

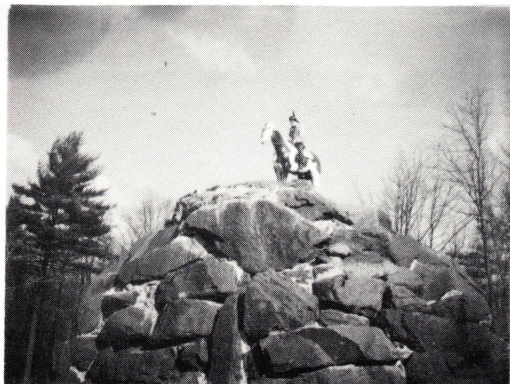
Mr. Claude Butler, Mr. Clayton Ahrensfield, Mr. Merlin Sandler, Mr. William Baker, and Mr. George Lozinak. Ms. Dotty Buehler is Secretary to the Association, and Mr. Bill Erbe is Maintenance Foreman.

The development is self sufficient with operations financed by membership dues.

Presently, approximately 200 homes are constructed with 70 year round residents. The development is enjoyed by many area families that are fishing, water skiing, and recreation enthusiasts.

The entrance on Route 183 displays a majestic Indian Brave in battle dressing, sitting astraddle a war pony, on top of a large mound of stones.

The lake has been an asset to the area, with home construction boosting the economy and giving residents the opportunity to enjoy resort living at modest prices.



## **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

### **GIRL SCOUTING**

The Girl Guides program began in England in 1909 with Agnes Baden-Powell as its first president. Its principles originated with Robert Baden-Powell, a British Army officer, who founded the Boy Scouts two years earlier.

Mrs. Juliette Low established Girl Guiding in the United States in 1912. She soon changed its name to Girl Scouting.

Members learn the highest ideals of character and patriotism while they enjoy a program of work, play and companionship. The Scouting program teaches girls to practice useful skills, appreciation of the arts, and to develop self reliance and self control which makes them better citizens of their communities.

The program has four age groups. Brownie Scouts are ages 7 or 8 yrs. old. Junior Scouts are ages 9 through 11 years old, Cadette Scouts are ages 12 through 14, and Senior Girl Scouts are ages 15 through 17 years old.

About 3,500,000 members including 750,000 adults belong to the Girl Scout organization in the United States.

### **FRIEDENSBURG BROWNIE TROOP 115**

The first meeting of Friedensburg Brownie Troop 115 was held in the Wayne Township Elementary School, Friedensburg, on September 22, 1969. The first leader was Mrs. Paul Taposkie. She was assisted by Gayle Cook and Carol Snyder.

Mrs. Linus Troy was the leader for the period of 1974-75. She was assisted by JoAnn Rettinger, Linda Fehr, Barbara Brenneman, and Gertrude Charles.

After the age limit was lowered to allow girls from first grade to become Brownies, Troop 115 had 26 members. Another group, Troop 501, was formed with a membership of 8.

The leaders of this organization are to be recommended for their part in molding the characters of the young children of the community and in helping to lay a good foundation in their young lives.

The children enjoy their meetings and are proud of the crafts they learn, the songs they are taught to sing, and the joys they have associating with each other and learning to accept all other children.

Wayne Township can be proud of these troops of little Brownies who are learning the true values of Americanism and who will someday play their own roles in the progress of our beloved nation.



### FRIEDENSBURG BROWNIES

First Row—Jill Terringer, Darlene Gaugler, Christine Ketner, Kristine Krammes, Tammy Sndyer and Lisa Meyer.

Second Row—Crysta Yeich, Deborah Saunders, Angela Fehr, Laura Scanlan, Melissa Walter, Cheryl Brensinger.

Third Row—Diana Charles, Susan Brenneman, Beth Coller, Carla Handling, Marie Wychunas, Jennifer Weller.

Fourth Row—Deborah Troy, Lisa Berger, Elizabeth Brenneman, Karen Zerbe, Robin Schaeffer, Trudy Hasenaur.

### GIRL SCOUTS

Junior Girl Scout Troop #171 was organized in May 1968 through the efforts of two Wayne Township Elementary School teachers - Miss Marjorie Milani and Miss Elizabeth Wetner. There were 38 girls in the first troop.

In the spring of 1969, Mrs. Nancy Wingert assumed leadership of the troop, which was sponsored by the Lutheran Church Women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Summer Hill).

In 1971, Junior Troop 171 moved its meeting site to the Reedsville Evangelical Congregational Church.

A major part of scouting is the service project. In February, 1972, Troop 171 adopted a grandmother at Rest Haven as an on-going service project. Our "grandmother" is Kate Ney Folk. She celebrated her 78th birthday on February 4, 1976. Kate is a registered Girl Scout and attends several meetings each year. She is included in all special activities. She is also visited at least once a month by her Girl Scouts.

