

# More TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

## From My Mom's Kitchen

By Debi Robison



### After Thanksgiving Turkey Soup

- 1 turkey carcass, left over gravy & turkey (cut into small pieces)
- 8 cups of water
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 sprigs parsley
- ½ tsp thyme
- Tabasco to taste
- 2 celery stalks w/leaves chopped
- 2 onions, sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 carrots, sliced

Put all in a large pot and bring to a boil – simmer for 3 hours. Remove carcass & take off any meat; dice & put back into broth. Cook rice or noodles and add to broth. Soup's ready!!!

It freezes well and will warm you up on a cold, winter day.

## Senior Moments

By Lee Minnix

NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> is Election Day, and the Sunshine Girls will be serving lunch that day at the Town Hall. This day will also be called "Mayor Day" honoring our former Troutville Mayors and the current Mayor William Rader. **ALL** family members and Seniors over 55 are welcome to come for a complimentary lunch at 12:00pm followed by special entertainment with the "BINGO" Bunnies!

For more information call 819-6335.



## Troutville Christmas Home Tour "Coming Home"



You are invited to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Troutville Christmas Home Tour on December 6, 2009, 1:00pm-5:00pm. On the tour you will visit: *Everything Art Gallery* (1917); the Rader Home (1849); the Rauscher Home (1908); the Troutville Park N&W Red Caboose (1961); *Southern Pastimes* (1930); and Cave Hill Dairy Farm. You conclude at Troutville

Church of the Brethren for a reception and a visit with history. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available at each home.

"Coming Home" is sponsored by *Friends of the Park*.

**"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."**

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Let us give thanks..



## Troutville Community Christmas Tree



Please join the *Sunshine Girls & Friends of the Park* this Christmas Season and place a **SNOWFLAKE** in honor or memory of a loved one on the Community Christmas Tree, located in front of the Town Hall. Snowflakes are available for a \$5.00 each donation. Tree lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. For more information call 819-6335.

YOU CAN ALSO READ THE "TIDBITS" AT [TOWNOFTROUTVILLE.COM](http://TOWNOFTROUTVILLE.COM)

## Memories of World War II Era

By Jan Smith

My friend of 50 years, Eleanor Driver Arnold, lived in Troutville as a child and loves to visit me and reminisce. She recalls the fire in the 40's that destroyed Painter's Store, which was then located where the Town Hall is now. She also has memories of "The War". She remembers the convoys of American troops traveling Route 11. Eleanor and Ann Griffin (a childhood neighbor and friend) stood on the sidewalks in front of their houses, waiving to the soldiers. The soldiers responded with bright smiles, waving and throwing candy.

While visiting her grandparents who lived south of town, she remembers apple-picking season and the additional traffic in and out of the orchard in the morning and evening. Most of that traffic was trucks transporting German prisoners of war who worked in the orchards all day. Where, I wondered, were they housed?

In researching that question, I talked to Virginia Visser, Fred Bare and Robert Harris - other "mature" individuals in our community. Here's what I learned:

Robert Harris worked for the Bova apple orchard and packing house on Sunset Avenue as a teenager. There were 12 German prisoners working at that orchard by day. The prisoners slept in the log cabins at Mason's Cove Community (renamed Ward Haven); it was an old CCC Camp and is now owned by the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association.

One of the prisoners, Eric, could speak some English and was the interpreter for the other prisoners. They were hard workers and sang happy, patriotic songs in German while picking the apples; they had little fear of death here. The only fear they had was picking apples near the bee hives that were in the orchard for fertilization purposes. Robert Harris said the prisoners went to three orchards, and were transported from Roanoke County; the US government provided them with lunch and coffee in tin containers.

*An interesting note:* Robert Harris and Harold Rock worked at the Bova orchard hauling apples into the packing house. There they both met their respective wives, Elizabeth and Margret, who were also workers at the packing house.

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