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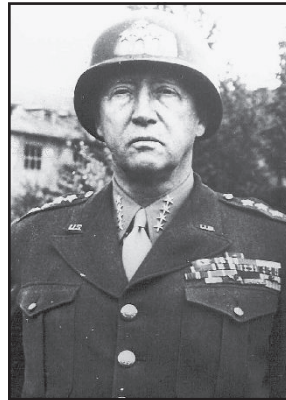
## "Chickie" Was Personal Driver for Gen. Patton

### Forestville's Francis Sanza - Jeep Expert and Veteran

Francis "Chickie" Sanza was born in Forestville on October 25, 1918. He attended Forestville grade school and Cass Township High School. On March 19, 1941, with World War II looming, he was drafted into military service. Following his basic training in Fort Story, VA, he attended two schools in Maryland where he received training on the new military Jeep that was being introduced for rough terrain and underwater travel. Upon completion, Sanza was sent to Wadesboro, NC to demonstrate the first Jeep underwater in the Peedee River for Winston Churchill and Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1944 he was shipped to England in preparation for the invasion of France.



FRANCIS  
"CHICKIE" SANZA



GEN. GEORGE S.  
PATTON

90-year-old Chickie says he still remembers the General's voice as they were heading into Bastogne, France: "Turn here! . . . Slow down! . . . Stop here . . . Let's go."

Many times the General requested to be driven to the front lines to check his men and their positions. "He was fearless," Sanza recalls. "The only thing on his mind were his men and getting them to Berlin."

One day as Sanza was driving Patton, he hit a rather large pothole in the road and Patton lifted from his seat about six inches. Always carrying his riding crop, which he had since his Calvary days in Louisiana, the General reached over and adjusted Chickie's helmet with it. Chickie had habitually worn his helmet cocked to one side. "Can you see better now?" was the General's witty inquiry. Chickie found his sense of humor amid the chaos refreshing and oddly calming.

As General Patton was moving his 3<sup>rd</sup> Army and heading to Berlin, President Franklin Roosevelt and Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower sent word Patton was to allow the Russians to take Berlin. Sanza recalls Patton was devastated after receiving the news and just sat in the motionless Jeep with tears in his eyes.

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#### **New nickname**

That same year, General George S. Patton was organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, and he chose Sanza's company, the 3457<sup>th</sup> MAM, as mechanics for all Jeeps, Half Tracks, trucks, light equipment, and the command car. After reviewing Sanza's mechanic records, General Patton approved the young Forestville native as his personal driver. Soon thereafter "Chickie" gained a new nickname. When Patton gathered his 3<sup>rd</sup> Army to relocate to Knutsford, England in preparation for the invasion, "Jeep" Sanza was on his way to WWII.

After landing on the beaches of Normandy, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army gathered in Charleroi, France. While there, they had the pleasure of meeting Bing Crosby and Dinah Shore, who were visiting the wartime troops.

#### **Backseat driver?**

During his time stationed in France, Sanza's main responsibility was having Patton's Jeep ready at all times—in rain, shine, sleet, snow, or dead of night. Chickie drove the General all over France and Germany. In a recent interview for this article,

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**Thank You Veterans! Your Day . . . Nov. 11**

# “Chickie” Sanza – Personal Driver for Gen. Patton

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## Hitler's choice

After the Germans surrendered, Chickie drove Patton to Austria where the General wanted to ride one of the famous Lipizzaner stallions. The owner of the stables came out to meet General Patton and told him of a most beautiful white stallion that Hitler had selected to ship to Hirohito, but the stallion was never sent. This was the stallion General Patton selected for his memorable ride on the world's best dressage-performing horse.

After their time in Austria, Sanza departed from General Patton in Germany where he stayed four days waiting for General Omar Bradley to pick him up. It was the end of October when Chickie eventually gathered the last of General Patton's personal items



“JEEP” SANZA



GENERAL PATTON'S JEEP

and returned to the States. On November 30, 1945, he was discharged from the Army at Indiantown Gap and returned to Minersville.

Francis “Chickie” “Jeep” Sanza currently lives in California in the beautiful Napa Valley with his wife Evelyn. They have four children, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. On October 25, Sanza turned 91 and still employs his Army driving skills as he drives Evelyn around the area that he refers to as the “wine capital of the world.” He returned to Minersville this past July for a visit with family and friends, whom he misses dearly. Sending his very best across the states, he says, “God bless you all!”

