



## Downingtown Area Historical Society **Hist-O-Gram**

*Interesting local history, accessed from our archives*

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*The past is never done. It is not even past--William Faulkner*

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## Where and What Is This?



The first person to correctly identify the vehicle in the photo above will be recognized as a truly perceptive scholar. Please send your response to: [Info@downingtownareahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:Info@downingtownareahistoricalsociety.org).

# Downingtown area news in early July 1980

Noted below are news items published in the East Branch Citizen 36 years ago:

- A **Downingtown School District** committee, which was formed to study possible changes in the makeup of the school board, voted to continue having one school director represent each township in the district and two members from the borough of Downingtown.
- The **East Brandywine Fire Co.** was celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. In its early days, old-timers recalled, fire calls came into John Frazer's feed mill in Guthriesville, and then he sounded a siren. The impetus for establishing a fire company was when East Brandywine's supervisors opposed paying the Downingtown Fire Department a \$40 fee every time the borough's fire company responded to a fire call in the township.
- Dave Lapp and Alexis Ziobro were winners in the 9-mile competition in the Run For Life road race at Downingtown's second annual **Good Neighbor Day**, which attracted 650 entrants. And the team of Nick Giunta and Dale Krapf won the 7-.1-mile canoe race, which involved 87 canoes. Those who came in first in the age divisions of the Big Wheel races were: David Brown, Bruce Dell, Shane Sigle and Matthew Nergert. Also, 3,200 people turned out for the Downingtown Jaycees' fireworks display at DHS Stadium.
- The **Downingtown Library** became a full member of the Chester County Library system. That meant the local library was eligible to receive up to \$1 per capita in county aid, based on matching funds from the borough.
- Installed as officers of the **Downingtown Lions Club** were Fred Longenecker, president; Jim Zaferes, first vice president; Jim Ney, second vice president; Terry Donahue, third vice president; Dave Gaskin, treasurer; and Hank Pollock, secretary.
- Fifth and sixth grade winners in the patriotic picture contest at the **Lionville Playground** were Robert Hervey, first; Sean Higgins, second; and Doug Kaiser, third. And at **Beaver Creek Playground** winners of the hat and sunglasses contest were: Chris Bronson, best sports hat; Dean Mooney, biggest; Brian Trimble, craziest; Megan Stecklair, most creative; Jenny Kuhns, prettiest; Don Zeiders, dressiest; Paul Brown, funniest; and Jeff Zeiders, most colorful.
- Members of the **Downingtown Girls Softball League's** senior division all-stars included: Krista Lang, Laura Evans, Tish Mascherino, Sue Ursini, Alex Grigson, Anne Marie Cipollini, Julie Ippolito, Emily Hornung, Colleen Lyons, Bernadette Bonaduce, Sally McClure, Eileen Ferris, Lauren Nixdorf, and Koren Horsey.
- Bargains that Devitt's Hardware was offering in the Downingtown merchants' **Sidewalk Sale** included 33% discounts on Hoover carpet sweepers and 50% off on all skateboards.
- The **Downingtown Babe Ruth League's** 14 and 15-year-old all-stars included: Tom McCool, Marc Ruggiano, John Reagan, Richie Smith, Penn Frey, Tom Sheridan, Mark Funk, Jack Oberle, Joe Rainey, Gary Francella, Tom Dooley, Joe DiCicco, Glen Harman, Bill Snyder and Brad Haldeman.
- **Downingtown firefighters** who participated in the "Fireman's Olympics" in Sadsburyville included: Bryan Rambo, Jerry Keen, Jeff Stevens, Gregg Nelms, Roy Troup, Tony Madiro, Bill McAlpine, Mike and Steve Miller, and Fred Wildauer.
- New officers of the **Downingtown Junior Woman's Club** were Judy Bredickas, president; Anne Taylor, first vice president; Marsha McQueen, second vice president and treasurer; Jo McAdoo, corresponding secretary; and Nancy Heriegel, recording secretary.

