

**JULY 2, 1984**  
**CENTENNIAL HAD COMMUNITY FLAVOR**

Saturday's birthday party for the Daily News had Fifth Avenue and Riverfront Park in McKeesport swarming with well-wishers.

The threatening skies were kind for most of the day, allowing a long parade, performances on the park stages, water skiing on the river and food sales at a brisk pace.

But then the rain poured canceling performances by the World Emergency Circus and The Vogues.

**JULY 9, 1984**  
**WHITE OAK**

WOAA Plans Signups for Athletic Programs

White Oak Athletic Association will sponsor signups for the fall football program on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the WOAA Complex. Boys aged 8 to 14 are eligible for football and girls aged 8 to 14 can register for cheerleaders, a spokesman said. A fee is required to participate in the program and should be paid during the signups, he said. On Sunday at 3 p.m. the coaches will meet to discuss rule changes and game schedules, he said.

**JULY 19, 1984**  
**COUNTY TO GET PLANS FOR RIVERFRONT FACELIFT**

The County Commissioners will hire an architect to come up with a plan to develop McKeesport's Second Ward overlooking Gergely Riverfront Park, according to Commission Chairman Thomas Foerster.

Mr. Foerster said the architect will be hired "within two to three weeks at a future board meeting" and will be funded with federal community development money administered by the county Department of Development.

He made that announcement yesterday at the park as part of a commissioners' tour of McKeesport and the South Allegheny area.

**JULY 24, 1984**  
**STEEL CASTING: BIDS OR NOT?**

Two potential bidders for McKeesport Steel Casting Company - one backed by the City of McKeesport and another orchestrated by several local private investors - say they expected to know today whether they will bid on the plant in federal Bankruptcy Court.

But the situation dripped with uncertainty.

Deadline for putting the deals together is Thursday, the date set for a hearing before U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Gerald K. Gibson in Pittsburgh.

### **JULY 26, 1984**

#### **LITTLE TIGERS TO BEGIN PRACTICE ON MONDAY**

McKeesport's Little Tigers midget football team will begin readying for the 1984 season on Monday with the first practice session at Jimmy Long Field, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Boys 9-13, and those who reached their 14th birthday after May 31, are eligible for the program. Players need not reside in McKeesport to participate; all interested candidates are welcome. Players should bring gym shorts and gym shoes to the first session.

The Little Tigers will spend a week of football camp at Laurel Highlands, beginning August 3.

### **JULY 30, 1984**

#### **NURSING CARE SIGNING EYED**

McKeesport Hospital and Shlapak Builders, Inc., were scheduled to sign a multi-million dollar ownership-management deal for a private nursing care facility this afternoon.

Under the agreement, the non-profit hospital will form a for-profit firm, Interlink, Inc., that will own 50 percent of the stock in the proposed \$3.5-million, 120 bed nursing home along McKeesport's Youghioghenny riverfront.

### **AUGUST 1, 1984**

#### **WOAA SEEKS TO RETURN TO ITS BEGINNING**

When dreams become realities they are seldom forgotten.

Too often, however, the people who made the dreams come true are.

The "founding fathers" of the White Oak Athletic Association hope to remedy that problem by having a gathering of all those people who were instrumental in getting the program started.

Dubbed "A Reunion of WOAA Oldtimers," it will be open to anyone involved with the organization from 1956 through the 1960's and consist of a dinner-dance Oct. 19. Site will be the White Oak American Legion post.

### **AUGUST 2, 1984**

#### **YOUNGSTERS WORK SO THEY CAN PLAY**

Lining up as eagerly as Tom Sawyer's pals, youngsters in McKeesport's Tenth Ward are grabbing paint brushes and going to work at the Edward Sayfoot Playground.

This week's activity is the brainchild of Playground Supervisor Bradlee Paul, 22, a Tenth Ward resident.

"They built this playground in 1975," he says. "It has not been remodeled since. Nothing has happened to it. It's just going to waste."

The disrepair at the playground along Pacific Avenue is evident in the uncut grass, the rotting wood on the seesaws, the missing swings on the swing set and the glass chips sparkling in the sand pit.

This is the only place they have to play, really," Tom Flanigan, a Tenth Ward resident, says.

### **AUGUST 2, 1984**

#### **CITY COUNCIL OKAYS ONE CHANGE IN ZONING, REJECTS SECOND PLAN**

McKeesport City Council last night approved a zoning change to allow a tavern to be opened along Eden Park Boulevard. But it turned thumbs down on another zoning change that would have allowed a machine shop on Atlantic Avenue in the Tenth Ward.

Citizens in both areas protested the zoning changes.

### **AUGUST 3, 1984**

#### **OLDTIMERS FOUNDATION REPORTS ACTIVITIES**

Games will be played Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Glassport Senior Center at 544 Monongahela Avenue. A craft circle is scheduled for Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Hot lunches are served daily at the center at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required one day in advance, a spokeswoman said, and transportation is provided.

### **AUGUST 5, 1984**

#### **RESIDENTS SERVING WITH ARMED FORCES**

A medical service specialist with the U.S. Air Force hospital previously assigned at Altus AFB, Okla., Afc. Jesse Walton has arrived for duty at Osan Air Base, South Korea. He is the son of William Walton of 25D Crawford Village and Murther Bryant of 1915 Flager St., McKeesport.

Army Pfc. Eric J. Richards has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Joseph R. and Delores M. Richards of 108 E. Edna St., Munhall.

Pvt. Shelly L. Dillinger has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is the daughter of Alvin A. Dillinger of 601 Hartman St., McKeesport, and her former guardian, Maryann Popovich, resides at 3817 Sarah St., McKeesport.

Pfc. Kyle L. Johnson has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is the son of Henry and Ramona V. Johnson of 120 Hershey Drive, McKeesport.

**AUGUST 15, 1984**

**“VILLAGE” EATING SPREE GROUNDS TAKING SHAPE**

So far, it's only a skeleton of what it will be, but the booths for McKeesport's 1984 International Village are taking shape in Renziehausen Park.

The crews dodged the rain of Monday and Tuesday to erect the frames, and by yesterday afternoon, the wooden trellis which welcomes everyone to the three-day event - scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week - was in place, too.

All that remains to be done is the decorating that will turn the park's Stephen Barry Field into a short-term United Nations, according to Pat Van Horn, Village chairman.

**AUGUST 17, 1984**

**CLASS HOLDING FIRST REUNION**

Member of the McKeesport Area High School Class of 1979 are off to an early start on updating their class roster. For the first time since their graduation, they are taking advantage of an opportunity to gather together for their first round of reminiscences.

The event has been planned for September 15, starting at 6 p.m., in the Elks Club on Market Street and Fifth Avenue in McKeesport. Informality will be the order of the evening. The refreshments will be provided for the 6 to 7 socializing. A cash bar will be available at 7:30. There will be dancing with music provided by a disc jockey until midnight. Reservations are scheduled to close on August 25.

Members of the committee are Cathy Terza Tarli, Sandy Ruscin, Stacy Parucha and Jennifer Joseph. Also assisting with the preparations is George Stratigos.