In 1976, Troop #171 is sponsored by the Reedsville E.C. Church. Mrs. James (Nancy) Wingert is Troop Leader and Mrs. Frank (Nancy) Swietzer is the Assistant Leader. Mr. Clayton Berger represents the Reedsville Church on the troop committee. The troop has nineteen registered scouts, with girls from Summit Station, Lake Wynomah, Friedensburg and surrounding areas of the township.



Left to right—First row kneeling—Jodi Schaeffer, Marty Miller  
 2nd. Row—Michelle Emerick, Paula Rohrbach, Mikki Clark, Pamela Fehr  
 3rd. Row—Trudy Fessler, Lisa Fessler, Lisa Sweigert, Trisha Fessler  
 Back Row—Naccy Wingert, Nancy Sweitzer

#### REGISTERED SCOUTS:

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| Lisa Sweioert    | Kim Wright           |
| Eva Edwards      | Nikki Clark          |
| Lisa Tessler     | Pamela Fehr          |
| Paula Rohrbach   | Janice Karshner      |
| Trisha Fessler   | Tracey Oplinger      |
| Trudy Fessler    | Shelby (Shelly) Heim |
| Marty Miller     | Michelle Emerich     |
| Susan Moorehead  | Jodi Schaeffer       |
| Wendy Brensinger | Janet O'Rourke       |
| Katie Ney Folk   |                      |

## THE 4-H CLUB

The 4-H Club had its origin about 1900 when various farm leaders began sponsoring boys and girls agricultural clubs. No state is regarded as the official starting place of 4-H Club work. The Department of Agriculture encouraged the formation of these clubs.

The 4-H motto is "Make the Best Better". Any boy or girl between the ages of ten and nineteen may join 4-H.

The 4-H members learn the value of research and scientific methods in agriculture and home economics. They also learn to appreciate nature, understand conservation and the wise use of resources. Their skills and knowledge are advantageous to our nations economy and helps them to develop into better citizens and leaders.

The Friedensburg 4-H Club had its first organizational meeting in May of 1965. It was held at the home of Mrs. Carl W. Brown and consisted of eleven girls and two leaders. The first officers elected were Donna Nagle, President: Brenda Schwartz, Vice President Yvonne Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. Beth Jamison was chosen as song leader, Reba Lutz was news reporter and Vera Lutz was game leader. The leaders were Mrs. Carl W. Brown and Mrs. Robert B. Schwartz.

Since this was to be a home economics club the girls chose "Lets Cook Outdoors" as their first project. They also chose a name for their group, calling themselves "Friedensburg Flying Fingers." Meetings were held at the home of Mrs. Carl W. Brown.

The second year the meetings moved to St. John's Union Church Grove and one new member was welcomed. This year sewing was the project of the club. The younger, members made scarves, skirts and aprons while the older girls made dresses.

The third year membership increased to twenty one girls. Projects this year were sewing and "It's Fun to Bake".

The succeeding seven years proved fruitful for the club. During this period of time 4-H leaders were Mrs. Carl W. Brown, Mrs. Jerry Moyer, Mrs. Paul Moyer and Yvonne Brown served as a teen leader.

During this time new projects were added such as snack preparation and one on foods from other lands. Besides learning home skills, the girls also were taught good grooming, health department and record keeping.

Many girls also took advantage of the opportunity to meet new friends by attending the 4-H summer camp which was held July of each year.

Projects and skills are judged at the 4-H County Round-Up held each August and many of the club members won first place awards.

Mrs. Carl W. Brown resigned after ten years of service and as a leader but she remained as an advisor.

At the present time Mrs. Lamar Lehman and Mrs. Paul Moyer are the leaders of the Friedensburg 4-H Club.

## CAMP NISATIN

At the foot of the Blue Mountain, in a picturesque wooded area of Wayne Township, is "Camp Nisatin." This camp was built on a tract of land containing 35 acres, purchased from Michael and Mary Zemencek for \$1,000.00. The money had been obtained from a trust fund established in the Schuylkill Haven Trust Co. on December 21, 1926.

Its name was then "Camp Wilson" in honor of Carl Wilson, who was then Scoutmaster of Troop 1, the first Boy Scout Troop in Schuylkill Haven.

On April 21, 1931, the camp was sold to the newly formed Schuylkill County Council, Boy Scouts of America (later the Applachian Trail Council) for \$2,750.00. Now, because of the similarity of the name with that of other near by camps, it was decided in the mid 1950's to hold a contest to select another name for the camp. This contest was won by James Keith, a Scout of Troop 122, Sch. Haven, who suggested the name "Camp Nisatin," meaning in the Indian language "at the foot of the mountain."

