

The Rattling Creek Encourager

Issue Four

Summer 2007



Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Daze of Summer

'Concerts in the Park'



All concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at the Gazebo in the Lykens Boro Park 7:00 to 9:00pm

July

- 4 - The Shoreliners
- 11 - Just Friends * (variety band)
- 18 - The Encores Big Band Ensemble
- 25 - Lykens Valley Bluegrass Boys

August

- 1 - Neil Wright (tentative)
- 8 - Shamalama (50's - 60's band)
- 15 - Vic Boris Trio
- 22 - Ready Set Go (retro rock n roll)
- 29 - Big Band Sounds of 'Afterhours' *

*In case of rain, concert will be held inside the boro building at 105 Main St.

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How fast these seasons pass by us! Barely have I gotten to thoroughly enjoy all the beauty of Spring, when Summer is already knocking at the door. By now, the mower is finely tuned, the porch chairs have been washed and put into place, swimming pools have been filled, and gardens have been planted .. and possibly even weeded once or twice. Soon the crickets and tree frogs will be joining the symphony of nature's praises. School days come to a close, bringing with it the many sounds of activity throughout the day. Camping, hiking, swimming, baseball, boating, fishing, barbeques, picnics, concerts in the park, carnivals, vacations ... ice cream, watermelon, so many pleasures of summer. But along with its activities comes a pleasant tiredness perhaps, as well as unbearable heat and humidity, and for some of us, seeing Autumn in the near horizon becomes a welcomed sight. Whatever is on your summer to-do list, may you all find time to just kick back and bask in the upcoming daze. Watch a butterfly, count the stars, or simply lounge under the lazy fleet of clouds that parade overhead. ENJOY your 'daze' of summer!! and I'll see you in September.

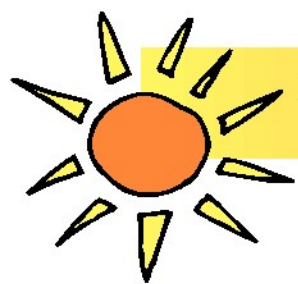
"Finding Our Way Home"



One of my favorite things about summer is visiting the ocean and discovering all of God's little treasures washed up by the waves. I borrow the following story from a recent article that I read, written by Christina DiMari:

A long time ago, the nighttime sky was filled with bright, shining stars. All we had to do was look up at their light to find our way. There were so many stars sharing their light that no one ever got lost. Then one day, some of the stars forgot how to shine for each other. One by one, many of them broke and fell from the sky. They landed in the sea. Some people call them starfish, but they're really ocean stars. They're on a journey, learning how to get put back together again. Once they do, they turn back into a star, shining for others the way they were meant to. So, if you ever find an ocean star, make sure to be kind and gentle. It's trying to find its way home."

Every one of us, at one time or another, and maybe more times than nought, have been lost and trying to find our way home. Some of us are very blessed to have found our way back; others of us are still on that journey, broken and trying to get put back together; and still others haven't even realized yet that we are lost or broken. But one thing we have in common is that we are ALL one of those 'ocean stars' ... some are simply still on a journey, trying to find that pathway to Home. Those of us who have found our way back, may we truly BE shining our light for one another .. being gentle and kind to those who are broken, for it is the Light that shines within us that just maybe the help they need in finding their way Home.



Lykens' Most Wanted



Well, well, well looks like this suspicious looking criminal is trying to hide herself behind a facade of patriotism. Word around town is that she's quite the firecracker, but tries to be inconspicuous by hiding out in quiet surroundings. A concerned citizen reported her loitering on a back street of Lykens, but then couldn't remember the exact location. We really need your help in bringing this criminal into custody! She can be a real pistol ... so be careful!

If you have any idea who our current criminal is, let me know! You have 3 months to 'find' her and as always, a reward awaits 3 of you, so happy hunting!