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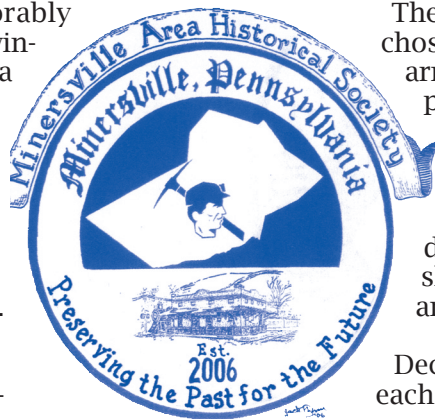


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# Minersville Area Historical Society

As autumn leads us inexorably toward the arrival of a bleak winter season, the Minersville Area Historical Society is sponsoring a pre-winter bus trip to New York City on December 5. Travelers will have a free day to enjoy one or more great attractions this great city has to offer and to get some Christmas shopping done. The cost is \$36 per person. The bus will depart Quandel's Lot at 7 a.m. For more information or to make reservations, contact 544-4559, 544-9570 or 544-8191.



The third commemorative ornament has been chosen. In the event the ornaments do not arrive in time for Christmas, a certificate of purchase will be issued for gift giving.

The ornament will depict the Lytle Colliery (Primrose), a typical example of all the coal produced in the Southern Anthracite Field. The colliery had the deepest (1,500 ft.) mine in the area and shared in both the glory days of King Coal and the tragic days of mine disasters.

Most society members are now selling December Lottery Calendars at a cost of \$5 each. We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

A second bus trip—this one welcoming spring—will depart Quandel's Lot at 7 a.m. on May 1, 2010 to Washington D.C. The bus trip will take participants to the Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial, Women of War Monument, Signers of Declaration of Independence Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial and Jefferson Memorial. Rain will take the participants to the Smithsonian Institute. Reservations are due no later than March 1, 2010, and the cost is \$40 per person. Mail check or money order to Minersville Area Historical Society, c/o Megan Paul, PO Box 577, Minersville, PA 17954.

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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events

## Proper disposal



Cans of paint must be hardened prior to disposal. Allow any unused paint to harden before placing cans in your curbside trash. Violators may be fined.

## Ash collection

The street department will begin double ash collection November 3 and discontinue collection at the end of February. Pickup days are Tuesday and Friday.

## Holiday updates

As a holiday "gift" to residents, free parking at metered spaces will be in effect from November 27 thru January 2.

Christmas trees will be collected every Friday during January. Discarded trees must be placed curbside, without ornaments or stands. Do not place the tree in a bag.



## Attention landlords

As per the building code: Every dwelling unit shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 65 degrees in all habitable rooms from October 15 through May 15 between the hours of 6:30 a.m and 10:30 p.m. A room temperature of 60 degrees is to be maintained for other hours. New heating unit installations require 68 degrees.

## Snow removal

As the snowy days of winter approach, a few friendly reminders to residents will keep borough streets and sidewalks safe and passable.



Residents are responsible for clearing a path at least 30 inches wide on their sidewalks within 12 hours following the conclusion of winter precipitation—snow, sleet or freezing rain. In the event removal of ice would damage the sidewalk, residents must apply sand or other abrasive material to ensure safe passage.

Residents are not permitted to deposit snow or ice, next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, into any borough street or into the loading and unloading areas used by public transportation.

Be a courteous neighbor...do not save parking spaces with chairs, buckets, etc.!

## Crime watch

A small number of residents responded to the Law & Order Committee's inquiry into the need or interest in organizing a neighborhood crime watch. If you would like



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## Upcoming recycling

Recycling days for the next three months are:

North Side - November 4 and 18; December 2 and 16; January 6 and 20. South Side - November 11 and 25; December 9 and 23; January 13 and 27.



### A few reminders:

- 1) Borough residents should be recycling all #1 and #2 plastics. If you are new to recycling (and we hope that's very few of you), all plastics are labeled with the triangular recycling symbol somewhere on the container. Inside this symbol is a number. The Borough of Minersville recycles #1 and #2. Do not throw all plastics in your recyclable bin. Plastics #3 through #7 can contaminate the collection and should be discarded or delivered to a county site.
- 2) All glass containers are recycled. Broken glass, windows, etc. should not be placed in the recycling containers.
- 3) Tin and aluminum cans are recycled. Clean and place in recycling bin.

