

HOMECOMING 2011



On September 24, 2011 Mt. Croghan once again hosted a fun-filled Hometown Homecoming. Over 400 people could be found gathered at the Community Center and on the museum grounds for an afternoon of good food, fellowship, and lively feel-good music. Lunch, compliments of the town, was provided by Mickey's Restaurant. Along with the great music, performed by the local band "Natural Reaction", those present could entertain themselves by visiting the Mt. Croghan Museum which is full of historical treasures and information about our town.

Vendors also set-up tents and offered various goods ranging from jewelry to a book titled "Mt. Croghan, South Carolina: A History of Our Town and Surrounding Areas", by Clara Hendrick and Jean Rushing. Resident Janna Burch was also on hand to educate children about the anti-drug program 'D.A.R.E' in a fun way by offering stickers, temporary tattoos, and candy. Kids also had a blast jumping in a bounce house provided by the town. A cruise-in took place and boasted various types of classic cars as well as a few modern vehicles. As always, door prizes were awarded throughout the day and people walked away with gift certificates, savings bonds, and gift bags to name just a few. The event, though it required a lot of hard work by town officials and volunteers, was a rewarding experience filled with fun and something those from Mt. Croghan look forward to each year.



Beth Leonard

IN THIS ISSUE

Homecoming 2011	1
New Restaurant	1
New Book	2
Above and Beyond	2
Yard of the Month	2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Cleanup
Nov 5
9:00am

Christmas Tree Decorating
Nov 27
2:00pm



NEW RESTAURANT COMES TO MOUNT CROGHAN



Skip-a-Rope Cafe, located across from the Mt. Croghan Flea Market on Hwy 9, began welcoming customers September 29, 2011. Owner Jenny Lynne offers daily specials which include sloppy joes, chili, hamburgers, and ribs. Also, breakfast can be ordered at anytime of the day. The menu is varied and offers something for just about any appetite, but Mrs. Lynne states that her favorite is pinto beans and corn bread. Open 7 days a week, the little cafe is a treat to have so close to home. Mrs. Lynne gives credit to her mom for the light-hearted name stating, "It's from an old song that we both like and she told me one day that I should name my restaurant that." Mrs. Lynne and her staff are from various locations and chose Mt. Croghan as a good middle ground to open the cafe and have quickly found the area to be full of kind and welcoming people. She states, "Everyone has been so supportive and nice!"

Beth Leonard

Come out and join your neighbors on November 5, 2011 in cleaning up Mt. Croghan! Participants will meet at 9:00am that Saturday and work together to remove trash from our streets. Cookies and hot chocolate, provided by the town, will wrap-up the event. Keeping our town clean and beautiful is well worth the time and effort. Hope to see you there!

Rain Date: Nov 12.

Beth Leonard

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Town Hall
55 Burch Street
Mount Croghan, SC 29727

YARD OF THE MONTH



July

Mr & Mrs Danny Huntly



August

Mr & Mrs David Gordon



September

Mr & Mrs Leslie Sink



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to introduce a new article, "Above and Beyond" where we celebrate those people in our community who have done something very special. Please share with us your stories of people you know that have gone above and beyond.

Thank you,

Ron Johnson

NEW BOOK BY CLARA HENDRICK AND JEAN RUSHING



This year Mt. Croghan celebrates its 100th anniversary since being chartered in 1911. However, the town has much older ties to many families dating back centuries.

Two lifelong residences of Mt. Croghan, Clara Hendrick, and Jean Rushing, thought the town's history would make for interesting reading. They began conducting interviews with many of Chesterfield County's residents. After compiling hundreds of articles, and seven years later, there is a book... "Mt. Croghan, A History of Our Town and Surrounding Areas".

"We have had requests for these books from West Virginia, to Texas, to Alaska. We didn't realize that so many people's lives have been touched by someone from our area," said author Clara Hendrick.

The town of Mt. Croghan derived its name from Major Croan, a French Revolutionary War hero, who camped on the hill with his soldiers after the battle of Camden. The book contains articles and information and over 400 pictures dating from the 1700's to the present.

Author Jean Rushing said, "The first printing sold-out last month at the highly successful, Mt. Croghan Homecoming Festival. If we get 200 requests, we will order a second printing."

If you or any of your ancestors have ties to Chesterfield County, you may be interested in this 400 page hardback book. The cost is \$30 per book (\$35 shipped), and you may contact the authors at the following:

Mt. Croghan History Book
P.O. Box 44
Mt. Croghan, SC 29727

Clara Hendrick (843-407-4028)
Jean Rushing (843-634-6447)
mrcroghanhistorybook@yahoo.com

ABOVE AND BEYOND

I ❤️
My
Kidney
Donor!

Heroes, more often than not, are ordinary people spurred into heroic action by necessity and love. The following sequence of events displays strength of character and the act of going above and beyond that which most consider necessary. In 2003, after years of living with diabetes, Mt. Croghan resident and council member Susan Jordan was diagnosed with the first stages of kidney failure; a transplant was encouraged. Preparing for and receiving a transplant takes more effort than most would assume. A person must go through 6 months of testing before a transplant is realistic and the average wait for a matching organ is 18 months. A transplant can be considered an answer to a prayer and in May of 2004 Susan's prayer was answered. Unfortunately, it was only a year later that trouble would once again arise. Susan developed the BK virus, a virus which only transplant patients get, and although her doctor attempted to control it with medication, her transplanted kidney began to fail and would have to be removed. In December 2005 she began dialysis and those 6 long months were quite difficult because not only was she working a full time job, but she also spent 3 days a week (6 hours each day) at the dialysis center. A new kidney was desperately needed and Jesse, Susan's husband and also a council member, quickly tested to see if he was a match. Her daughter Courtney was also tested and hoped to assist her mom. Surprisingly both Susan's husband and daughter were a match. Susan joked, "I thought they were going to fight over who would be my donor!" After Jesse's months of testing, in May 2006 he was able to donate a kidney to his wife. Recovery for a donor averages 10 days but Jesse developed an intestinal bacterial infection from a high dose of antibiotics required during the surgery which left him ill for almost 8 weeks. The entire donor process was long and tedious, but no doubt worth the effort for Jesse. "Jesse and Courtney never asked about the risks or dangers involved. I will never forget their selflessness and I love them both so much," Susan stated. At the time Susan and Jesse were only the third couple in the greater-Charlotte area who medically matched so that one spouse could donate to the other. The odds of her husband and daughter both being a match were rare, just as the generous spirit they both had that made them willing to give of themselves so literally. Their love and Susan's endurance during this challenging time is inspirational and from their story there is a lesson of giving to be learned. *Beth Leonard*