

More TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

A Vision Quest For Our Town *(continued)*

Troutville Town History

1881

Our area had no name. The railroad came through and a station was built. There were three houses then which were occupied by John, Jim and George Trout- so the area was called Troutsville.

There was a stage coach route from Blue Ridge to Fincastle that apparently closely followed what is now Mountain Pass Road. It is thought the stage coach stop was approximately where Mountain Pass meets Route 11.

November 1909

"One of the thriving Railroad Towns which is rapidly forging to the front through the packing industry – A great fruit-growing region - Largest shipping point in the county...Troutville is the railway station for Fincastle and for a large and prosperous section of the county...has become one of the most important of the stations of the Norfolk and Western Railway." (*Botetourt, History and Industry*)

1956 - Town of Troutville Established.

Key Assets

VA Appalachian Trail

VA Birding & Wildlife Trail

- Woodpecker Ridge Nature Center

Preservation Of The Old Rail Town Heritage

- Endorsement of Virginia Rail Heritage Region Tourism Effort

A Park For All People

- Down Home Festival Activities (e.g. Party in the Park)
- A Safe, Peaceful Gathering Place
- Tennis, Walking, Basketball, Volleyball
- Great Children's Playground
- Concert Stage (coming soon)
- Rail Memorabilia

Clean Valley Day

Saturday, April 4th - 9am-12pm

Please volunteer some time to help clean in and around the Town of Troutville. Here is a list of things we, as neighbors helping neighbors, can do:

- Clean trash along our roads and Buffalo Creek.
- Volunteer to help seniors and shut-ins with some jobs around their homes.
- Encourage folks to clean their yards and make the drive through Troutville a good memory.
- Continue to keep our Park clean and safe for all who love to spend time there.

Clean Valley Day will provide trash bags – please stop by the Town Hall and ask for one or two. For more information, call 819-6335.

Tidbit Reminder

The 5th Annual Community Yard Sale/Flea Market will be held at the Town Park on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Call 819-6335 to participate in the sale.

From the kitchen of the "Party in the Park" Chairperson

By Lee Minnix



Meal-in-One Meatloaf

- 1-1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 cup crackers (any kind or you can use bread crumbs)
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 can (small) tomato soup
- 1 can corn kernels, drained
- 6 medium potatoes, peeled & sliced

Layer the sliced potatoes on the bottom of a lightly greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with salt & pepper. Spoon corn over potatoes. Combine beef, onion, crackers, egg and 2/3 can of tomato soup in a bowl and spread evenly over the corn. Top with remaining tomato soup. Cover with foil and bake at 375°F for one hour.

Yields: 8 servings.

The Mother of Troutville

By Kerry & Doris Camper and Carlin Bumgarner

I give this honor to Margaret Hatcher, and I would like to tell you why. This lady has always been there for me and my family, and I am sure she has touched you and your family's lives over the years. As you enter the Thriftway market, you will always hear her greet you by name and, "Hey there! How are you doing?" and ask about you and your family. She always has a pleasant smile and a great outlook on life, even when she was in pain from her surgery.

I grew up in Troutville and have always known Margaret. That great smile was there in the early 50's and has never changed. My two brothers and I moved away in our late teens for college and tech schools, and then went into the Armed Forces. But every time we came home, our second stop was to see Margaret.

When I came home from California for Christmas in 1963, my visits were to family and my girlfriend (now wife), and then off to visit Margaret, then Dr. Morgan and Dr. Campbell. So as you can see, Margaret has always been a part of our family, and I am sure yours as well. I have to thank her sons for sharing her with so many of us.

So the next time you see Margaret at the store or the post office, please take a few minutes to tell her how much you appreciate her being a part of your life and that you agree with me...she really is the "Mother of Troutville."

Hey there Margaret! Thanks for always being part of my family!!

Some Irish Sayings



"Dance as if no one were watching; sing as if no one were listening, and live every day as if it were your last."

"As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction!"

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