- 4) Newspapers should be tied in bundles or placed in paper bags. Please DO NOT place newspapers curbside in a plastic bag.

### Additionally:

- 1) Grass clippings, leaves, garden/yard waste and tree limbs can be delivered to the compost site located on North Delaware Avenue.
- 2) Newspaper, magazines, office paper and bundled cardboard may be dropped off at the recycling dumpster located adjacent to the compost site.

**Help make Minersville environmentally friendly!**

## Skate park

The Minersville Skate Park Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in council chambers (North Delaware Avenue and E. Carbon Street). If you are interested in becoming part of this community organization, plan to attend. All ages are welcome. Call 544-2149 for more information.



## Holiday candy

Mmm . . . the sweet taste of the holidays is right around the corner. Emanuel Church is offering a

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St. Michael's Church satisfies your sweet n' salty cravings with everyone's favorite: chocolate covered pretzels, available by calling 544-5524.

## Volunteer Corps

The Borough of Minersville is looking for volunteers. Many things can be done to help make Minersville an even better place to live, but your help is needed. Whether you choose to help maintain the community parks, playgrounds and recreation areas; help refurbish borough buildings, such as the remodeling of the Globe Hall into a community center; or help design and construct a skate park; your volunteer effort will add to the quality of life in your community—now and in years to come.

A volunteer is also needed to coordinate the Community Volunteer Corps and to promote various borough projects in need of volunteer help. Give some of your time and some of yourself to help make Minersville a better place to live, for you and your loved ones. Become a volunteer. Call 544-2149.



## Farmer's Market

The Borough of Minersville is looking into starting a community farmer's market in the spring of 2010.



Although the idea is still in the early planning stages, the goal is simple: invite local Pennsylvania farmers to sell their products in the borough on a weekly basis. The location is yet to be determined, as well as the day the market will be held and the times of its operation.

Anyone interested in helping organize this project can contact Borough Hall at 544-2149. Pass the news around by telling any contacts you think may be interested in participating. Thanks for your help and cooperation!

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# Keep Upcoming Holiday Season Safe from Fire

The holiday season is once again just around the corner. While Christmas trees, candles, decorations and holiday lights all add to the joy of the season, they also increase the risk of fires in your home. Here are a few tips to help keep the holidays safe:

## Holiday lights

- Carefully examine each string of lights looking for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation or broken sockets. Discard any damaged light strings.
- Check the manufacturer's instructions when connecting several strings of lights together. Check the wires periodically after the lights have been in use to make sure that the wires are not heating up.
- Do not overload electrical outlets and powerstrips.



## Christmas trees

- If you will be selecting a real tree, make sure it is fresh. The needles should be green and not brittle. If you bounce the trunk of a fresh tree on the ground, only a few needles should drop off. If there is a shower of dry, brown needles, the tree is not fresh and could represent a fire hazard.

- Be careful where you place the tree in your home. Keep it away from any heat source and from open flame. Exposure to heat will dry out the tree and make it easier to ignite. Make sure the tree stand is filled with water and check it daily.
- When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

## Holiday decorations

- Use only nonflammable decorations. Keep all decorations away from heat or open flames.
- If you use candles as decorations make sure they are in stable holders. Keep them away from areas where they could be easily knocked over. Never leave burning candles unattended.

## In general

Check your smoke detectors and replace the batteries. Designate a meeting place at a safe distance from your home, where your family members will assemble in the event of a fire. Practice a home fire drill.

Finally, as you are digging out from the big winter storm, please remember to take a few minutes to dig out the neighborhood fire hydrant. It will save valuable time in the event of a fire.