- Installed as officers of the Downingtown chapter of the **Women of the Moose** were: Blanche Summers, musician; Lois Butler, argus; Betty Cliff, guide; Sylvia Winters, assistant guide; Rose Roop, recorder; Catherine Schreiber, treasurer; and Loretta Kline, chaplain.
- Newly elected officers of the **Lionville Lions Club** were Gene McCarney, president; Pete Hayes, Walter Kottmeyer and Walter Gardner, vice presidents; Harry Shreiner, secretary; and Earl Lambert, treasurer; Jack Haller, tail twister; and Howard Evans, lion tamer.
- Recent **property transfers** included: 1635 Farnham Lane, West Bradford, \$64,660; 302 Denford Way, Uwchlan, \$84,300; 5 Krauser Road, Upper Uwchlan, \$100, 381; 113 Evergreen Drive, East Brandywine, \$90,900; 419 Bianca Circle, Caln, \$46,500.

## It was the Montrose School in Milford Mills



Ellen Van Lew is a truly perceptive scholar because she was the first person to correctly identify the building in the photo above as the Montrose School in the Milford Mills section of Upper Uwchlan. There were two one-room schoolhouses in Milford Mills—Prospect, built in 1861, and Montrose built in 1863. Both schools closed in 1965. Between 1964 and 1972 the State of Pennsylvania acquired properties in Milford Mills for the Marsh Creek project, relocating residents and finally flooding the village entirely. The village now lies beneath the 530-acre Marsh Creek Lake.

# Items published in *The Archive* 61 years ago

Noted below are snippets found in *The Archive* in June and July 1955:

- Seniors, who were speakers at the DHS commencement, were Virginia Nixdorf, George Supplee, Joseph Mingione, Elease Keith and Ronald Jefferis.
- Uwchlan supervisors abandoned plans to establish zoning in the township.
- Officers of the **American Legion Post's Ladies Auxiliary** were Mrs. Gilbert Algier, president; Mrs. John Philips, first vice president; Mrs. William Keen, second vice president; Esther Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Dague, treasurer; Mrs. C.O. Brown, historian; Mrs. Anna Dougherty, chaplain; and Mrs. Marvin Shirk, sergeant-at-arms.
- Members of the first eighth grade class to graduate from **St. Joseph's School** included Philomena Mascherino, Doris Trego, Margaret Doran, Sabatino Talucci, James DiBerardinis, David Fenimore and James Sheehan.
- Recent enlistees from the Downingtown area who joined the **U. S. Air Force** were: Emery Miller, John Miller, George Forbes, Thomas McKeever, Harry Schaeffer, Thomas Sheehan, Clyde Thomas, Edward Thompson, Francis Walton, William Sweeney and Walter McCue.
- **Cub Scouts** from Glen Moore, who performed in a "circus" at Fairview Presbyterian Church, were Mark Shrader, Jimmy Williamson, Billy Funk, Richard Myers, Vincent Myers, David and John Miller, Harold Miller, Bobby Shingle, Craig Kalemjian, Jay Kelley, Dick and Bobby Reiter, and Eric Clapp.

## Missed any Hist-O-Grams published in June?

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June 2: [www.downingtowntareahistoricalociety.org/Histograms/2016%20Hist-O-Grams/June%202%202016%20Hist-O-Gram.pdf](http://www.downingtowntareahistoricalociety.org/Histograms/2016%20Hist-O-Grams/June%202%202016%20Hist-O-Gram.pdf).

June 9: [www.downingtowntareahistoricalociety.org/Histograms/2016%20Hist-O-Grams/June%209%202016%20Hist-O-Gram.pdf](http://www.downingtowntareahistoricalociety.org/Histograms/2016%20Hist-O-Grams/June%209%202016%20Hist-O-Gram.pdf).

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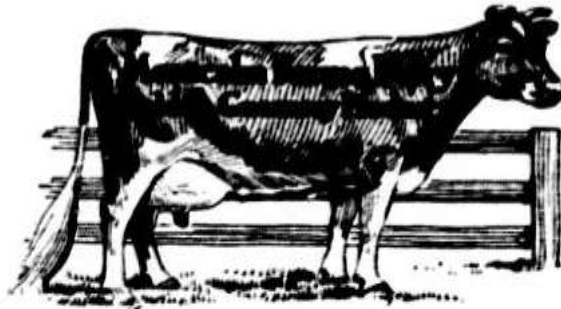


# Congratulations Tony Przychodzien



The Run For Life road race has been an integral part of Downingtown's Fourth of July celebration ever since Good Neighbor Day was renewed in 1979. And the only runner who has competed in all 38 of those races is Tony Przychodzien. And Tony ran in the race this year with his granddaughter, Dana Przychodzien.

