

More TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

Happy 90th Birthday "Pat"!!

That's E.L. Paderick – born August 25th, 1919 in Kinston, NC. His real name is Edwin Leo, but many know him as Pat – a nickname given to him by his marine buddies. He was an artillery man during WWII and his daughter, Linda, proudly told us he was awarded the Purple Heart and bronze star in Korea back in 1953. Pat then came to Roanoke on recruiting duty, and after 24 years of service he retired and moved permanently to Troutville where he already had a home.

He worked with Norman Sprinkle as one of only five deputies in Botetourt County. He was involved with the Troutville Rescue Squad and rode in the ambulance when it actually wrecked while taking a patient to the hospital. He also owned a grocery store that he purchased from the McClures - his wife, Thelma, ran the store. The building is now the Troutville Upholstery Shop. Pat was a warden at the State Penitentiary in Richmond for 18 months. He also supervised field units and inspected jails all over the state for several years with the Department of Corrections. He retired from that job and took another position for \$300 a month doing water and sewer for the Town of Troutville. Mr. Campbell often helped him along with Pat's younger daughter, Nancy, and his sons, little Pat and Dean. Nearly four generations later, a Paderick is still handling the water for Troutville. Today his grandson, Scott, has this job and his son sometimes helps him; Scott's brother, Chad, and the town fire department help as well.

Pat still enjoys his farm and raising cattle, horses and even a burrow. He built a new home when he remarried, and he and his wife, Edith, raised Nancy and E.L., Jr. there. His stepdaughter, Muriel Poulin, lives in Tennessee, but still visits and keeps in contact; his brother Elwood occasionally comes up and takes him back to his hometown in NC for a few days. Pat has great, great grandchildren and attends family reunions.

More about Town Water

In Pat's day, there were only two wells; more wells were brought on to expand the system when Dean was in operations.

- Well 1 – Water Tower
- Well 2 – Trinity Corner
- Well 3 – Dominion Avenue (road behind Southern States)
- Well 4 – Camp 25
- Well 5 – Simmons Industrial Park

These wells are checked every morning for leaks, pressure, chlorine, etc. The Paderick "water boys" have done this every morning, and now Scott has the job. He learned the system from his grandfather, Pat, and also attended Dabney Lancaster. Scott is responsible for the town's water supply that stretches from the curve at Trinity Road, down Route 11 to the train trestle in Cloverdale. He asks anyone who sees water standing in an unusual area or suspects a water leak, to please call the Town Office.

Linda King (daughter) and Scott Paderick (grandson) provided information and contributed to this story.

Park Fundraising Campaign

This year we are continuing the fundraising theme of "Park Safety" and hope to be able to purchase a security system to deter vandalism. Please show your support by joining us at "Party in the Park" on September 12. If you are unable to attend the party and would like to contribute, you can mail your check, payable to **Troutville Park**, to Town of Troutville, P.O. Box 276, Troutville, VA 24175.

Troutville.....Coming Home for Christmas

The *Friends of the Park* are looking for five (5) families to open their homes and be a part of the first Christmas Home Tour for the town of Troutville. If you are interested, please contact the Town Hall office at 992-4401.

Memories of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, July 20, 1969

By Len Miller

In the summer of 1959, I worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; not for the Pentagon, but in the branch office of First and Merchants Bank. My job was handling accounts. One day I looked up from my desk at three of the nicest looking young men. They were Alan Shepard, John Glenn and Gus Grissom. Here I was...face to face with astronauts! They were casually dressed; not wearing uniforms. I was staring at three test pilots who were some of America's finest and bravest men. Space was our final frontier, and they and others were all a part of it. I was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time. I remember thinking, "What a great country we live in."

Fast forward to July 20, 1969...

I was sitting in my living room holding my nine month old son in my arms. I knew the baby was too young to understand the importance of the events that were happening. It did not stop me from talking to him and telling him all the exciting things that were unfolding before my eyes. It was the most exciting experience to be able to watch Apollo 11 land on the moon and Neil Armstrong step off the lunar module. America was the first to have a man walk on the moon! As my son grew into a fine young man, there were times when we would discuss history. It was at that time that I would remind him of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon. He grew up knowing he lived in a great country and he would be able to achieve any goals he set for himself. He could fly to the moon someday! For me, I would always, to this day, look at the moon and smile. What do you think.....will America land and walk on the moon again? I will keep watching to see if history can repeat itself.

New Park Shelter Rental Fees

(New everyday rates effective July 1, 2009)

Shelter A (larger shelter on the right)	\$75.00
Shelter B (smaller shelter on left)	\$50.00
Town Hall Rental	\$85.00

To make a reservation, call the Town Office (992-4401).

To contact **Friends of the Park** or TROUTVILLE Tidbits

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