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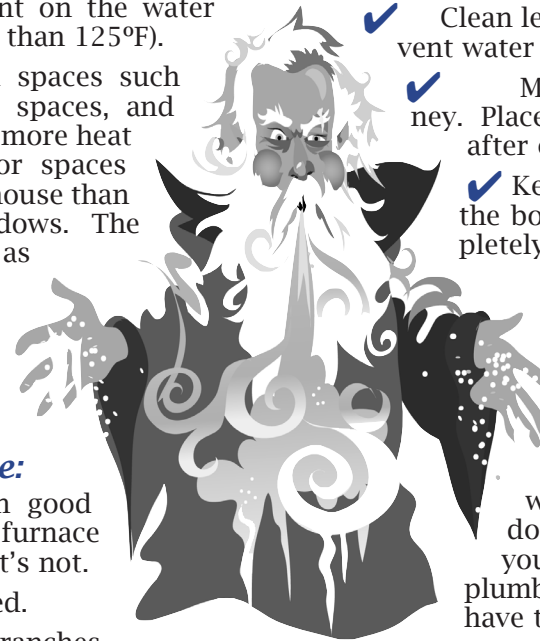
Winter is almost here and temperatures are dropping every day. Here are a few ways to cut back on your heating costs this season:

- Reduce your normal thermostat setting to 68 degrees. In the spring and fall, turn off the heat unless the temperature gets below freezing.
- Install a programmable thermostat with an automatic timer to keep the thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night. Temperature variations near the thermostat will affect the whole house. Be sure your thermostat is located in an area that is not too cold or too hot.
- Change the furnace filter.
- Have the furnace cleaned and tuned.
- Let the sun shine in south windows during the day. Keep shade trees from blocking the sun's rays into your house. Prune any branches that block the sunlight. If you've installed awnings to block the sun in the summer, be sure to remove them before cold weather hits - take full advantage of the warming rays on your windows.
- Check and replace weather-stripping on doors and windows - you may be able to cut heat loss in half! Don't forget to put weather-stripping on your attic and basement doors as well.
- Close storm windows and doors. The air between the windows acts as insulation and helps keep the heat inside where you want it.
- Operate kitchen and bath vents minimally.

## There Is A Lot Residents Can Do To Prepare For Coming Winter

# GETTING READY FOR WINTER

- Lower the thermostat set point on the water heater (it should not be higher than 125°F).
- Insulate floors over unheated spaces such as your basement, any crawl spaces, and your garage. You actually lose more heat through poorly insulated floor spaces and basements in the average house than through drafty doors and windows. The savings here could be as high as \$500.
- Close off the attic, garage, basement, spare bedrooms and storage areas. Heat only those rooms that you use.



✓ Clean leaves and debris out of your gutters to prevent water from building up and freezing.

✓ Make sure leaves are not clogging your chimney. Place a screen over the chimney to prevent this after cleaning.

✓ Keep snow and ice from building up around the bottom of the garage door so it closes completely and doesn't warp.

✓ Frozen water pipes can crack and spew gallons of water all over your home. Prevent this by draining your pipe's hose bibs and keeping your heat on even when you're away from home.

✓ Get to know your plumbing. Learn how to shut the water off and know where your pipes are located. If your pipes do freeze, time is of the essence. The quicker you can shut off the water, or direct your plumber to the problem, the better chance you have to prevent the pipes from bursting.

✓ Drain the gasoline from lawnmowers, weed whackers, and other engines that won't be used until summer.

### Ways to winterize your home:

- ✓ Make sure your furnace is in good working order. Check that the furnace filter is clean and replace it if it's not.
- ✓ Have your heating ducts cleaned.
- ✓ Trim trees and remove dead branches. Ice, snow, and wind could cause weak trees or branches to break, damaging your home or car, or injure someone walking on your property.

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## Spirit Day

To that end, MBPA sponsors several community events throughout the year. Spirit Day is the most popular event. Its spirited goal is to facilitate the fundraising efforts of Minersville's churches, schools, fire companies and civic organizations. Outstanding citizens of the Borough receive recognition on that day through presentation of the Spirit Day Award. Receiving this year's honor were Joe Mahal, Jack Flynn and Thomas Hale. Another highlight of this year's event was an appearance by Jerry Sandusky, former defensive coach at Penn State University, who signed autographs. The 15th annual Spirit Day will be held on September 12, 2010.

New and very successful this year was the Lazy Dog Pet Parade and Spirit Competition, sponsored by Dr. David and Denyse Wasilewski, owners of the Lazy Dog Café.



PARADE OF PETS DURING MINERSVILLE SPIRIT DAY

## Holiday events

Trolley rides will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. MBPA hosts a horse-drawn trolley ride on Fourth Street, giving participants a fresh view of all the beautifully decorated homes along the trolley route. Santa Claus is a frequent visitor.

