



SEPTEMBER, 2025

As most of you know our former Mayor, Judith Oxenford, passed away recently. I will have a third page on this month's newsletter to offer my thoughts of my very good friend that I miss every day. She was like my big sister. I loved her and always knew she was truly special. One of her favorite things in life was Broadway. Try your skills at this wordsearch as you recall a few terrific Broadway productions.

Broadway Shows



ANNIE
APPLAUSE
BARNUM
CABARET
CAMELOT
CAROUSEL
CATS
CHICAGO
COMPANY
DANCIN

EQUUS
EVITA
FOSSE
FROZEN
GREASE
GYPSY
HAIR
HAMILTON
HAMLET
HARVEY

MACBETH
MAME
OKLAHOMA
OLIVER
PIPPIN
RAGTIME
RENT
SEESAW
SLEUTH
WICKED

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1st- Labor Day 
- Borough Offices Closed
- September 7th- Grandparents Day
- September 9th- Council Meeting- 7 p.m.
- September 11th- Patriot Day
- September 20th- REMA Motorcycle Ride
- September 22nd- FALL begins
- September 23rd- Authority Meeting- 5 p.m.

NEXT MONTH- TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT
OCTOBER 30th- 6-8 p.m.



RENN'S MILK BAR REUNION

Some of you will remember hanging out at Renn's Milk Bar back in the day. There will be a reunion held at Hoffer Park in Middletown, Wednesday, October 1st from Noon - 4 p.m. No door prizes or games this year, just a Good Old Get Together and Shooting the Breeze Event. If you remember the good old days at the Milk Bar and you plan to attend, please text Gaye (Barilla) Turpin @ 717-364-5821. If you want to bring a dessert or snack to share, feel free to do so. Pizza, subs and water will be provided. Please RSVP by September 17th.

If you want something else to drink you can bring it along but remember, **NO ALCOHOL** is allowed in the park.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY PICKLE BALL- COME TO THE BACK OF THE BOROUGH BUILDING- WEDNESDAYS- 6-8 p.m.



SEPTEMBER RECIPE

TWICED-BAKED SWEET POTATOES

Ingredients

- 6 large sweet potatoes
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 6 tablespoons cold butter, divided
- ¼ cup flour
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground mace
- ¼ cup chopped pecans



Directions

Pierce potatoes with fork. Bake at 375° until tender- (40-60 min.) Let potatoes cool until they can be handled. Cut them lengthwise; carefully scoop out pulp, leaving ¼ inch shell. Place pulp in a large bowl. Add orange juice. Melt 3 tablespoons butter; add to pulp and beat until smooth. Stuff potato shells; place in an ungreased 15x10x1 inch baking pan. Combine flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger and mace. Cut in the remaining butter until crumbly. Stir in nuts. Sprinkle mixture over potatoes. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes until golden and heated through. (These can be prepared and kept in an airtight container for up to 3 days, then baked as directed)

ANNUAL ROYALTON MOTORCYCLE RIDE

TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2025

\$20.00 per rider and \$10.00 per passenger



The ride begins at Kiwanis Park

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee, water and pastries will be provided

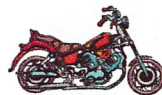
Kickstands up at NOON.

Ride will conclude at the Middletown Moose Lodge #410

located at 100 Mill Street, Middletown.

You/Guest will be welcomed into the Lodge at that time.

The Moose will be running a few lunch specials for purchase if you choose to stay.



Please join us!

AUTUMN IS THE SEASON THAT TEACHES US THAT CHANGE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL



EARTH ANGEL



Judy- no one like her- no one better. She truly loved. She truly cared. She would greet everyone with a hug and a "Hi Hon, how are you doing?"

She actually changed the course of my life. As she sat managing the Health Spa on the corner of Emaus and Union Streets in 1979, I came in to do my exercise thing. She said, "Bonnie, you ought to apply for Mrs. Bryan's job at the Borough." I had general business courses but didn't think about that type of job. At Judy's urging, I applied and got hired. That job lasted 34 years and it also began my long-lasting friendship with her.

While she was a good friend of my brother George, I was a few years younger. I always thought Judy was cool, always dressed to the nines, and oh my, those spiked heels. She was beautiful!

She has taught me a lot over the years. I wasn't there for her wild and crazy days when she was going up to Harrisburg doing who knows what, running from the Middletown cops, running through fields dropping down and doing a Marine crawl (Mart Goodling taught her how to do that), carrying furniture up and down Rife Street with Anna and Joanie and partying at the tracks with cousin Margie drinking Thunderbird and Ballantine Beer.

She had so many stories with some shred of truth and possibly a little embellished. Most of us would sit and listen to her stories at the monthly birthday club with gaping mouths. We were amazed she was still alive and didn't do time somewhere.

She was a shopper extraordinaire. QVC stock will be dropping for sure, maybe LTD as well. As some of you know, she was extremely generous for birthdays and Christmas. I would tell her, "Judy, that is too much. Stop it!" She would just grin and say "Aww hon, it's okay."

I became her chauffer as we traveled to Borough meetings all over Dauphin and Lebanon Counties for 30 years. No matter where we went, Judy could work a room like no other. I always admired that about her. It didn't matter who or where, she managed to hug someone and had them all smiling with her gift of making any and every one feel special. That is an art, a gift, that Judy possessed.

While she was a sweetheart, she also could be very demanding and strong when she needed to be. Ask any of the Borough's former police officers. She dealt with them as necessary. She was never too timid to say what needed to be said or do what needed to be done. Regarding the Borough, she was budget conscious about everything. There was nothing frivolous purchased under her watch.

She fought for the funds to construct the Burd Street Bridge that has since been renamed the Judy Deighton Oxenford Bridge. This honor was so appropriate. She attended hearing after hearing with the Borough's Solicitor Jered Hock. Finally, the powers that be, authorized the majority of the funding. Not an easy feat. It was serious business and she was up to the task.

When I asked her years ago what she felt her greatest accomplishments had been as Mayor, she quickly said the Burd Street Bridge and the Senior Center. It was always Judy's dream to have a Community Center but funding just wasn't available. The Dauphin County Commissioners told Judy that there were funds for Senior Centers. So Judy, being of a certain age, thought maybe this could be a good thing. The funding was awarded and the Senior Center opened in 2005. Judy managed to convince a few that they needed to serve as the kitchen crew. It became the happening place to be and still continues as a place for seniors to gather. She would host big dinners for Exelon and State Representatives Payne and Mehaffie to accept their generous donations for the center's operations. The center runs now on total donations from the seniors that attend.

The greatest legacy anyone can leave behind is to positively impact the lives of others. For me and for so many that she touched and made an impact on, Judy will always be remembered as loving, caring, funny, gracious, kind, compassionate, fair and generous, while being a little quirky and a bit eccentric.

Judy once told me that her favorite song was Earth Angel by the Penguins. You all know how much she loved Doo Wop.

Missing you, my friend- Judy, aka, Earth Angel.