Vintage Ad of the Week



**at the sign of the  
Guernsey Cow**

**COME** out in the country for a drink of the best milk you ever tasted . . . buttermilk . . . milk shake!

New roadside stand de luxe at Exton, on the Lancaster pike, near intersection of the pike and the concrete road from West Chester to Pottstown. 27 miles from Philadelphia.

Buy milk to take home, rich creamy Guernsey milk from our own tested cows, imported from the Island of Guernsey . . . and ice cream made on the premises! Vegetables and poultry from our own farms in the hills.

Bring the children to see the ring-neck Chinese pheasants in the yard, and the strutting Mammoth Bronze turkeys.

Parking space for hundreds of cars. Modern comfort station.

Watch for the big sign of the Guernsey cow and turn in.

**CLARENCE S. TACKETT, *Manager***  
Telephone, Exton 740

**Montcalm Farms Dairy**  
**Exton, Pa.**

This ad was originally published in *The Archive* on June 7, 1928

# What else was going on at DHS 44 years ago

Noted below are more tidbits about goings-on at DHS during the second half of the 1971-72 school year, according to copies of the *Penny Press* (the former name of the DHS student newspaper), which Rose Mascherino Ciarlone donated to the Historical Society.

- Students were learning a **computer language** known as Basic, so they could communicate, via a telephone line connection, between a terminal in Room 18 at DHS with an IBM 360 computer at West Chester State College.
- Members of the cast of the musical “**Fiddler on the Roof**” included: David Venditta, Terri Pearson, Ruth Worthington, Barbara Phipps, Mary Smiley, Patti Foy, Lisa Waldman, Meryl DeCovney, Craig Ardrey, David Turner, Ray Hagele, Nick Swindin, Harry Levering, Steve Loughin, Richard Thompson, David Kennedy, Andrea Parvensky, Laurie Pyle, Jeff Norris, Mary Beth Grigson and Bill Pratt.
- **Wrestlers** who took firsts in their weight classes at a Christmas tournament at Conestoga were Paul Givler and Jim McGuigan. Steve Long finished second, and John Ayers and Dave Barnes placed third.
- Vocational students Steve Windle, Mike Miller, Keith Treer and Pat Jamieson participated in the state **VICA competition**.
- The **boys’ basketball** squad scored 10 points in 48 seconds to beat undefeated Coatesville 59-58. The Whippets’ season record was 17-6. Tom Benton, who averaged 23.5 points a game, was named to the *Daily Local News* all-star team. And the team received the Matthey Bishop Sportsmanship Award, based on referees’ voting.
- In a meet against Great Valley, school records were set by the **DHS track team** members Jeff Booker, 100 yard and 220-dashes; and the 800-yard relay team comprised of Booker, Bruce McKee, Kevin Dougherty and Steve Horsey. The team finished second in the league championships.
- **DHS band members** selected for the Southeastern District band were Allen Popjoy, Craig Pierce, Ronald Schade, William McKibbon, Ronald Gibson and Judy Bell. And alto Meredith Grady won the Outstanding Musician at the Music Awards banquet; Mike Short was named the Outstanding Percussionist; and Brenda Holmes received the Outstanding Pom-Pom award. Also, Eddy Miller, a tenor, was named to the Region III Chorus.
- The **Penn State Center** planned to admit as many as 20 DHS students to three evening courses offered, free of charge, at the high school.
  - **Beverly Maxwell** was named the Chester County Business Student of the Year.
  - Featured in the **Drama Club’s** production of “The Odd Couple” were Tom Micken and Richard Hall.
  - The **girls’ tennis squad** had a 8-1 Ches-Mont record, and tied for first in Ches-Mont competition. Alexis Ziobro took second and Pam Steimer came in fourth in singles in the league’s finals.
  - The administration was considering the possibility of installing a **Coke machine** in the cafeteria, which would only be in operation after school.