Continuing a tradition, the organization will again sponsor a House Decorating Contest, followed by a night of Christmas caroling Wednesday, Dec. 16, under the direction of Wayne Haas. Gift certificates are awarded to the most festively decorated homes.

## School scholarships

MBPA also sponsors scholarships. Money raised through dues and fundraising activities are used to award scholarships to graduating seniors in various subject areas.

The organization elects new officers each January. Current officers are Wayne J. Haas, president; Anna Kubilus, vice president; Mike Mahalchick, treasurer; Cathy Scheip, secretary; Vince Land, membership chairperson.

Join the Minersville Business & Professional Association and help improve your community. A one-year membership is \$20. Anyone interested is invited to join and lend his or her enthusiasm and input to improving our quality of life. Non-business owners are welcome. Contact Anna Kubilis at 544-6027.

## Let's brighten Minersville!

The Minersville Business & Professional Association (MBPA) in cooperation with Minersville Borough wishes to purchase lighted holiday decorations for Fourth Street. MBPA believes this purchase is a great way to make our community shine during the Christmas season.

If every family in Minersville donates \$2 to \$5, MBPA believes it can make this project a success. Please make check donations payable to "Minersville Holiday Lighting" and mail to: Minersville Holiday Lighting, c/o Minersville Business & Professional Association, PO Box 834, Minersville, PA 17954.

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# Minersville Area Youth Soccer Club

The Minersville Area Youth Soccer Club (MAYSC) acknowledges the time and effort of its board, coaches, volunteers, and parents—everyone who made this 2009 season a success. It wouldn't get done without all of you! Because the club could not exist without everyone's help, volunteers are needed to smooth the way and make it fun for the players—better known as the children of our community.



Consider moving from the sidelines to making your voice heard. Tell the club your ideas and/or suggestions; your input and participation is needed.

The next board meeting is Sunday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Minersville, 144 Carbon Street. The club is already gearing up for the 2010 season and will introduce new ideas for discussion during the meeting. Some board positions are up for election. Come to the meeting and see what will remain the same for the club and what will change.

Some dates have already been discussed and finalized, including the end-of-the-season Roller Roost Party, Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for all players. Blanket and drawstring bag orders will be available for pickup at the party.

Mark your 2010 calendars on Monday, May 10 and Thursday, May 20 for fall 2010 season registration.

As always, board meetings are held at 7 p.m. every third Sunday of the month at the First United Methodist Church. Meeting dates for the next few months are November 19, no meeting in December, January 17, February 21, and March 21.

Need more information? Visit the club's website at [www.maysc.net](http://www.maysc.net) and also view a list of sponsors. These sponsorships make possible the U6 and U8 levels in the MAYSC. Please patronize these area businesses.

## 2009 BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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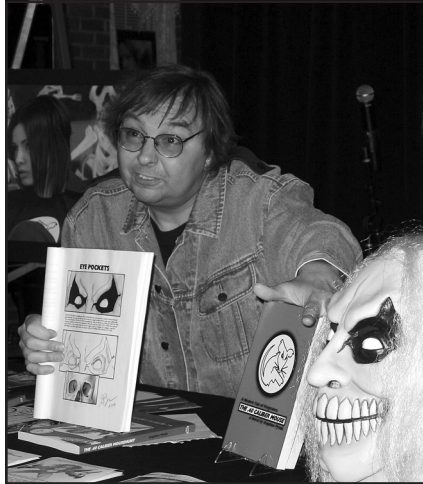
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# News from the Lazy Dog Coffehouse

What a terrific summer we had in the Doghouse: book signing events by local writers Dana Smith-Mansell, Patricia Schrope, Stephen Pytak, Art Marsicano and Pat Herber; art and jewelry displays and sales by local artists Patricia Zaharis, Lisa Gillespie, Rebecca Rugg, Jean Marsicano and the Allied Artists of Schuylkill County; great live music every Friday and Saturday, including Oldies Night, Oktoberfest (with our first polka band, ever), and Motown Night; and community fundraising events, such as Li'l Bits of Broadway for St. Joseph's Center and the First Annual Lazy Dog Pet Parade and Spirit Competition for the Hillside SPCA and the Minersville Spirit Day Committee.



**STEVE PYTAK BOOK SIGNING**

And now, what a terrific autumn/winter we expect to have in the Doghouse! Throughout November we present the Lazy Dog Cabaret (Broadway tunes)

Challenge. November also features artist of the month, Joanne Doyle.

