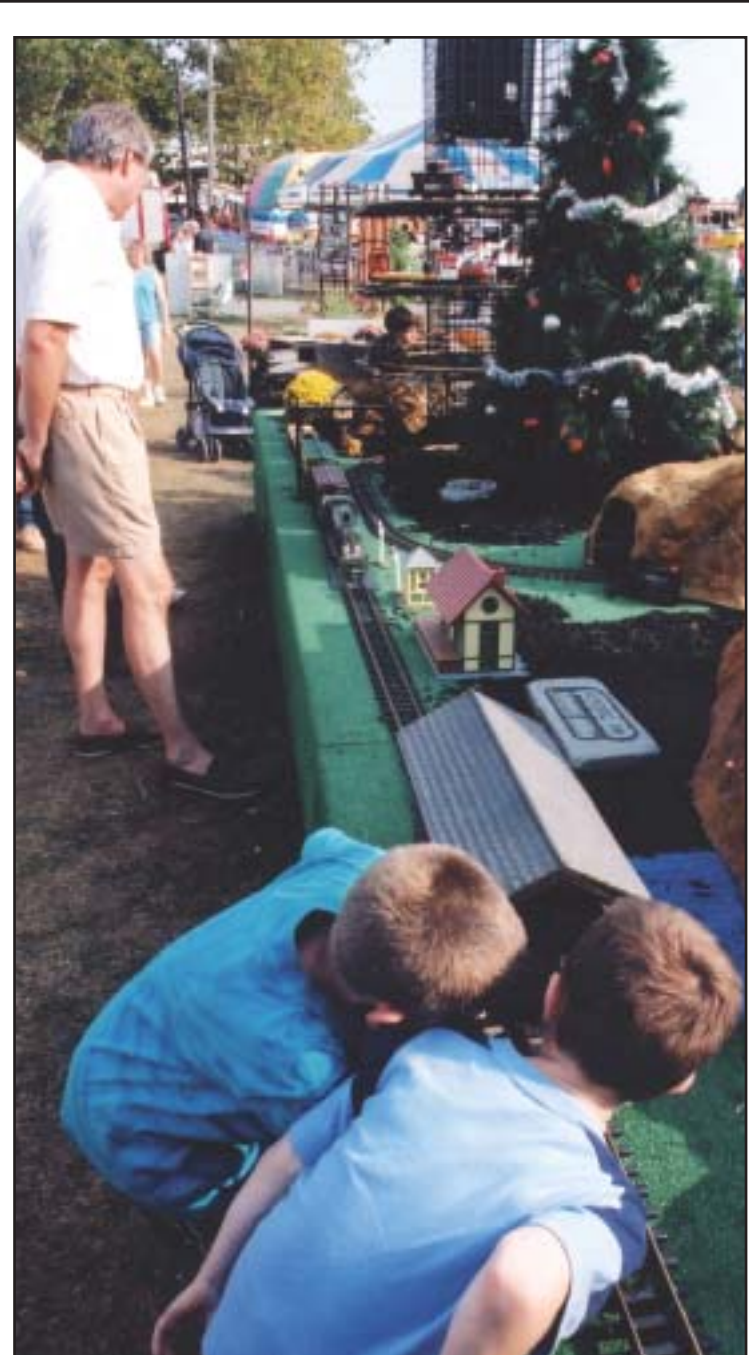
Children in the parade will receive a candy treat bag and free coupons.

All floats and groups must be registered by October 15. Call 610-682-0758, or write to Box 201 Boyertown, Pa 19512.

All children who participate in the parade will receive a candy treat bag and free coupons.

First, second and third-place awards will be given in the following categories: float; drill and baton; scouting unit; costumed group; individual; most original; and one award will be given to the best commercial float.

The winning numbers will be published in the Boyertown Area Times.



**Youngsters enjoy** the train display at the Fleetwood Building Block area at the Oley Fair.

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