In 1970 upon the joining of the Daniel Boone Council of Berks County with the Applachian Trail Council of Schuylkill-Carbon Counties to form into the "Hawk Mountain Council," the camp was officially designated as "Camp Nisatin," a part of the Blue Mountain Scout Reservation.

Through various land acquisitions over the years, the camp has grown from its original 35 acres to its present size of approximately 900 acres. A lake was constructed on the site at an additional cost of \$2,000.00. Many other new features were added making it more inviting to campers.

At the present time, 1976, plans are being formulated to renovate and enlarge the camp in order to serve all scouts of the Hawk Mountain Boy Scout Council.

## WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOY SCOUTS

The first troop of Boy Scouts in Wayne Township was Troop 151, chartered at Friedensburg, October 20, 1949. The sponsoring institution was St. John's Lutheran & Reformed Church of Friedensburg.

The Application for the Troop Charter lists Walter Stump as Committee Chairman, Robert N. Roeder, Institutional Representative, Chairman, Walter Stump, Committee Members, Milton Zimmerman and Raymond Gerber. Seventeen Boy Scouts and five explorers are listed as first scouts. They were from age 11 through 16.

Jack Rudolph of Cressona served as Scout Master from 1949 through 1952. Dennis Fehr and Daniel Walk were his assistant Scout Masters.



Wayne Faust at the grave of Captain Conrad Minnich



Brian Lengle (second from right) and Randy Moyer (third from right) were the recipients of the Pro Deo Patria emblems at St. John's Lutheran Church, Friedensburg. The Pro Deo et Patria (For God and Country) is a religious growth program which is intended to foster in scouts a deepening understanding of the relevance of their Christian faith. Mrs. Robert Lengle, and Mrs. Raymond Moyer, are pictured with their sons, along with Pastor Richard A. Olson II, Arlin Fidler, Troop 151 scoutmaster and Robert Lengle.

The Troop continued, having various different leaders through the years. From 1953 through 1960 Norman A. Knapp was Scout Master. From 1960 through 1962 Joseph Hummel was Scout Master. Paul A. Snyder took the reins and acted as Master from 1962 to 1964. From 1964 to 1966 interest waned and the troop was dropped. However, Scouting was not forgotten, and the Troop was again started in 1966 when Carl W. Brown served as Scout Master. He acted as leader to the boys teaching the principles of good citizenship until 1970 when Harry Shirey acted as leader for a few months, after which Rev. James Seifert took over.

From 1971 until 1972 Harvey Lengel kept scouting alive and acted as Scout Master for the Troop. In 1972 Ashley Brown led the boys until 1975. In 1975 Raymond Moyer acted as Institutional Representative with Lloyd Fidler appointed as Scout Master. Stanley Fidler and Daniel Faust are members of the Scout committee.

Troop 151 was recently honored at an Indian Run District Meeting, as being the first troop to complete a Bi-Centennial Project. A short time ago, the St. Peter's Church Cemetery in Wayne Township was covered with dense overgrowth of bushes and trees. Today, the area is cleared and various old tombstones including that of Captain Conrad Minnich, who served as a leader in the Revolutionary War, and that of his wife Elizabeth Zerbe Minnich, are clearly visible.

The transformation of this area is due to the efforts of the boys and leaders of Troop 151, who accepted the challenge of the Mahantengo Chapter of the DAR, in helping to restore this ancient landmark so that historical recognition might be given to those who served so courageously to settle this area. Leland Wessner suggested the activity to the DAR as a possible one for the Boy Scouts. The boys served with enthusiasm, and spent many nights clearing away the brush.

Recently, the Office of Historic Preservation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has placed the cemetery on the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Sites.

Of course, Scouting has not been all work for the boys through the years. They have spent enjoyable days and weekends camping at such area sites as Camp Bashore, Camp Nisatin, Swatara Lake and Hidden Valley. They are self-sufficient in earning money in such projects as a broom sale, and conduct a soda stand each summer at the Friedensburg Lutheran Sunday School picnic.

On November 30, 1975, the first two boys were presented with a coveted award, "Pro Deo Et Patria" and presented with emblems signifying their having fulfilled the requirements necessary. This award is given to "foster in Scouts a deepening understanding of the reverence of the Christian faith. It is administered nationally by the Office of National Youth Agency Relationships of the Lutheran Council in the United States. Randy Moyer, and Brian Lengle were the boys who earned this coveted award.

## FRIEDENSBURG FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

After many years of planning and studying as to how the sportsmen of our area could work with Pennsylvania Game Commission to protect wild life, a small group of interested sportsmen took it upon themselves to form an organization for this purpose.

In 1935 this group of 12 or 15 men met in Weidner's gas station and started formulating plans to organize a sportsmen's organization.

The first project was to purchase rabbits from the western states for restocking areas that were open to public hunting.