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VALENTINE'S & ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Mount Croghan is always a festive place to be during those big holidays like Easter and Christmas, but now Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day can be added to that list. The town recently hosted dances for the two holidays. Both events were held in the community center, which was decorated beautifully by town council members, and tickets included

refreshments and an evening of entertainment by a local DJ who graciously took requests for songs. For those wanting to do more than just dance karaoke was also offered. The dance floor stayed open and busy until 10pm for both events. Considering the success of both nights the town is hoping to repeat the events in the years to come. *Beth Leonard*



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EVENTS

Homecoming
September 24
12:00pm—4:00pm

Fall Yard Sale
October 15

Fall Clean-Up
Nov 5, Rain Date Nov 12

Christmas Lighting
November 27
12:00pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

Kids with baskets raced quickly through Rivers' Park this past Easter season in search of eggs hidden by volunteers. Those lucky enough found prize eggs and were thus awarded large chocolate bunnies, but regardless of how many eggs found all children walked away with baskets stuffed with candy. The Mount Croghan egg hunt, sponsored by the town, has grown into something area kids look forward to year after year and all participants, from the children to the volunteers, have a great time coming together to celebrate the season! *Beth Leonard*



This past baseball season was extended by a few weeks for several Mount Croghan kids. Porter Kearns and Nathan Najera both played coach pitch baseball for Dixie Youth during the regular season and were successful enough to be asked to play on the Chesterfield All-Star

team. Porter played third baseman during the regular season and then played a highly effective back catcher during All-Stars. Nathan served successfully as first baseman during both seasons. The boys practiced up to eight hours each week leading up to the All-Star games. The team won scrimmages against Cheraw and Pageland, but were eliminated in the first two official games. Through the hours and hours of practices and games both boys played with a lot of heart and good sportsmanship and represented Mount Croghan very well.

Beth Leonard

YARD OF THE MONTH

April—David and Lillie Mae Gordon



May—Jake and Crystal Johnson



July—Jesse and Susan Jordan



Congratulations to sisters Kayden and Kara Douglas. Kayden was crowned as Miss Pageland 2015-2016 and Kara was crowned as Miss Chesterfield County 2015-2016. Parents Kevin and Kim Douglas are extremely proud of the time and effort their daughters have dedicated to serving the community. Currently, a dance is being planned by area pageant queens for Chesco employees and both Kayden and Kara are volunteering their time to the event.

Congratulations to Kambrie Kearns for making it to All-Stars in softball. Her team won several games before being eliminated. During many practices and several games in extreme heat Kambrie could always be found with a smile on her face. Parents Jason and Monika are extremely proud of her effort and great attitude.

Beth Leonard

HOMETOWN HOMECOMING 2016

Mark your calendars for Mount Croghan's Hometown Homecoming which is set for Saturday, September 24 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Entertainment will be by Tony Adams and food will be available. It's always a good idea to bring lawn chairs as the event, which is sponsored by the town, is held on the museum grounds. There is always plenty of fun to be had during those four hours of fellowship. Keep a lookout for information as well as registration for the event to arrive in the mail. *Beth Leonard*

GARDENS OF MOUNT CROGHAN

It's growing season. And once again, if you look closely around the Town of Mount Croghan, you can see gardens sprouting up, most are now in their full splendor. The Town Council appreciates our farmers and wants to recognize them in our newsletter.

Initially, the farmers that we want to recognize are Junior and Jean Sikes. They sow, more than likely, one of the largest gardens measuring approximately one acre. The Sikes' have lived at the same location on Taylor Street since 1986, where their garden grows. Junior started plowing a mule, farming cotton, when he was 10 years old and has always, even at that age, had an interest in working a garden. Now, at age 70, Junior uses a manual garden digger to sow his one acre tract with vegetables too numerous to mention. It includes okra, corn, watermelon, cabbage, peas, butter beans, and the list goes on. He has accounted for sixteen different vegetables in his garden. Even in the winter Junior and Jean are in their glory growing collards, turnips and mustard greens. Some of the vegetables Junior and Jean don't care to eat. It is more about the accomplishment and love of seeing their hard work flourish. Junior doesn't go out to eat, anywhere. He enjoys the comfort of home savoring the fruits of his labor.



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If all this hard work in the garden isn't enough, Junior and Jean also grow chickens. They total approximately 150 with about 30 being laying hens. Junior has had an enthusiasm with chickens since the age of 9.

Kudos to Junior and Jean Sikes for 30 great years of gardening in our little town.

Susan Jordan

HELP CLEAN UP OUR TOWN



your yard and neighborhood whenever possible. Even small actions can lead to big results!

Beth Leonard

It's amazing how much roadside litter accumulates over time in our small town, but what is even more amazing is how often a few dedicated volunteers hit the streets of Mount Croghan to clean it all up time and again. This past spring residents in orange vests could be seen toting trash bags along the roads of our town as they picked up litter that was carelessly flung from passing vehicles. The clean-up event, sponsored by the South Carolina Palmetto Pride grant, was successful in that many bags of trash were removed from our roadways, but there is always room for improvement. Report anyone littering to the authorities and clean up discarded trash from

See pictures from our town events. Go to the Events Tab on the town website and click on an event.

You can also go directly to our new Gallery website at www.mountcroghan.smugmug.com to view current and past events. You can also download any image to print on your own computer for FREE.