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## **Free Ads for Non-Profits**

### ***Wall That Heals***

Hopewell United Methodist Church and East Brandywine Township will play host this summer to *The Wall That Heals*, a 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Part of a national tour, the replica memorial wall and accompanying mobile education center will be on display throughout the day and night, from Thursday, July 28 until Sunday, July 31 at East Brandywine Township Community Park, 440 Dilworth Road. The Wall will take a one-hour escorted route beginning at 10 AM on July 27, from Calvary Fellowship Church on Route 113, Lionville into Downingtown, where it will stop for a few minutes for wreath placement at the Veterans Memorial in Kerr Park, and then continue on to East Brandywine Community Park. For more details, see: [www.ebrandywine.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=74](http://www.ebrandywine.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=74).

### ***Bats For Matt Softball Tournament***

Softball teams that want to participate in the 2016 Bats For Matt Tournament--to be held Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17 on the Downingtown Little League Field on Manor Avenue—can enter by sending an email to: [BatsForMattSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:BatsForMattSoftball@gmail.com), [KrazzieLazzie224@yahoo.com](mailto:KrazzieLazzie224@yahoo.com) or [Bigciarlone@gmail.com](mailto:Bigciarlone@gmail.com). Entries close July 10. For more details, see: [www.batsformatt.com/](http://www.batsformatt.com/) or [www.facebook.com/BatsForMatt/](http://www.facebook.com/BatsForMatt/).

### ***Shakespeare in the Park***

The Downingtown Parks and Recreation Board will present “Midsummer’s Night Dream,” performed by the PA Leadership Charter School at 6 PM Saturday, July 23 at Kerr Park’s gazebo area. For more details on the free program, see: <http://downingtowntown.org/Documents/Temporary%20Documents/Shakespeare%20in%20the%20Park%20flyer.pdf>.

### ***Links for the Library Golf Outing***

All proceeds for this golf outing will benefit the Downingtown Library. For info on packages, sponsorships and dinner, see: [www.downingtowntownlibrary.org/](http://www.downingtowntownlibrary.org/).

### ***Controversial Presidential Elections***

Ross Kershey, historian and professor, will speak on Controversial Presidential Elections at 7 PM Tuesday, July 19 at the West Caln Municipal Building, 721 W. Kings Highway, Wagontown. The free program is sponsored by the West Caln Historical Society, and the public is welcome.

### ***Give Something Back Day Golf Outing***

A golf outing will be held at Whitford Country Club on Monday, July 18 in support of the Fund for Chester County and the Whitford Charitable Fund. For more details on sponsorships fees and the day’s events, check out: [events@chescofc.org](mailto:events@chescofc.org).



### ***Farmers Market***

The Downingtown Farmers Market has returned to Kerr Parks. It will be open from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays. For more info, see: <http://growingrootspartners.com/downingtown-farmers-market>.

### ***Brochure on DARC classes & activities***

You can gain access to the latest DARC brochure, listing all classes and activities, at: [www.darcinfo.com](http://www.darcinfo.com). For more info, call 610-269-9260, or stop by the DARC office (8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday), 114 Bell Tavern Road, Downingtown.

### ***Banquet room for rent***

The Downingtown (Williamson) Masonic Lodge, a non-profit organization located at 210 Manor Ave. has a Banquet Room for rent. The area is perfect for parties of up to 80 people and has a full kitchen. Rental fees are reasonable. Call 610-269-3555 for more information.

### ***Joseph's People, Downingtown chapter***

An ecumenical support mission to help unemployed or underemployed people. The group is entirely conducted by volunteers, and has been at St. Joseph's since 1995. Meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. All are welcome. Visit web page, [www.josephspeople.org](http://www.josephspeople.org), or just come to a meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Meeting Room behind the school, 460 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Call 610-873-7117. Leave Message. Leader: Cheryl Spaulding, Email: [JPCheryl@verizon.net](mailto:JPCheryl@verizon.net).