Veterans Appreciation Weekend starts Friday night, Nov. 6 with music of the 1940s and continues Saturday night, Nov. 7 with music of the Vietnam era to today. Toes will tap on Oldies Night, Saturday, Nov. 21, during a dinner show and evening of dancing. The month will conclude when The Lazy Dog hosts the PAZ Jewelry Display and Sale with local artist Pat Zaharis on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Throughout December, Lazy Dog features the Blue Mountain High School as artist of the month. Sunday, Dec. 6, everyone is invited to a luncheon and book signing, featuring Kathy Miller, author of *Chippy the Chipmunk Parties in the Garden*. Holiday spirit sparkles Friday, Dec. 11 when The Reese Project presents Jazzy Christmas. Ringing out the old year, friends will gather on New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, to the sounds of Mr. Z & the Nightshift.



**LI'L BITS OF BROADWAY PERFORMERS**

January 2010 features artist of the month Michelle McGinnis. Elvis Night, Saturday, Jan. 23, spotlights a dinner show followed by dancing. JEM: Sapphire Unplugged entertains on Friday, Jan. 29.

Are you an artist, a writer, a performer, a comedian, a lover of great food and drink, or a person looking for something interesting to do locally with your friends and family? Come! Take *paws!* Enjoy the Doghouse with us!



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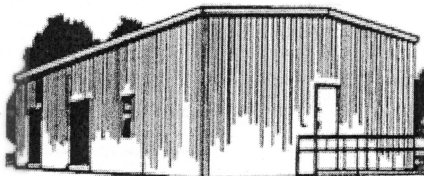
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# Minersville Free Public Library

## The Senator James Rhoades Legacy Lives On

It has been already too long since Senator Jim Rhoades was taken from us. As time goes by, the memory of him and his deeds becomes ever more difficult to bring to mind. Lest we forget the legacy he left behind, the Minersville Public Library and the surrounding residents who use it owe the Senator a gesture of gratitude.

Throughout his legislative tenure, Jim Rhoades was a staunch and faithful supporter of his district. He always heard the pleas of those in education, fire companies and libraries. Recently, thanks to a state



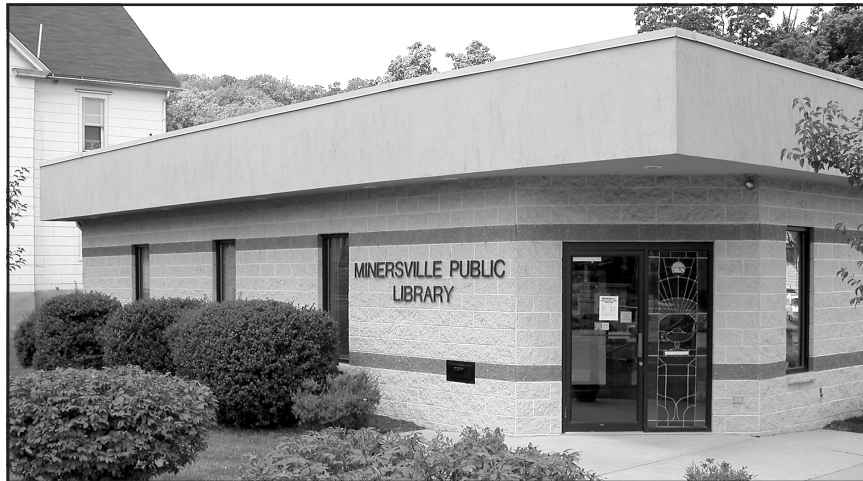
grant obtained through the efforts of the late Senator, the Minersville Public Library

was able to pave the rear parking lot for patron parking. Without his support this much-needed improvement would never have been possible. Unfortunately, we can't thank him personally, but publicly we can and

do. Thank you, Senator Rhoades.

The Minersville Public Library has recently sent out its annual fund drive. This drive is a major source of income for the library. Some library patrons have the impression that, because of the paving of the lot, the library is not in need of contributions. Nothing could be further from the truth. The money from the state grant must be spent according to the grant's criteria; it cannot be used to pay bills such as salaries, electricity, insurances, etc.