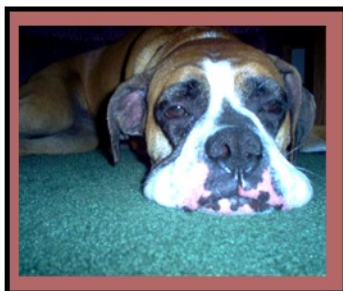
Congratulations and thank you to Sandy Keefer and Dan Schell for rounding up our last character in crime, Earl Keefer (see untouched photo on right). Must have been a hard one to catch this time, as we only had 2 correct guesses out of 5 total. They will each receive a gift certificate from one of our local merchants.



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With the summer months before us, and the site of walkers all over town, to be sure, this familiar trio will become a common part of your evening surroundings as you see them striding down your street. Meet Gretchen, an adorable Boxer who has endured some hardship as a pup, but is now surrounded by lots of love. Here is what her parents, Lynn & Ed Barger, have to say about her:

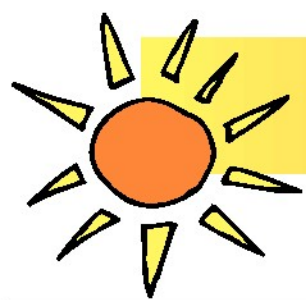
"This is Gretchen...doing what she does most....dozing off. She's a Boxer that we adopted from PA Boxer Rescue. When we got her, she was 11 months old, and they were ready to put her down "unadoptable." She had weeks, barely eating or for interaction with humans her former owners abused literally took her days around us, and weeks for day, she is still weary of probably the man in her Anyways, in the six years we've had her, she has come a long way. She is the most loving, cuddly, loyal, sweet dog we have ever owned. We sure hope she lives a long, full life with us, but, when the day comes that she is no longer with us, we definitely won't hesitate to get another Boxer." Thank you Lynn & Ed for sharing this beautiful story of Gretchen with us.



because they considered her to be been moping in her crate for drinking, and never coming out or other dogs. They told us that her, and they sure were right. It before she wagged her stump her to warm up to Ed. To this strange men. We believe it was first family who beat her.

And if any of you would like to see your beloved pet honored in the next issue, please give me a call or email. (see above for contact info)

**Bark
of
the
town**



Don't Forget!

June

Adopt-A-Pet Month

- 3 - Love Conquers All Day
- 8 - Ice Cream Day
- 10 - Turtle Race Day
(meet you at the glen) =)
- 14 - Flag Day
- 17 - **Happy Father's Day!**
(Luv you, Dad!)
- 21 - **SUMMER II**
- 26-30 - **Lykens Block Party**



July

Hot Dog & Picnic Month

- 1 - Thank Your Postal Worker Day
- 4 - **Independence Day**
- 15 - Cow Appreciation Day
- 17 - Peach Ice Cream Day
- 26 - Aunt & Uncle Day
- 28 - Have a Hamburger Day



August

Smiles & Hugs Month

- 3 - Watermelon Day
- 10 - Lazy day
- 13 - Left-Handers Day
- 15 - Sit Back and Relax Day
- 23 - Hug Your Sweetheart Day
- 25 - Banana Split Day
- 31 - Have a Picnic Day



Have a 'Blizzard' of a Summer!

Unscramble the following local Dairy Queen Blizzard flavors.

Use the red letters to unscramble and form the Dairy Queen motto.

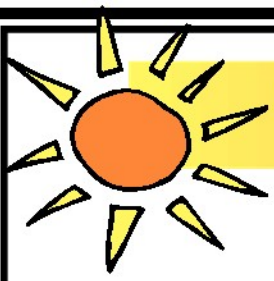
\$5 DQ Gift Certificates to the 1st 5 of you that email or phone me with your correct answers!
(for ALL words)

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- * LEMACR PHIC **KE**CCA**EE**SEHE
- * KNER**S**SIC
- * **I**TK TKA
- * **A**THHE
- * CLO**I**ATPR
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- * **C**AM**H**O PC**I**H
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Have a
Cool
Summer!



You can now catch us online at
www.lykenspa.com - RCEncourager

God bless!

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken."

- James Dent