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CAPON SPRINGS, WV

Front Porch Chatter...



Adam Kenner and Jonathan Bellingham took a trip east of Capon Springs in January. Having family and friends living in the United Arab Emirates, the two ventured to the Middle Eastern country to see tall buildings, explore the Saudi peninsula and run a 10k race. Along the way they discovered Sheiks, camels, an unforgettable mosque and regular people living out their lives like anywhere else. They shared their adventure in a multi-media presentation Tuesday night, reliving their experience and answering questions about heat, safety and culture. "Most people get their view of the Muslim world from the media and that kind of information can be an inaccurate portrayal," explained Adam, who teaches a course on Media and Culture. "Here, in this crossroad of cultures, West and Mid-East meet in a combination that seems to work," added Adam. As foreigners in a strange land, Adam & Jonathan discovered an oasis of culture and novelty where ancient meets modern in a country that is crafting a plan for its survival within today's realities.



BOOK REVIEW:

For the third

year in a row, Sarah Kenner took charge of this week's read of choice. Her review crew had until Friday afternoon to finish "Ragtime" by E.L. Doctorow. Sarah learned about the book when the author came to her high school to share his latest work. He grew up in Sarah's neighborhood of New Rochelle, NY and used that locale as the setting for his early 20th century piece about segregation, music and the families it affected. The usual cast of characters joined in the discussion including David, Leah & Abby Schutzman, Toni Pepe, Adam, Jocelyn & Sarah Kenner, Carolyn Offutt and Jean Offutt. Anne Petrik and Joyce Nelson were newcomers to the club.

"The best part of the book was the author's use of descriptive phrases," explained Sarah. "He really blended fictional and real characters well into one narrative about life in our community," added Sarah.

BASKET MAKING



Elbows were flying on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday morning as Debbi Zvanut led her 29 weavers through her 7th annual basket class. "My themes this year were learning something new and mixes of color," reported Debbi. The three projects included a wine carrier, bathroom beauty and 2-pt berry basket. The 2nd basket also incorporated a new styling— using a base to anchor the creation. Many of the participants have come to all the classes including Deb and Donna Levick, who now assist the newer ones with the early stages of weaving. Debbi's final basket of the week (her 583rd career creation) incorporated this week's favorite color (cranberry) and one continuous weave.

Historical Evidence

Ten years ago this week at Capon... Greg Grim had just returned from a semester abroad in Thailand, which ended with a long journey that included exploring limestone caves and tubing in Laos. Also, George Keller was surprised by family and friends for his birthday with a beautiful wooden bench. The bench, which was placed on the Har-tru court, was dedicated in George's honor.

Caponchase Code Crackers



This week's guests had a slower start to the new treasure hunts, and for some, mishaps and misadventures marred their quest. Several were stumped because they didn't crack the code before looking for the coins, so they ended up finding a different coin based on the incomplete information they had figured out thus far. Amid all the confusion and chaos, Caponchasers learned about and visited many places they had never been to and exercised their minds along the way. "It was phenomenal," cooed Julie Bacot, who led a team of "lost boys" around Capon. See which successful team gets selected in the random drawing for a Capon prize at the campfire.

Capon Openings

Is it still possible for your family and friends to enjoy a few days of summer vacation at Capon in **August**? Of course it is! **Not going back to school until after Labor Day?** Get your choice of prime Capon locations anytime **August 24-29**. Enjoy outdoor cookouts, the golf course, the spa, and Bingo during this less busy time. Looking for a **one-nighter?** **Sunday night, August 31**, provides a quick getaway opportunity over Labor Day weekend. Or **Saturday night, September 13** offers a campfire sing-a-long & doggie roast treat! If you can come on weekdays, join us anytime between **September 7th and 12th** and create your own version of the Capon four-night special rate!

Guest Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

7/31 Caroline Walters
7/31 Truman Davenport
8/1 Linda McKenzie
8/1 Reed Landry
8/2 Tyler Grim

ANNIVERSARIES

7/30 George & Judy Keller— 50th celebration
8/1 Dan & Betty Cooper— 50th celebration
8/2 Ed & Lois Dressel— 50th celebration

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE..

Without the drama of last year's power outage, this year's stage show went off without a hitch. Before the proceedings in front of the stage got going, a standing room only presentation was enjoyed behind the stage.



Guests packed the new Mountain House conference room to get their peek at the new Capon DVD, featuring some of this week's guests.

The new way to share Capon is in its final editing and will be ready to give to family and friends by the end of the month. (Inquire at the front desk about reserving your copy.)