In light of looming cuts in state funds, the library needs your help now more than ever. To date, of the 4,000 letters



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mailed out asking for contributions only a meager 5% have responded. Minersville area residents can and should do better. Please give whatever you can, so the library can continue to serve the community.

- Vincent J. Genovese  
President Board of Directors  
Minersville Public Library

## Who Ya Gonna Call?

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Police Department.....	544-2333
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Library .....	544-5196
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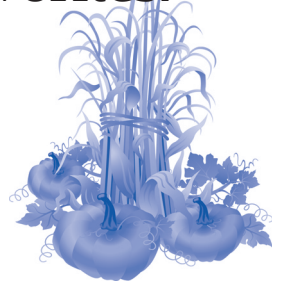
# Ummm, Ummm Good! Share Your Favorite Recipe

Recipe

## Fall is a great time for baking. Here is a recipe for one of our favorites: **Pumpkin Bread**

4 eggs  
2-1/3 cup sugar  
1 cup vegetable oil  
1 - 15oz. can solid pack pumpkin  
3 cups flour  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 3/4 teaspoons baking soda  
2 3/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon\*

3/4 teaspoons ground nutmeg\*  
3/4 teaspoons ground cloves\*  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice\*  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/3 cup golden raisins, optional  
1/4 cups sugar, for topping  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, for topping



\* You may substitute 4 1/2 teaspoons of pumpkin pie spice for the starred ingredients. Be sure to note that you still need cinnamon for the topping.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease two loaf pans or 24 muffin cups. Combine the eggs, sugar, oil, and pumpkin in a large bowl, and stir until smooth.

In a medium bowl, mix the dry ingredients and the spices with a wire whisk.

Add the nuts (and raisins) and stir together. Add to the egg mixture and mix thoroughly. Fill the loaf pans or muffin cups with the batter.

Mix the sugar and cinnamon together in a small bowl, and sprinkle over the bread or muffin batter.

Bake the bread at 375 degrees F for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or the muffins for 35 to 40 minutes. When the bread is done, a toothpick inserted in the center will come out clean.

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**Horse Drawn Trolley with Santa - Dec. 6 - 4 to 7 p.m.  
 Christmas Caroling and House Decorating Contest - Dec. 16**

**Calendar of Events**

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From the brisk days of autumn to the warm rush of the holidays, community activities keep Minersville residents out and about. Gather with friends, family and neighbors at these events:

Minersville Public Library holds fall story times on **Tuesdays now to Dec. 8**, at 1 p.m. and **Thursdays now to Dec. 10**, at 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish will host its annual Turkey Bingo in the annex **Nov. 1**. Doors open at noon; games begin at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Election Day is **Tuesday, Nov. 3**. Remember to vote!

Shoppers can see what's for sale **Nov. 7** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the flea market, doll sale, and bake sale held at Emanuel Church, Church and Spencer Streets.

Atlantic City bus trips to Resorts Casino will take place on **Nov. 9 and Dec. 7** from St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish. Call Theresa at 544-4316 for information and reservations.

More shopping awaits at the Chinese auction to benefit St. Nicholas School **Nov. 15**. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the auction begins at 2. Get a head start at the Browse and Bid, which takes place **Nov. 14** from 4 to 7 p.m.

Wake up hungry? Breakfast is served buffet-style **Nov. 22** from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Hall, sponsored by Holy Name Society. Mountaineer Hose Co. breakfasts, South and S. Third Streets, hit the spot **Nov. 1, 15 and 29, Dec. 13 and 27, and January 10 and 24**.

Excitement brews Saturday, **Dec. 5** as travelers embark on a bus trip to New York City. Cost of the trip is \$36, and funds benefit the Thomas Reed Monument and Minersville Historical Society. Anyone wishing to visit the Big Apple this holiday season is invited to call 544-4559.

A holiday food sale featuring homemade pierogi (\$5 per dozen) and kielbasa (\$6 per 2 lb. link) will be available for pickup **Dec. 16** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish. You must pre-order by **Dec. 6** by calling Sophie at 544-3984.

The holidays are not complete without the joyful sounds of the season. The Minersville Area High School Band and Choir Holiday Concert will transform your holiday experience **Dec. 10** at 6:30 p.m.

A reminder to residents: The borough office will be closed **Nov. 11, 26 and 27, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1** and will close its doors early **Dec. 24 and 31**, at noon.