

More TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

2nd Annual Senior Dinner (continued)

joining in. Dottie Henry led in singing patriotic songs with Rose Young on the piano. The local veterans were recognized; present were Dewie Weddle, Bob Young, Vernon Lucado, Daniel Campbell, E.L."Pat" Paderick and Mayor William Rader.

Lee Minnix, the instigator of this event, dressed in 50's attire and performed skits, singing several old songs and using various props. Lee and Cecil Bingham also sang a few duets, including "Bicycle Built for Two." Anita Minter played the piano as all joined in a sing-a-long of old songs.

Many thanks go out to all who helped to make this another fun evening. The servers that evening were: Peggy Combs, Sybille Nelson, Brenda Myers, Jan Galloway, Melissa Martin, Natalie Combs, Jan Smith, Cecil Bingham, Lee Minnix and Dottie Henry.

ALMA MATER



Here among the Blue Ridge Mountains,
With the skies of blue.
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

REFRAIN:

Lift the chorus, speed it onward,
Loud our praises tell.
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hail, Oh hail, Troutville!

Far away the busy humming
Of a bustling town.
Rear'd against the arch of heaven,
Looks she proudly on.



Fundraising Campaign for 2009

By Sybille Nelson

Soon we will once again start fundraising to finish the "Safety Campaign" for our Park. Last year we raised enough money to fund the repair of the tennis courts. We plan to continue efforts to raise money for additional security improvements to discourage vandalism, and to provide improved park signage.

You can help by attending the **PARTY IN THE PARK** on September 12, 2009 and/or mailing a designated donation for this effort to Town Hall, PO Box 276, Troutville, VA 24175. Please mark your checks with "Safety Campaign for the Park." Your donation may be tax deductible. If you are a business owner, we will again offer attractive business-package opportunities for your show of financial support. Please call Sybille Nelson at 529-9532 for more information. Thank you for supporting our Park!

Happy Birthday America!!

There's No Place Like Home

By Debi Robison, Tidbits Editor

My husband and I recently returned from a long-anticipated trip to visit the ancient Incan capital of Cusco and the ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru, South America. I had seen pictures of the ruins many times in magazines and on various television programs, but nothing prepared me for what I saw firsthand. To say that this unbelievable archaeological site and the surrounding Andes Mountains are amazing would be an understatement...the only word I can use to describe it is **magical**. It took my breath away!

In the cities and towns we visited, the Peruvian people were warm and friendly, and have a culture rich with unusual food and drink, colorful dress, beautifully designed silver jewelry, unique art and pottery, and old churches that are a melding of Spanish and Incan architecture. A must see for those "infected" with the travel bug!

However, as with many places you might visit outside the U.S., Peru also has a few characteristics that took some getting use to -

- We couldn't drink the water...not even to brush our teeth! Not because of pollution - it's just treated differently than what we're use to. This also meant we couldn't eat any raw fruit or vegetables (including salads) that were rinsed in their water or had not been cooked, steamed or boiled.
- Machu Picchu is nestled in the Andes Mountains approximately 9,000 feet above sea level; the city of Cusco sits at 11,500 feet. It was very easy to recognize us foreigners - we were the ones wearing face masks attached to oxygen tanks trying to breathe!
- Baked guinea pig is served for special occasions and was on the menu our last night...enough said!

All in all, we had a great time and were fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience a culture that is very different from our own - but, after two weeks, I was very happy to be back home in

What Did Your Garden Grow?

We want to hear from you! Whether it was a 14' sunflower or the largest _____ ever! Tell us your success story and any secrets you're willing to share that kept the four-legged creatures away. We'll share your stories here in the *Tidbits!!*

RAIN... RAIN... RAIN... Keeps the Paving Away!

by Sybille Nelson

Ok, so this did not exactly rhyme, but I am sure you get the picture. The paving contractor, J & J Paving, has been hired by Town Council to pave the tennis courts in the Park. Hopefully, the rain will take a break soon so they can begin the much anticipated repairs. Once the tennis courts have been restored, we plan to hold a formal, ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebrate the first tennis balls hitting the park pavement again!

Hope to see you at the courts soon!

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