As is the new format, the Capon Chorus led things off with three inspiring songs, expertly lead by choirmaster Patty Austin. Then the unusual noises took center stage. Jeffrey Evans offered 5 loud popping sounds before exiting. He was so popular, he was cheered back for an encore so he immediately returned to produce one more. Next, CiCi & Cora Mikat offered duck sounds followed by a scary laugh. Then Singer Tai Kark shared the ABC song with his uncle Mike, while brother duo Ian & Peyton Walters crooned about PB & J to the Oscar Mayer weiner jingle.



Next up, Philip Kenner shared his piano playing as well as his singing with his version of the popular "Love Song" from High School Musical. Lily Wolpert & Allison Bennett produced an original dance about bunnies hopping in the sky, complete with homemade ears and tail costumes. Then musical duets took over. First Sarah Kenner teamed with Violet Bishop on violin before joining Julia Mosby on the same instrument later in the program.



As a singing treat, Cassi & Camille Mikat used their vocal instruments in perfect harmony. Then Boy Band, with Johnny Bacot and Truman Davenport on guitar and manager Jimmy Evans using the electric piano to produce drum sounds, rocked the crowd. The tempo

mellowed out after Julie Bacot shared a poem about ladybugs and Scott Foerster provided some soothing piano melodies. Things got lively once again when the Singer family acted out a day at Capon with matriarch Elizabeth serving as director. They showed this week's debate about the pronunciation of Capon (K-pin) and the struggle to solve the clues of the Caponchase adventure. Next, Toni Pepe offered a dramatic reading of

Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven", complete with props and a deeply voiced raven chanting: "Nevermore". Sally Mikat was encouraged by other guests to share her professional trained voice, so she ended the musical program with a song from the musical, "Little Women". Everyone enjoyed the visual tribute to guests this week with sights and sounds on the big screen provided by Patty Austin.



Hoopsters



While the United States' Olympic basketball team gets ready to make a run at the gold medal, the shooters in Friday's free throw contest showed off their own hoop skills. Mark Dunigan's early 7 out of 10 looked difficult to beat, but Michael Snader stepped to the charity stripe and sank 8 out of 10 shots, carefully using his warm-ups to his advantage. While Kenny Lambiotte's late attempt came up short, the last shooter of the contest, Dan Futrell, made things interesting by tying Michael, forcing a playoff. Shooting first, Dan hit 4 of 5 shots, just missing his last shot for a perfect score. Michael came close, but settled for runner-up, ceding the title to Dan.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE:



"We are, for the time being trustees for this beautiful and blessed spot, and are therefore in the picture, but it is our guests—now our warm friends—who have done the rest. We were not hotel people and we approached this work back in 1932 in fear and uncertainty. We operated the resort as we would run our own home.

From Capon co-founder Lou Austin,
Pg. 33 *You Are Greater Than You Know*

Good-minton Almost 30

competitors turned out on a bright and sunny Friday afternoon for the Pot Luck doubles badminton tournament. Observing from the sidelines was the WVa. Senior Olympic champion George Keller, who has played the court game 3 times per week for the last 30 years. Instead it was the powerful "Sam" team, comprised of Sam Marco and Sam Meeker, who blasted through two easy, early round matches. Waiting for them in the semis was the solid duo of Lexi Mazzocchi and Keith Holbrook. The Sams' fierce volleying and accurate serving keyed their victory and gave them a spot in "The Big Dance". On the other end of the bracket, the team of Michael Snader and Justin Evans steadily improved through each round, using different approaches against each opponent. Their quality play landed them in the finals against the juggernaut "Sam" team. Still, Sam/Sam were too much for everyone so they took the top spot.



The Mile Club

Forty-five milers braved the high humidity on Tuesday afternoon to compete in the one mile run. A large pack of runners vying for the victory remained close for nearly the entire race. Coming down the home stretch, the swift sprinting Trevor Price was able to overcome the speedy Claire Zimmeck just before the finish line to take the overall title at 5:17. Claire led all females in the race and posted the fastest female time of the season with a blazing 5 minutes and 20 seconds. Third place finisher Mike Singer was not far behind, as he was one of a host of sub-6 minute times. Joining Singer as age group winners were Jamie Harper, Alan Marco, Carl Zvanut, William Davenport, Frances Harper, Julia Mosby, Kate Harper, and Courtney Follweiler. The resilient Bunny Ivey took home peach jam for receiving the best effort award.

Golf Digest



The winning team in Tuesday's Pot Luck Best Ball Tourney charged out of the gates with a remarkable 4 birdies and an eagle on their first five holes. While they couldn't maintain their dominant play, they coasted in with four consecutive pars to notch a 6 under par 28 and secure the victory. Members of the winning team included: Perry Keller, Larry Marsh, Nancy Ramsey, Grant Meeker, and Norma McClintic. The team of Allan Grim, Shawn Jalosinski, Barbara Mosby, Corby Talton, and Carl Zvanut was able to claim runner-up honors with a solid 4 under round of 30.

