

## More TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

### **The Wedding Dress** (continued)

The bride and her mother looked at and handled the garment with great care, making sure that this dress was the one for her. In the meantime, I tried my best to distract the groom from the evaluation and questioned him on his decision. Was he absolutely sure that he wanted to make such a commitment that would affect his entire remaining life on this earth? I couldn't talk him out of it. Sorry, I tried. (Those of you who have taken the plunge know what I'm talking about.)

Then (I could not believe my ears), the bride asked, "Can I try it on?" I began to sweat. I grabbed the groom by the shoulders and turned him around, facing him towards the red caboose. I instructed that he could not see her in the dress before the "big day". After a little time of pulling, tugging and situating, she was in it. There she stood, in the middle of the Troutville Town Park, fully displaying the vail, dress and train. A crowd formed. She looked beautiful in it; almost as beautiful as the first time I saw it. The groom tried to turn around to see for himself, but I managed to keep him focused on the caboose.

The decision was a big one. After some discussion between the bride and her mother, I heard her mother say, "We'll take it." I couldn't believe it! I'm sure I sighed with relief and I believe the groom began to sweat a little more. \$40.00...what a deal! I gave the groom my business card and told him we would love to be present at the wedding, but I have not heard anything. Maybe my advice got to him on the drive home?

What a day....I can't wait until next year!

### **Have You Noticed?**

.... how clean the area around the Sunset Avenue bridge is? Sunshine Girls, Lee and Len, chose that as their "Clean Valley Day in Troutville" location this year. Lee says there was less trash than last year, and Len came away with a pocketful of golf balls!

.... the new barrels of beautiful flowers in town? The Sunshine Girls strike again!!

.... all of the pretty flower beds that brighten up the Park? Next time you see Kay Bingham, let her know how wonderful the gardens look and how much you appreciate her hard work and dedication – most days during the spring and summer she's up before the sun watering and tending to the beds.

### **Are You Trashing Your Tidbits?**

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*Debi Robison - Troutville Tidbits Editor*

### **From the kitchen of Troutville's Baker Queen**

*By Melonie Overfelt*

#### **Strawberry Bread**



2 cups fresh strawberries  
3-1/8 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups white sugar  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
4 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 1/4 cups vegetable oil  
1 1/4 cups chopped pecans

350 oven. Butter and flour two 9 x 5 inch loaf pans. Slice berries and place in medium-size bowl. Sprinkle lightly with sugar and set aside while preparing bread mix.

Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda in bowl. Mix well. Blend oil and eggs into strawberries. Add strawberry mixture to flour mix, blending until dry ingredients are just moistened. Stir in pecans. Divide batter into pans.

Bake for 45-50 minutes or until tester inserted comes out clean.

### **Troutville Rescue Squad**

*By Ashley Amos*

As the Troutville Rescue Squad continues to grow with new members, we are asking you to be a part of our fund raising efforts. We need your favorite recipes (any that you are willing to share) to be a part of our **very first Cookbook!** If you have a recipe for us, stop by or mail it to: Troutville Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 11, Troutville, VA 24175. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Canning the "Kinzie" Brand Tomatoes in Troutville**

*By Len Miller*

T.D. Kinzie began operating a steam cannery in the 1900's in Troutville. He contributed to the development of Botetourt's greatest enterprise....the canning of tomatoes. Mr. Kinzie canned over 4,000 cases of fine tomatoes under the brand name "Kinzie" and "Kinzie's Buffalo".

He raised his own tomatoes and packed them fresh from the fields. This placed the "Kinzie's Buffalo" in the rank of superior quality. The canning machinery and packing house were very sanitary. Mr. Kinzie personally supervised his business; at no time did he place inferior goods on the market.

The "Kinzie's Buffalo" cannery was located where Cash Building Supply Company is today.

### **Can You Help??**

I am looking for grass clippings for my gardens. Will come and pick up if anyone in Troutville has some to give. Please call Janet at 992-2084.

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