Highlights were everywhere in Friday's Pot Luck Best Ball Golf Tourney. There were a grand total of five eagles! Of the fourteen team field, eight sixsomes were within two strokes of the winners, providing entertainment for the large gallery on hand. Members of the winning sixsome, at 6-under par, were Jim Evans, John Muller, Scott Foerster, Amanda Grim, Jeff Williams, and Barbara Mosby. Two runner-up teams finished one stroke back and were made up of: Chapin Jones, Archie Follweiler, Dan Cooper, Madison McClintic, Bill Offutt II, and Karen Holbrook; Bud Keller, Larry Marsh, Carolyn Offutt II, Bob Bennett, Danny Futrell, and Deb Levick. This golf tournament was #100 for Betty Meeker.



Net Play

Wednesday's tennis tournament wasn't loaded with its usual stars until the morning of the event. That's when Archie Follweiler, Ryan Grim and Pam Mazzocchi arrived ready to swing a racket. Archie, with his wife Gini, and Ryan and his cousin Courtney Follweiler advanced by winning their flights. However, Pam, with her partner Michael Gallaway, was just edged out for the wildcard spot in the semis by George Grim and Claire Zimmeck. Their entire flight was so even that the winning pair, Phillip Andrews and Melissa Jones, took the Har-Tru title by winning just 2 more games than anyone else.

George & Claire tied in total games won with Coleman & Julie Broaddus, so they played a 7-point tie-breaker to determine the last position in the final four. George & Claire prevailed, setting up a semi-final battle with last year's champions Ryan & Courtney. The defending duo were down 2-1, when Ryan served the last game to tie it up 2-2. In another 7-point tie breaker, George & Claire were down 0-3 before battling back to make it 5-5. Ryan & Courtney held their lead and earned another trip to the finals. Waiting for them, once again, were Archie & Gini who had dispatched Phillip and Melissa in their semi without much fanfare. Though they kept the match close in the early going, Gini & Archie could not hold off Ryan's spinning forehands and Courtney's well placed net shots, so R & C kept their title for another year.



PONGING AROUND

Once again the bar was set at fifteen for the age break between the adult and youth table tennis tourneys and both groups had spirited matches. After being the leader of the kids last year, Gray Lambiotte requested and received a pass to enter the older version to improve his blossoming skills and give another kid a chance at the title. Jamie Harper and Will Gale saw their opening and battled into the championship game. Will almost didn't make it out of the first round as Truman Davenport took a commanding lead early before Will kicked into gear and advanced. Still it was Jamie's steady returns that edged Will for the youth win.

In adult action, a record field commanded all the available space, so players and spectators alike piled outside the building to enjoy the show and keep near the action. Some even ventured to nearby porches to enjoy happy hour while they waited their turn. After constant action, it took 90 minutes (until 5:30pm) for the quarterfinalists to emerge. Past champions Jim Evans and Reed Landry surged ahead as did Michael Singer and George Grim. (Reed's slot in the tourney was called in from the road as he arrived 2 minutes before the start.) As the returning champion from the past two years, Jim was sorry to see Reed enter, advance and then dethrone him. Curious, Jim read back through the last 17 Capon weeklys to discover that either he or Reed had won 16 of those events and their totals were tied at 8 wins a piece.

King of the Courts

Two more teams than last year joined in the kid fun at shuffleboard time on Thursday morning. That meant all four courts were taken on a cloudy section of the day. Many repeat winners were present, scrambling to find their championship form. Last minute entrant Michael Bacot teamed with powerhouse Truman Davenport to glide into the finals. It was Truman's last shuffle in the youth event since he turned 13 at 1pm on tourney day. Meanwhile, Michael's brother Johnny teamed with first time competitor Emily McKenzie to surprise their side of the bracket and earn a slot in the finals.



Brother against brother proved a solid match, until Truman gathered enough scores for his team to take the top prize.

The adults set an all time record for participants as 8 pairs had to play just to start a 32-team roster. Most of the early matches kept the momentum going, with Ray Meeker and daughter Lexi advancing easily, only to have to wait two days for the rest to catch up to their pace. Jeff & Kate Harper were able to outlast the Meekers in the heat on Friday to set up a semi-final match against the new powerhouse duo of Larry Marsh and Betty Cooper. The Harpers came back after losing the first game to advance to the finals.

On the other side of the bracket, shuffling veterans Scott & Adrienne Foerster had to get past Scott's daughter Kim who had teamed with Michael Singer to create a strong showing in their semis. Come watch the exciting finals, to see if Scott & Adrienne can reclaim their crown from year's past!

